

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday – May 3

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary  
**11:15 am** PreK - 5th Grade Class, Room 2  
Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed  
Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4  
Youth Sunday School, Room 6, Lower Ed  
Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1

**12:15 pm** Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed  
5:00 pm United Youth in Christ, Old Bridge UMC

### Tuesday – May 5

**9:30 am** Staff Meeting  
**7:00 pm** SPRC meeting, Room 4

### Wednesday – May 6

**9:45 am** Women's Bible Study, Room 1  
7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

### Thursday – May 7

**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom  
7:00 pm KidKare, Upper Ed

### Friday – May 8- Church Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

### Saturday – May 9

7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

#### April 26, 2026

In-Person Worship - 111  
Online Worship - 53  
Sunday School/Small Groups - 69  
General Fund Giving - \$4,375.43



To make a financial gift  
through online giving, please  
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Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

**We love children!**

There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.

**Our Family Worship Space** offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available.

Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship.

**Childcare is available for infants through age 5** during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

**Graduation Sunday – May 31st**

Help us celebrate the graduates in our church family! Please let us know if you or a loved one in our congregation is graduating this spring from high school, trade school, college, graduate school, or another institution of higher learning. Please complete the graduate's information by using the link below, or contact Pastor MiRhang by April 30th so we can recognize them during our Graduation Sunday worship service on May 31st at 10 AM.  
<https://forms.gle/wBjpigh6LaHmaUEJ6>

**Register (Rising 1st - 6th graders) or Volunteer (Rising 7th grade - adults) for our upcoming faith-based Summer Camps:**

- **Art Camp - July 13th - 17th:** Hands-on art activities paired with faith conversations, reminding campers they are created and loved by God. The week culminates in a family Art Showcase celebrating campers' creativity and growth. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/8851d8>
- **Basketball Camp - July 28th - 31st:** Campers enjoy indoor skill-building drills, outdoor gameplay, and guest speakers connecting teamwork and sportsmanship with faith. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com>
- **Would you like to volunteer, be a guest speaker or have questions?**  
 Contact the camp leaders below:
  - Basketball – Ginger Scott: 703-868-2777 | [scottgr@pwcs.edu](mailto:scottgr@pwcs.edu)
  - Art – Olivia Shepard-Llanos: 703-946-1406 | [oliviashepard@gmail.com](mailto:oliviashepard@gmail.com)
  - Director of Outreach – Janae Tschudi-Evatt: [outreach@gsumc.net](mailto:outreach@gsumc.net)

**This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:**

May 3rd:	Psalms 9:1 - 12:8	May 4rd:	Psalms 13:1 - 16:11
May 5th:	Psalms 17:1 - 20:9	May 6th:	Psalms 21:1 - 24:10
May 7th:	Psalms 25:1 - 28:9	May 8th:	Psalms 29:1 - 32:11
May 9th:	Psalms 33:1 - 36:12	May 10th:	Psalms 37:1 - 41:13

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcQrKLaznhayxdCD.1>  
 Meeting ID: 884 822 1386  
 Passcode: rzRn4s

## GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

### Monthly Prayer for our Church

Join us by including this in your daily prayer time  
and at all church gatherings.

Creator of us all, we give you thanks for the joy of spring — for new life and bright colors that remind us of the ever-changing seasons we experience in life and in community. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of your Spirit on Pentecost, pour out your wisdom upon our church leaders as they discern and make decisions together. May your Spirit rest upon this congregation as we seek to grow in relationship with one another and with our broader community. Empower us to co-create with you, and lead us in the work of making disciples who transform this world. In the power of Christ's name we pray, amen.

**Become a Member of GSUMC** - If you've felt a growing sense of belonging at Good Shepherd, we invite you to take your next step of faith! Join us on Sunday, May 17th, right after worship in the sanctuary for a casual info session about GSUMC and what membership looks like here. Can't make it that day? No worries — reach out to Pastor Lisa and she'll be happy to connect with you personally.

**The United Youth in Christ invites all women** to a Mother's Day "Books and Brunch" at Old Bridge United Methodist Church, on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. RSVP to Erin at [erin@oldbridgechurch.org](mailto:erin@oldbridgechurch.org) by May 7th.

### **Kits for Conference - Needed by May 31st**

The Annual Conference will once again collect kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Churches are asked to focus on Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Kits, and Menstrual Kits. All kits collected will be deployed to help communities affected by different disasters. An instruction sheet for each type of kit can be found on the glass table by the door to the parking lot. Make as many kits as you like and bring them to the church by May 31st. Alternatively, you can make a gift to cover the cost of a kit, made payable to GSUMC, designated to "UMCOR" on the envelope or memo line.

(Cleaning Kits: \$75 each, Hygiene kits: \$12 each, Menstrual hygiene kits: \$24 each)  
See Tom Smith for more information.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(\*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

**Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.**

- \* Gathering Song *I Love You, Lord* FWS 2068
- \* Words of Welcome
- \* Gathering Words  
Lord, help us to forgive ourselves,  
**To not shut people out and judge them.**  
We have failed, but we all deserve a second chance.  
**Grace, in forgiving, changes our hearts.**  
**Peace be with you.**
- \* Hymn *My Jesus, I Love Thee* UMH 172
- Good Shepherd in Ministry
- Praising God with Our Gifts
- Offertory Music *The Lord's Prayer [It's Yours]* (Maher/Fowler/Sooter)
- \* Doxology UMH 94
- Children's Time
- Prayer for Understanding Allie Broomfield  
**Jesus, our risen Savior, you bring new life to us, and ask us to share it with others. Help us realize the presence of your Spirit in us, and live as you have lived. In your goodness, teach, heal, forgive and give new life to others through us, to the glory of God. Amen.**
- Scripture John 21:15-19 N.T. 109
- Message Pastor Lisa
- Anthem *Worthy Is The Lamb* (Zschech)
- Prayers of the People Michael Finegan

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

**Loving and Eternal God, we gather before you today grateful that we serve you, our Redeemer, our God of the second chance. You know the depths of our souls and our tendency to stray from you. Remind us that the way we live and the words we speak reveal our faith. Forgive us when we walk in ways that are contrary to your truth. Remind us that in confessing our sins, we can rise from our mistakes to move forward in your forgiving love, in order to share that love with others.**

*Silent Confessions*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Holy Communion

Sung Responses

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn                      **Lord, You Have Come to The Lakeshore**                      UMH 344

\*Benediction

Postlude                      **Fughetta** (Kolb)

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**Votive Candle Stand.** Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

**Worship Resources Used:** Image, Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession: from *Rising Strong*, a Breakthrough Series by the United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey  
Prayer of Understanding: from *Unfolding Light* by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

*Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.*

*Remember in Prayer (as of April 26, 2026)*

Baileys - Debbie Frech fighting cancer  
Christine Evatt - King family on death of Harold King  
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke  
Evatts - Jeff Hatfield, cancer  
Helen Conner - friends Joyce and Loretta, health problems  
John and JoAnne Neal - JoAnne, chemo and John, health issue  
Kathy McNeil - friend with bladder cancer  
Lula Pitts - Rudy Howard, multiple medical issues; Gaye Misso, cancer  
Marie John - Prayers for children and grandchildren  
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health; Son Momoh and family for the loss of their son  
Nicole Millard - mother-in-law, hospice care; strength for the family  
Pam Buchenauer - Davinder, surgery; Ron, recovery from surgery; Lynne - PTSD; Deb and Theresa, MS problems  
Rosemary Fiscian - God's guidance and protection for myself and family; daughter Aseda joining us; that Mom's visa will be granted  
Tamara Kanouff - Olga Litovchenko, Vitalik Clvickin, Igor Litovchenko, Michael Kanouff, Natalia Busch, William Busch, Katherine Busch  
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke  
Our country and our nation's leaders  
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis  
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.  
All are welcome!*