

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.

Introit "Our Prayer"

Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord from the highest heaven!

**All: Let the sun and the moon,
and the stars in the sky,
all sing praises to our God!**

One: Praise the Lord from the deepest valley!

**All: Let the mountains and the hills,
the fruit trees and tall cedars,
all worship the Lord on high!**

One: Praise the Lord from the heart of the faithful!

**All: Let the old and the young,
the wise and the meek,
all lift their voices and sing for joy!**

One: Worship the Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth!

***Opening Hymn #22** Angels, From the Realms of Glory

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Silent Prayers

One: God of redemption,

All: Despite your abundant blessings, we continue to fall short of your expectations. We fail to act and speak with compassion and humility. Forgive all that we have said and done, or have failed to say or do. Save us from our sin, and claim us as 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

Psalm Reading Psalm 11:1-3

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23

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

Anthem "You're Not Alone"

Ben VandeVere

Accompanist: Miki Schockley

Sermon

Christmas Stories

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #53** What Child is This

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory:

"I Surrender All" (ARR: Selah)

Ben VandeVere

*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...

(continued on back of bulletin)

...Therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after the Meal (Unison)

**God is great; God is good. Let us thank him for our food.
By his hands we all are fed. Thank you, Lord, for daily bread. Amen.**

Being Sent by the Word

*Closing Hymn In a Feed Box, In a Stable (on back of Weekly News insert)

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Refrain from Hymn #29 Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY LEADER: Norm Rasmussen

ACOLYTE: Jackson Gabbard



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***January 4, 2015
2nd Sunday after Christmas Day***

In a Feed Box, In a Stable

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Beecher (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

In a feed box, in a stable, Jesus slept upon the hay;
So, our God, you came among us, Bringing peace on earth that day.
Beautiful upon the mountain! Christ, you bring us God's shalom;
May we share your love and justice In each land and town and home.

In a shelter, poor and homeless, Sleeps a child upon her bed;
In a basement hides a family, Bombs exploding overhead.
Jesus, you knew want and hunger; Your own family fled the sword.
May we see you, may we hear you, In each one oppressed or poor.

In the church, we seek your presence; Prince of Peace, you meet us here:
See! A person seeking shelter. See! Another filled with fear.
See! A world where lives are broken; Give us strength and help us care,
Till our love for every neighbor Fills each thought and act and prayer.

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THE WEEKLY NEWS

January 4, 2015



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 fellowship and refreshments.

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

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone from the staff of Good Shepherd for your generous gifts during the Christmas season!

THE BABY SHOWER FOR BILL, KATIE & BABY COULTER, has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 8, following worship.

WARMING TREE A HUGE SUCCESS Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Warming Tree at GSPC. We collected and donated to Growing Home: 70 hats, 42 pairs of gloves, 19 glove/hat sets, 14 pairs of socks, 7 pairs of mittens, 5 headbands, 3 scarves, 2 pair of slippers and 1 pair of ear muffs. Thank you again for sharing the gift of warmth to so many.

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 2015 SIGN-UP CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS is now up in the Narthex on the bulletin board at the head of the stairs. Please sign up for a Sunday in 2015 to honor a loved one or a special day. Flowers are \$20 per arrangement and need to be paid for one week in advance so that they can be ordered. Thank you!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER DURING THE NEXT YEAR???

Joan Moore is working on the schedule for the next couple months and would love to add your name. Training sessions for interested (and current) readers who would like to brush up on their Lay Reader skills will be offered following worship on February 1st, and on Wednesday February 4th at 5pm. Please let Pastor Bill know if you're planning on attending.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR JANUARY: Canned soup, mac & cheese, toilet paper and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During November the Food Bank gave out 222 orders to 164 households serving 578 people, including 238 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.

A CELEBRATION HONORING THE SERVICE OF PRESBYTERY STATED CLERK, ANNE BOND, will take place on Thursday, January 15 at Wellshire Church. This gathering will include an informal time to “Meet and Greet” Anne and also enjoy an array of appetizers beginning at 5:30 p.m., a program with many surprises beginning at 6:30 p.m. and an elegant dessert served at 7:30 p.m. You are asked to RSVP to the Presbytery of Denver by sending a check for \$20 per person. You also can register and pay on-line by going to the Presbytery website (www.denpres.org) and clicking on “Events.”

Flock Notes

Birthdays January 4 to January 13

Jan. 4	Rob Bennett	Jan. 8	Taya Mendez
	Nate Fauber	Jan. 9	Jacklyn Watson
Jan. 7	Amalie Harvell	Jan. 13	Zach Mendez

Here’s What’s Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**The Family and Friends of Birda Siani** who died on December 26. The graveside service was held on January 3----**The Family & Friends of Vera Waldron** who died on December 30. Service arrangements are pending.----**Becki McConnell**, doing well after surgery for her broken leg----**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues----**Daniel Leieritz**, on chemotherapy after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant----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: Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be amused.

CALENDAR

TODAY	Communion – Un-hang the Greens after worship	
	Mission Working Group meeting	11:15 a.m.
	Shepherds’ Hall Rental	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	No Youth Group until January 11	
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental (Highlands Development Comm.)	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
	No Choir Rehearsal	
FRIDAY	Sanctuary Reserved (Bennett)	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Jan Myers’ Workshop (FH) – by reservation	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Shepherds’ Hall Rental	12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Guest Preacher: Rev. Tom Sheffield	
	Worship & Music Work Group Mtg.	11:15 a.m.
	Children’s Sunday School Classes	8:45 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Classes	8:30 a.m.
	Shepherds’ Hall Rental	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Youth Group Resumes	6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Reports due into Church Office – Mon., January 12
 Session Meeting – Tues., January 13 – 6:30 p.m. (FH)
 Annual Congregational Meeting – Sun., January 25 – following worship
 Baby Shower for Bill, Katie & Coulter Davis – Sun., Feb. 8 – 11:00 a.m.

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.

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