

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude and Chiming of the Hour

Becky Carlisle

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, we are glad you are worshiping with us today and appreciate your filling out the visitor's card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are in the pew racks if you wish to use them and bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

Choral Introit

We Are Gathered Together (Hamilton)

Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God. Come together in the presence of our Creator.

All: We come, hungry for the new covenant God promises to write on our hearts.

One: Come, people of faith. God is here to fill us with wisdom and patience.

All: We come, yearning for God's justice and faithful presence in our world.

One: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #465** Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Silent Prayers

One: Love that knows no boundaries:

All: We crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word.

Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Gloria Patri #579**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share with one another signs of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with the Children

Pastor Bill

(Children ages 5-13 may now go downstairs for Junior Church.)

Anthem

"I'll Walk With God"

Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:7-12

Sermon

New Ways of Knowing

Dr. Nishioka

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #2004** Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Affirmation of Faith *from the United Church in Canada, 1980*

One: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

- Invitation to Give
- Offertory
- *Doxology (#592)
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Being Sent by the Word

*Closing Hymn Long Ago, God Reached in Love (on insert)

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn 535 Go with Us, Lord

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way, Through this and every coming day
That in Your Spirit strong and true, Our lives may be our gift to you.*

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee/punch and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

ACOLYTE: Gretchen Caudill

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Rodger Nishioka

LAY LEADER: Angela Caudill



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23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2014

CALENDAR

TODAY	Guest Speaker: Dr. Rodger Nishioka Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes Christian Ed Work Group Mtg. Shepherds' Hall Rental Youth Group	During Worship 11:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Retired Nurses (FH) Session (FH)	8:00 a.m. – noon 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Highlands Camp Lectionary Bible Study (Pastor's Office) Choir Rehearsal Library Reserved (12-Step Group)	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Sometime Circle (FH) Library Committee	1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Choir Practice at Becky Carlisle's Home	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Baby Shower for Pastors Bill & Katie Davis (FH) Fellowship Hall Reserved – Highlands Camp Shepherds' Hall Rental	3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - noon 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Communion - Hanging of the Greens and Potluck Lunch Adult Sunday School Classes Children's Sunday School Classes Shepherds' Hall Rental	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Office and Food Bank Closed – Thurs. & Friday – Nov. 27 and 28
1st Sunday of Advent – Nov. 30
Children's Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 7 – During worship
Choir Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 14 – During worship

Bill can be reached on the church office phone at 303-452-5478 or on his church cell phone at 720-626-6428. His e-mail is bill@thegoodshepherd.org.

Please make sure to "like" us on Facebook!

THE WEEKLY NEWS
November 16, 2014



WELCOME friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. We invite you to join us downstairs following worship for coffee/punch and fellowship.

A nursery is available downstairs for children ages birth to 5 years.

The flowers this morning are given by **Gwen Thompson** in memory of her husband **Orville**.

This morning we welcome **Dr. Rodger Nishioka** to the pulpit. Rodger is the Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. In his teaching, Rodger focuses on equipping pastors to be teachers and leaders in the church's educational ministry. He is particularly interested in building a congregation's youth and young adult ministries.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY WAS ON NOV. 2ND. If you did not return your "Practicing our Faith"/pledge sheets yet, please return as soon as possible. Thank you!

THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK is now on your e-mail and on the web site (thegoodshepherd.org). Copies are available in the Narthex for those who do not have e-mail or internet access.

THE SOMETIMES CIRCLE WILL HOST A BABY SHOWER FOR PASTORS BILL AND KATIE DAVIS on Sat., Nov. 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is not just for women/moms! Men and children are invited too! Pastor Bill suggested that they would appreciate children's books as baby gifts and would also be delighted to have books given to Ralston House in honor of their new baby. Choosing a book that was a favorite of your children or grandchildren would be very special. If you bring a second copy of the book to give to Ralston House we will be sure they are delivered. Please bring a picture of yourself as a toddler (approx. age 2-4) to be displayed with many others for a game/conversation starter at the Shower. The size of the pic should preferably be no larger than 4x6 and please put your name on the back. If you could bring the picture to Mary McCarron on Sun., Nov. 16 that would be great! Your picture will be returned to you following the Shower. Thanks for helping to make this a fun event! Thank you!

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (our neighbors to the west) invites us to their Christmas Gift, Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Proceeds go to their youth activities.

PLAN ON STAYING AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, as we will do our annual “Hanging of the Greens” where we will bring up the decorations, share a potluck lunch together and then decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. With all of us helping, we can transform the sanctuary in no time at all.

THANK YOU to those who brought food, those who hosted dinner and those who spent the night at the Growing Home shelter on Sat., Nov. 8! We couldn't do this without you. We are sponsoring a Growing Home Family for Christmas—see their wishes on next page.

THE MISSION WORKING GROUP has decided to send the 25% of 2014 Peacemaking funds received to Ralston House, the Family Advocacy Center whose pinwheels decorated our front lawn during the month of April. A check for \$189.00 will be mailed shortly.

2 CENTS -A-MEAL, collected on Nov. 2, totaled \$125.00! If you would like to see, specifically, how these (Presbyterian Hunger Program) funds are used, please go to www.pcusa.org/hunger. Then go to the 2 CENTS-A-MEAL (CENTSABILITY) site. Download the PDF to see all of the grants given to both international and national hunger programs in 2013. It's amazing!

GROCERY CARDS GSPC has received its first Safeway Community Giving Card reward! We just received a \$276.25 rewards check from Safeway. In addition, we earned another Neighborhood Reward from King Soopers; this one for \$289.75, and our 2nd quarter reward from Albertsons in the amount of \$18.96. If you need a grocery card (Albertsons - free; Safeway - \$10.00; King Soopers - \$25.00), please see Mary Archuleta. Thank you for your support!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR NOVEMBER: Holiday items such as stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, gravy mixes, etc. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During October the Food Bank gave out 191 orders to 143 households serving 472 people, including 176 children. Thank you for your continued support for this important mission to our community.

FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Activity boxes are in the Narthex for children to use during worship. The red ones are for older children, and the rest for younger children. Please feel free to take a box, use it during worship, and return it to the shelf after the service. We will be cleaning and updating the supplies regularly. If you have any small-sized activity books you would like to donate for these boxes, give them to Mary Kennedy or leave them in the church office.

Flock Notes

Birthdays November 17 to November 28

Nov. 17	Duane Myers	Nov. 24	Hannah Regan
Nov. 22	Mary Kennedy		Chloe Regan
Nov. 23	Chuck Carlson	Nov. 26	Jean Cook
	Mary Ann Gines	Nov. 28	Claire Keep

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Sara Tyburczy & Family, especially her mother**, on the death of her step-father, **Larry Schweitzer**---**Becky Johnson**, on the recent death of her sister in Wyoming---**Norm Funk**, former member of Good Shepherd, now in Sunrise Care Center at 104th & Sheridan---**Margaret Butler Olive**, having health issues---**Birda Siani**, in rehab at Elms Haven Care Center---**Jerry Noland**, with health concerns---All those fighting cancer: **Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady, Donna Cadwallader**---**Blane, Ava & Tiffany**, coping with a very difficult custody situation---Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for the clients and volunteers of **our Food Bank**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: Some things have to be believed to be seen.

OUR GROWING HOME FAMILY WE ARE SPONSORING FOR CHRISTMAS:

	Wishes	Sizes
Mom	Amazon or Walmart Gift cards	Shirt: M Pants: 10
Boy (age 16)	Amazon or Walmart Gift cards	Shirt: Men's Medium, Pants 34x30
Girl (age 13)	Walmart Gift card P.J.'s (loves Minecraft and Lego movie)	Shirt & Pants sizes: 14 (girls)
Boy (age 2)	Walmart Gift card P.J.'s (loves Disney Cars And Planes)	Shoe size – 7 Toddlers Shirt & pant size – 2T

Gifts need to be returned to church by Monday, December 8th.