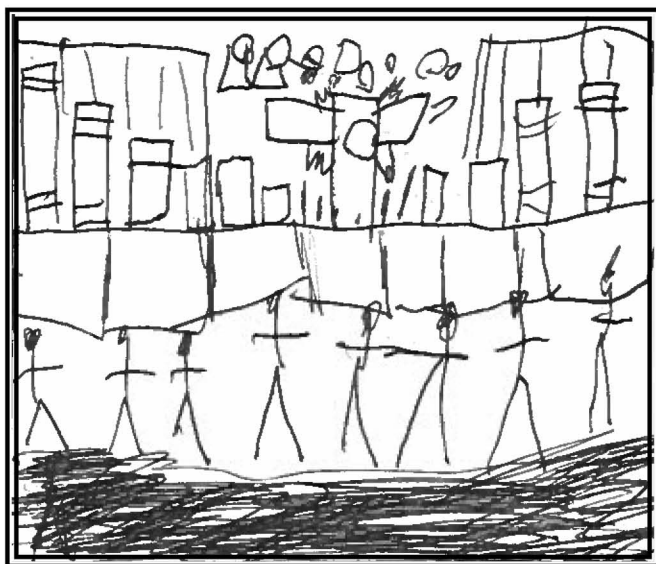


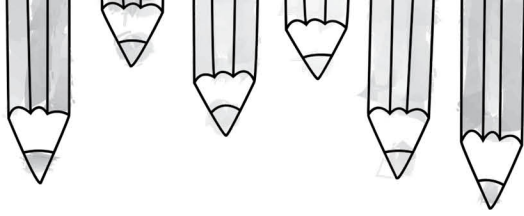
The Children's Worship Bulletin

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Just a word from Mr. Mac

Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,

Have you ever seen a real, live sheep? Did you get to touch it and rub its wool? It can be so dirty and matted and rough. But sheep are very gentle and quiet. And lots of times they stand away from everyone else.

But did you know that they listen very well? And one reason why that is so gracious of God to make the sheep hear well is that sheep can clearly make out their shepherd's voice.

Many other voices can try to lead them, pull them, poke them, push them, but the best way to lead a sheep is by the voice of the shepherd. The sheep know the voice of the shepherd, and they follow him.

Jesus is a shepherd. He is our Shepherd. We are His sheep. And we graze in His pasture. We belong to Him. So, like any good shepherd, our Shepherd protects us, feeds us, loves us, is compassionate toward us, cares for us, and guides us.

Our Good Shepherd wants to have a close relationship with us. He knows you. He knows everything about you. He knows your name, what you think, what you do, how you behave, what you eat, what you drink, what you watch, what games you play, when you go to bed and when you wake up.

And because He is also called the Lamb without blemish, Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb. He was sacrificed on the cross for you and me, His sheep. That's how much He loves us. He wanted His sheep to be without blemish or spot. To do that for us, He had to die for us; bleed for us; die as if He were not perfect, but He was perfect. A perfect Lamb. Slain for you and me.

If you ever see sheep grazing, think about you and Jesus. When you see a sheep on TV, think about you and Jesus. Some people "count sheep" in their minds if they can't sleep; it helps them fall asleep. Well, if you ever "count sheep" in your mind, think about you and Jesus.

He loves you so much!!

Mr. Mac



Do you have a:

Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?

Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear Mr. Mac,

Name: _____ Age: _____

A Guide to Family Worship

August 30- September 4

Suggested questions for mom and dad to use this week:

1. Mom and dad, you could so easily google search some information about sheep. And it would be a fun time with your children one night to tell them what you have learned about sheep. Then read John 10:1-10.
2. Also, talk about sheep-folds, or sheep pens. Let me give you my notes from my sermon on the two different sheep pens Jesus talks about in His parable in John 10:1-10.

A. Verses 1-5 describe a certain kind of sheep pen.

- the kind of pens you might find in a town or village
- the kind large enough to enclose multiple flocks
- the shepherd would leave the sheep with a hireling (or gatekeeper; a porter)
- an enclosure with a regular gate or door
- the next day, the shepherd would come to gather his sheep; he'd speak, and HIS sheep would recognize his voice, "get up" to file out, following THEIR shepherd.

✓ the false shepherds were thieves (steal for the sake of taking someone's property) and robbers (men who would use violence to get what they wanted)

✓ thieves and robbers (which by the way is very strong language) would avoid the door at all costs. In verse 2 the mark of the true shepherd was that he came directly to the door; the gatekeeper obviously knows him; and he is let in to lead his sheep out to pasture to eat.

B. Verses 7-9 describe another kind of sheep pen.

- this one is found NOT in the villages and towns but rather in the country-side.
- it was basically a circle of rocks creating a "fence of sorts"
- there was no door; simply an opening where the shepherd would lay his body

THIS is what Jesus is talking about when He says plainly: I Am the Gate for the Sheep!

3. This could be a fun week to talk about sheep, to find pictures of sheep, to draw sheep ... but always keep going back to John 10:1-10 (actually, most of chapter ten is about Jesus as the Door and the Good Shepherd.

4. When you pray during your family time this week, call Jesus "The Gate" or "Our Door." And pray to Him acknowledging that He is our Good Shepherd.

Sermon Art

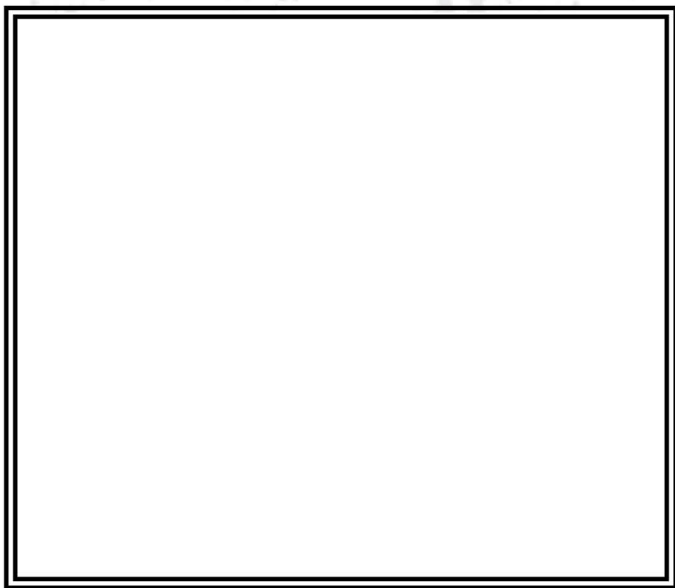
Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

This week's lesson is on

John 10:1-10

Want to see your artwork on
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name: _____

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“And He said to them,
‘Go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel
to the whole creation.’”
Mark 16:15

Meet Our Missionaries!



Victor and Nosizo Nakah Mission to the World Zimbabwe

Victor and Nosizo met in college and are products of the Christian student ministry movement. They were richly impacted by the ministries of Scripture Union in high school and International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in college. Victor later served with both organizations for several years and was instrumental in establishing Christian student groups in universities in southern Zimbabwe.

Victor is an ordained Presbyterian minister, and has served in various capacities in the church and related organizations. His most recent position was with CURE International, where he served as senior vice president for spiritual ministry. Before joining CURE, he served as the Africa regional director for Overseas Council International. He was also a seminary president for 10 years in Zimbabwe. During this time, he earned a master's degree in systematic theology from the University of South Africa and a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Stellenbosch University. Nosizo received a master's degree in information science at that time as well.

In addition to his primary ministry as MTW international director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Victor supervises master's and Ph.D. students attending South Africa Theological Seminary, teaches at the Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (Uganda), and is Extraordinary Researcher for North-West University. The Nakahs have two adult daughters.

Music and Hymns

#600 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

Psalm 73:23-24 says "You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel." Your heavenly Father leads you by the hand just as your earthly father or mother did when you were a small child. He does this to protect you and to guide you.

The hymn says "whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me." God is with you through the good times and the tough times leading you all the way, because you are His child! Be His faithful follower and thank Him for leading you by the hand.

"In Christ Alone"

Do you find your hope in Christ alone? Jesus is our "comforter," our "strength," our "cornerstone," and our "solid ground." Verse 4 says He commands our destiny. Do you realize that everything you have done from the time you were born has all been planned out by Jesus before you were born? He has our whole lives in His hands! We have nothing to fear. Nothing can ever pluck us from His hand. This should give you comfort and peace!

**"You hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with Your counsel."
Psalm 73:23, 24**



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