



On Thursday May 21st Pastor Manfred (Fred) Poeppel was installed as the Intentional Interim Pastor serving the Shepherd of the Coast church Family. Pastor Poeppel started serving Shepherd of the Coast earlier this year and was not able to have a normal installation due to the Covid19 restrictions. To fulfill all righteousness, and satisfy the District, Pastor Poeppel was installed during the Church Council meeting. Once the restrictions about gatherings are removed there will be a "get together" to celebrate the installation. Please welcome Pastor Poeppel to our family!

*Pastoral*   
Installation

## From the Pastor's Desk

**Church will be open for worship May 31!**  
(Here's what you need to know.)

- 1. The Church was never closed! For the safety of our members & neighbors, we temporarily cancelled services in the building in favor of recorded services available via YouTube on the internet. Thanks Phil & John.**
- 2. We will be re-opening the sanctuary for in-person services for those who want to join us. IF you are sick, please stay home! We have a “no touch” digital temperature scanner to check you, if you are not sure.**
- 3. Both services will be held at the usual times (9 & 10:30), both in the sanctuary (for now).**
- 4. Volunteers will be opening the exterior doors facing west and facing south. Interior doors will remain open.**
- 5. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available at 4 areas upon entering the church and sanctuary.**
- 6. Since we will need to sanitize between services, there will be NO Coffee service, at least for the first few weeks. There will be no seating in alternate rows, and you will be encouraged to sit 6 feet (3 chairs) apart (except families from the same household).**
- 7. Everyone will be required to wear a mask upon entering and leaving the sanctuary. Masks must be worn while singing (since moisture droplets travel much farther than 6 feet while singing than during conversation).**
- 8. There will be no “passing of the peace.” Handshakes, hugs & kisses are discouraged.**
- 9. Communion will be observed at both services this week with continuous distribution from the center aisle. We will be adding tape marks to the aisles to help people maintain a physical distance of 6 feet. There will be no common cup. Communion wafers will be dropped into your open palm by the pastor or assistant who will be wearing gloves. Individual cups will be placed into your grasp by the pastor or assistant wearing gloves.**
- 10. After church, you will be ushered out of the church by rows from the rear to maintain physical distancing.**
- 11. Since we will not be collecting the offering during the service, please place your envelope in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary (or give electronically).**
- 12. Pastor will be greeting people as they leave, so he can start to get to know people, but masks (or 6 feet of separation) will be required.**



### **AVAILABLE NOW!**

Shepherd of the Coast is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

**TODAY** you can DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE using the Give Plus Church mobile app. The app is a version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Follow the instructions in this [short video](#) to install the app and make your first donation!

**COMING SOON** you will be able to go to our website and click on the Donate button to make your donations.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time! If you would prefer to make your contributions in your normal way, please continue to send us your envelopes, notes and letters of support.

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## From the Early Childhood Center

*Exciting news .... the early childhood center opened on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We have ten children that are attending right now. It's a beginning! We are happy to be able to serve our families that need us during this pandemic. We have reached out to most of our families and we anticipate more children returning in the month of June!*

*Brenda Sorren  
Director  
Early Childhood Center*

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## Memorial Day Weekend

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 24, 2020

**AS WE GATHER** (To prepare our hearts for worship.)

What comfort it is to have someone tell us: "You are in my prayers!" We need and depend on family, friends, and other faithful members of Christ's Church as they keep us in their prayers and bring our names before the heavenly throne of grace. There is even greater comfort in knowing that Jesus not only kept us in His prayer but that He continues to pray for us. Through His Spirit He has brought us to saving faith. All the details of our lives and faith are His concern, because He watches out for His own, the very ones He came to redeem with His own life-giving death on the cross of Calvary. He is praying for those whom the Father has given Him; He is praying for us.

### **PRELUDE**

### **EASTER GREETING AND INVOCATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF OUR SINS AND GOD'S ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession. Almighty and merciful God,

**People: we, who are by nature sinful and separated from You, confess our sinfulness. We have sinned by thinking only of ourselves, not others, by saying words that hurt, not heal, and our actions that do not show love, but indifference. How often we have failed to cast our anxieties on You. How often we have failed to live in the oneness You give. Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus, our Lord. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. King of glory, Lord of hosts, You are uplifted in triumph far above the heavens. We pray, do not leave us without comfort, but send us the promised Spirit of truth, that in Him, we may be one. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BIBLE READINGS FOR TODAY**

**EPISTLE** 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 (*Peter's words of encouragement about perseverance in suffering*)

**GOSPEL** John 17:1-11 (*There is no greater encouragement than to know that Jesus Himself prays for us.*)

**HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (# 525)

## **SERMON**

### ***"Authorized, Not Abandoned"***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE** (*See prayer list.*)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and + give you His peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Onward Christian Soldiers" (#662)

## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace;

People: Serve the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*prayers for church, school, & ECC*)

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## *May Prayer List*

Laura Brush (Cancer)  
Lance Manning  
Courtney Callaghan  
Greg (cancer)  
Betsy (Healing)  
Chris Elder (healing)  
Barbara Sparks (well-being)  
Danny Watson (healing)  
Mark Spencer (healing)  
Mary Elder (memory)  
Dennean Clayton (lupus)  
Rick Cutler (cancer free)  
Ruth Galinat  
Melissa Snow (Restoration of Health)  
Frank Perez (injured)  
Richard Mueller  
Barb R (cancer)  
Dariana Jimison (cancer is back)  
Mike Lumex  
Timothy Lynch (health & well-being)  
Cassie Marie Swindle (prayers needed)  
Birch Vermillion IV  
Moirra Vermillion  
Claudette Spencer (pain)  
Nicole Riske (juvenile diabetes)  
Jay Mindlin (emphysema)  
Ellen Weber (Eye Healing)  
Bill Clifford (Healing)  
Doreen Binger & her family  
Lavenia Arnoldi  
Anita Gajus (Restoration of health)  
John Weber (Rehab)  
Kirk Porter (Headaches)...Christine Clifford (Knees)  
Rosario Najera & her children for peace

Eva Sullaryman (Hospitalized)  
The USA – Keep us all safe  
Tino Grandparents – Heart Complications  
Mariela Contreras – Stage 4 Cancer  
Millie Busile Ruggiero (Nerve damage)  
Margaret Schiller (Cancer)

If you know of someone who needs to be added to the Prayer list or  
someone who needs to be removed from the prayer list please call  
Margie at 954-772-8010