

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.

Moment for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Barbara Swanson

Choral Introit

We Are Gathered Together (Hamilton)

Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dick & Robin Kelly

One: Advent is a time of wonder – the wonder of the Promised One. On this first Sunday of Advent we light this candle for hope and we wonder,

All: “How do we hold on to hope when so many live in poverty and despair?”

One: We light this candle for hope and we wonder,

All: “God is our hope!”

One: We light this candle for hope

All: and we know the wonder of the Promised One who gives us the gift of hope even when all seems hopeless.

Advent Prayer

*Opening Hymn #5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Silent Prayers

Almighty God, we confess that we have not always followed the light of your Word. We have questioned your Good News, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive us, Lord, for our self-serving ways, and open our hearts to your abiding presence. May the wonder of your love be born in us, once again this Advent season. 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.

The Good Shepherd Players

The Village Gossips – Wild Goose (Iona)

Fred Finke, Marsha Morton, Sara Tyburczy, Dawn Diehl

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-6

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 Kim

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

Anthem

“O Night Divine”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Advent Celebration

Rev. Graber

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

We believe in God, who bends and kneels toward our world, drenching it with love, making it new with every breath.

We believe in Jesus, God become human, who brought every person a spark of the divine.

We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace.

We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and each other, ready for God’s reign, awake and alert, as we work to bring it near.

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We believe we are called, as Christmas comes close, to lift up our hearts in hope and in love, seeking God's advent in each moment and person, each challenge and heartache, each blessing and joy.

This we promise to do. Keep us faithful, Lord Jesus, and come soon. Amen

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)

Being Sent by the Word

*Closing Hymn #8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #9 Refrain from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Postlude

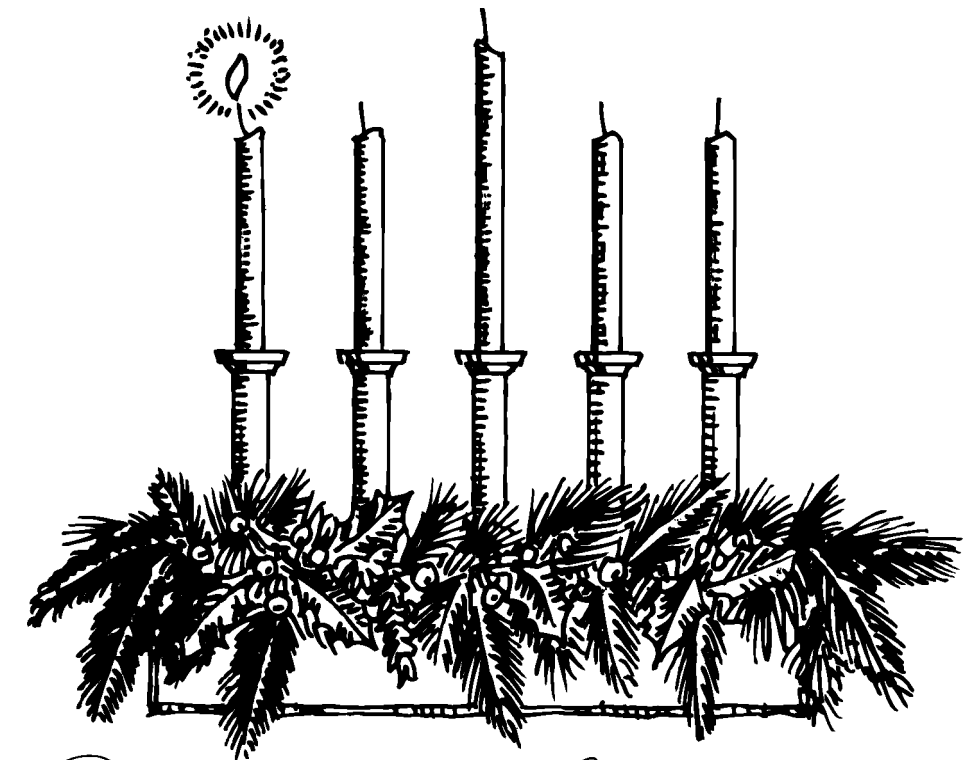
*Those who are able please stand

The Special Called Congregational meeting will begin immediately following worship.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the brief Congregational Meeting for coffee/punch and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis
GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Kim Graber
LAY LEADER: Joan Moore

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle
ACOLYTE: Tristan Caudill



First Sunday OF ADVENT

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November 30, 2014

CALENDAR

TODAY	1ST Sunday of Advent Special Called Congregational Meeting Shepherds' Hall Rental NO YOUTH GROUP TILL JANUARY	11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	No Choir Practice	
FRIDAY	Choir Practice at Becky Carlisle's Home	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental Fellowship Hall Rental	12:00 – 6:00 p.m. 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program 2 Cents a Meal Offering Received Adult Sunday School Classes Children's Program Rehearsal (during SS time) Shepherds' Hall Rental	During Worship 8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Choir Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 14 – During worship
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Office & Food Bank Closed – Friday, December 26

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 30, 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 the Congregational Meeting for coffee/punch and fellowship.*

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

*Congratulations to **Pastor Bill and his wife Katie** on the birth of **Coulter John Davis** on November 21, 2014. Coulter weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and was 21" long.*

*We welcome back to the pulpit this morning the **Rev. Kim Graber**.*

PASTOR BILL IS ON FULL-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE FOR TWO WEEKS. He then will return part time for another four weeks before he is back at Good Shepherd full time. While he is working part time he will work mainly from home and do visitations as needed and preach on Sundays. His time at Good Shepherd will increase gradually during those four weeks until he is back to full time on January 4th.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship this morning for the purpose of electing 3 at-large representatives to the nominating committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Please plan on staying for this brief meeting.

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!

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.

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 DECEMBER: 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.



SINCE THE 1930'S THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING, with its two distinct focuses, has been a Presbyterian tradition. It has also been a long-time tradition at Good Shepherd. First, through the Board of Pensions, it supports needy retired church workers. Last year 287 households received housing supplements while 304 households received income supplements. Second, the Offering supports students attending one of five Presbyterian-related racial/ethnic schools and colleges. Scholarship assistance enables many students who are first in their families to enroll in higher education. The Offering will be received during worship on **Sunday, December 21**. Special envelopes are in your box of pledge envelopes and can also be found in the pew racks. Or you may give online at presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy or you may Text: JOY to 20222 to give \$10.00. Please follow in the tradition of the Wise Men by giving this Advent season! And, please note: your very generous, year-round support of mission through Good Shepherd is appreciated!!

Thank you all!

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 4 to December 20

Dec. 4	Buzz Speer	Dec. 14	Angela Caudill
Dec. 6	Gretchen Caudill		Myrna Criswell
Dec. 11	Betty Harvell		Alexis Watson
Dec. 13	Julie Klahn	Dec. 20	Powell Warner

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**Maxine Killion & Family** on the death of her husband **Gene** on November 22, 2014----**Mark Dove & Family** on the recent death of his mother in Oklahoma----**Patti Tyler**, improving after suffering a stroke. Patty is the woman who owns the animals used in the Christmas program pictures last year----**Norm Funk**, former member of Good Shepherd, now in Sunrise Care Center at 104th & Sheridan----**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: Let the power of love replace the love of power.

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.