



*He leadeth me
beside the still waters.*

Psalm 23:2

Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Preach the Word, Teach the Word, Live the Word, Spread the Word

May 28, 2023

**Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday**

Prelude: Heal Their Land

Call to Worship:

We welcome our pastor Kevin Hartley to bring God's Word today

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn: "God of Our Fathers"**

No.573

Responsive Reading:

No.659

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:9-11

Sermon: "Our Sovereign God"

***Hymn: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**

No.506

Benediction:

Postlude:

*** All who are able are invited to stand and sing**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sunday School** on June 4 at 9:30 in the Educational Building with Terry Clyburn. This week's lesson, the first of the summer quarter, is "God Reigns" with scripture from Isaiah 52:7-12

† **Bible Study** with Kevin, May 31 in the Educational Building at 5:30p.m.

† **Choir practice** May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

† **June Birthdays:** Judi Croxton-2; Pat West-5; Beau Beaumont-16; Cornelia Croxton-22; Michael George-22; Faithe Davis-24.

† **Thank you** to all who helped deliver for Meals-on-wheels this past week. Your investment of time here pays large dividends for our county Seniors.

† Kershaw EPC's **Mother's Day Offering** now totals \$630 for the Presbyterian Communities of SC. Thank you for sharing in this ministry to insure the residents of Presbyterian Communities will have a place to call home.

† **We will have** a church family covered dish lunch today following morning worship. All are invited to stay and eat.

The Agony of Prayer in Experiencing God Day by Day
by Henry & Richard Blackaby

(Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7-9) We long for **Pentecost** in our lives and in our churches, but there is no **Pentecost** without Gethsemane and a cross. How do we become mature in our prayer life? By praying

When I think about Bible verses for **Memorial Day**, this one comes to mind, "The memory of the righteous is blessed." (Proverbs 10:7). As we celebrate those who have given their lives for our country, let us also remember those who have been martyred for their faith in Christ through these Bible verses for Memorial Day. The cross is a stumbling block for many and people are still slaughtered today simply for loving Jesus. Let us pray for those under persecution and for the families of our precious brothers and sisters who remained faithful until the very end. John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones."

Don't forget the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray: Pastor Kevin/Oneida Hartley; Session; Scott/Amanda Mosley; Dr. W.L. & Sue & Lee McDow; Ernie Green; Charles Jones; military-(Tyler Granata, Tanner McIsaac); Janet Smith; Thomas Woods; Todd Duncan; Cindy Lebecky; Ray Jones; Bella Stroud; Justin Peavy; Matthew and Colton Green; Ken Faulkenberry; Clay Brewer; Roger Estridge; Tiffany/Peyton; Dot Morgan; Donna Hardin; Phil Hydrick; Drake Starnes; Megan Branham; Robert Roberts; Holly Everall; Hadlee Braswell; Robert McManus; David Williams; Fran Sellers; Robin Floyd; those who have lost love ones in the community; Archie & Dayna Singleton; Mickey Clyburn; Mack/Ryan Blaich; Council on Aging; Opioid epidemic; schools; prisons; President Biden; our Nation; leaders; military; police; doctors; nurses; EMS; missionaries; enemies; Israel (Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem); tornadoes/flooding around the country; Youth Serve; Mt. Calvary Summer Program; VBS in area; North Korea; China; Taiwan; Iran; earthquake in Turkey/Syria; Russia; Ukraine; Afghanistan; those in nursing homes; remember that God's Word is the plumb line for knowing what is right from wrong; break the chains of fear, hate, and greed; persecuted church; a great awakening.

*If there are names that can be taken off the prayer list or names that need to be added, please let Scott or Patricia Croxton know.