

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: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

One: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #150** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Silent Prayers

One: Merciful God,

All: Too often we come before you with our pious actions and our empty words. We fail to live with kindness, justice, and humility. We turn on our neighbors and build up for ourselves. Forgive all that we have done and have failed to do, and transform us into people you are proud to call your own. 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

Scripture Reading

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

(Children, please remain upstairs as there will be no Junior Church this morning.)

Anthem

"I Feel the Spirit"

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Rev. Graber

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #2268** As We Gather at Your Table

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology (#592)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

CALENDAR

TODAY	Communion - Hanging of the Greens and Potluck Lunch Shepherds' Hall Rental NO Youth Group	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. John's Lutheran Church 11040 Colorado Blvd. – Thornton – 7:00 p.m. Library Reserved (12-Step Group)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Shepherds' Hall Rental	1:00 – 10:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	OFFICE AND FOOD BANK CLOSED Shepherds' Hall Rental Choir Practice at Becky Carlisle's Home	6:00 - 10:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	1ST Sunday of Advent Special Called Congregational Meeting Adult Sunday School Classes Children's Sunday School Classes Shepherds' Hall Rental No Youth Group	11:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Children's Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 7 – During worship
Choir Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 14 – During worship
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.

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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 23, 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 our potluck lunch and Hanging of the Greens!

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

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Tom & Teddie McConnell's anniversary.

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!

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING next Sunday, November 30th, following worship for the purpose of electing 3 at-large representatives to the nominating committee. Please plan on staying for this brief meeting.

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.

PLAN ON STAYING AFTER WORSHIP THIS MORNING, 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.

WARMING TREE Please join GSPC Christian Education to collect children's gloves, mittens, hats and socks for our Warming Tree located in the Narthex. We will be collecting these items from December 1-31, 2013 and all items will be donated to Growing Home. Please help us fill up our Warming Tree to help those keep warm during the winter months. Please place your donated items on the tree.

CALENDARS FOR 2015 are on sale after worship in the Narthex. They are just \$10 for a beautiful calendar you will be glad to hang on your wall. Get several for gifts! The proceeds help fund our Christian Education activities here at Good Shepherd, including Sunday school materials, Youth mission trip and Vacation Bible Camp. Thanks for investing in our young people!

THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS THAT MEETS IN SHEPHERD'S HALL at 8:30 each Sunday is beginning a new book study. They will be reading and discussing Tim Mooney's book, Like a Child. Come join this group for a lively time!

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 elsewhere in this insert.

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.



Thanksgiving

HAVE A WONDERFUL & SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

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----**Mark Dove & Family** on the death Monday evening of his mother in Oklahoma----**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: If you pause to think, you'll have cause to thank.

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

The whole family loves the color blue!

Gifts need to be wrapped and identified as to which family member they are for and returned to the church office by Tuesday, December 9th.