

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Julie Klahn, Shelli & Garrett Tillery

One: Advent is a time of wonder – the wonder of the holy one of God. On this third Sunday of Advent we light this candle for joy and we wonder,

All: "How can we rejoice when the powerful remain seated on their thrones, the lowly have not been lifted up, the hungry are empty, and the rich are filled with good things?"

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

All: "Christ is our joy!"

One: We light this candle for joy

All: and we await the coming of the holy one of God whose reign shall never end.

Advent Prayer

***Opening Hymn #2** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory:

"Christmastime"

Choir

*Doxology (#592)

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.

Hearing the Word

"The Christmas Story"

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Graffi

*Presented by the Combined Choirs of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
And Boulder Seventh Day Adventist Church*

Director: Becky Carlisle

Pianist: Ivy Lee

Narrators: Kevin McClanahan and Becky DeOliviera

Soloists: Dawn Diehl, Craig Carr and Katherine Brownlow

Being Sent by the Word

***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

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following worship for a reception honoring the choirs of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and Boulder Seventh Day Adventist Church.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY LEADER: Kyle Feusner

ACOLYTE: Hannah Bond

CALENDAR

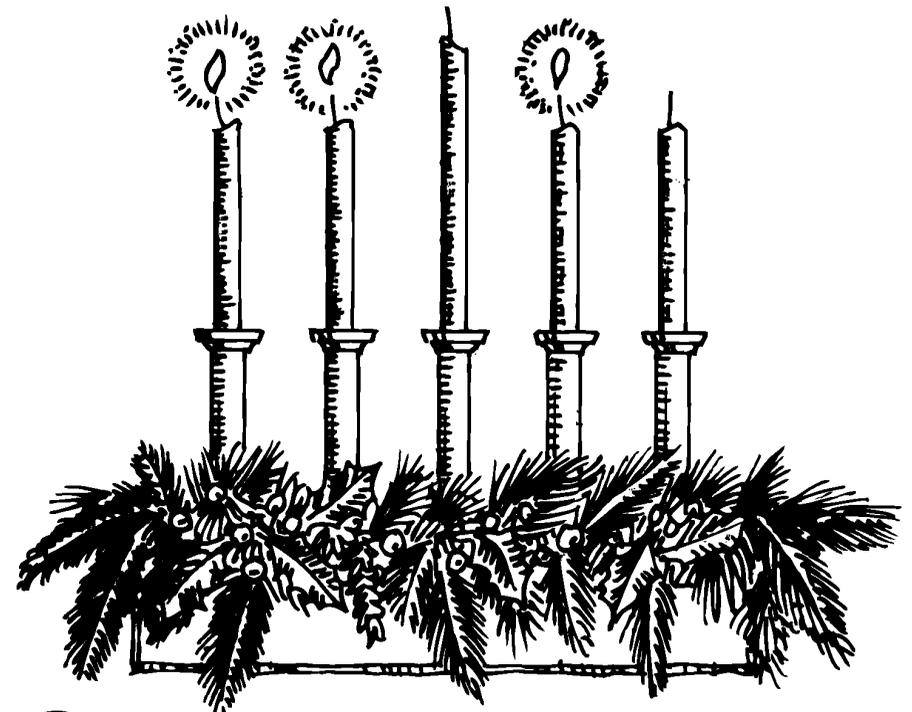
TODAY	Combined Choir Christmas Program – Reception following downstairs Shepherds' Hall Rental NO YOUTH GROUP TILL JANUARY	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Retired Nurses (FH) NO Session meeting this month	8:00 a.m. – noon
WEDNESDAY	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental	2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Service of Lessons and Carols Christmas Joy Offering No Children's Sunday School – resumes January 4 Adult Sunday School Classes Shepherds' Hall Rental	10:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Office & Food Bank Closed – Thursday and Friday, December 25 & 26
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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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Third Sunday
OF ADVENT

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December 14, 2014

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 14 to December 23

Dec. 14	Angela Caudill	Dec. 20	Powell Warner
	Myrna Criswell	Dec. 22	Anna Bond
	Alexis Watson	Dec. 23	Dorothy Bennett

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----**Vera Waldron**, now in home hospice care----**Becki McConnell**, who broke her leg in three places in a fall and had surgery this past week----**Daniel Leieritz**, on chemotherapy after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant----**Jasmine Littell**, suffering the loss of her grandfather----**Birda Siani**, now at home after several months of rehab----**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: Your children need your presence more than your presents.



THE WEEKLY NEWS
December 14, 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 a reception honoring the choir members from both Good Shepherd and Boulder Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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

PASTOR BILL IS NOW ON PART-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE FOR FOUR WEEKS. 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 these four weeks until he is back to full time on January 4th.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD ON THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Sara Tyburczy, Ruth Vazquez, and Rachelle Gabbard for helping with rehearsals and picture set-ups, Teddie McConnell for taking those fabulous pictures, and Paulene Thompson for the delightful Donkey! Thanks also to the parents and kids who devoted so much time to learning lines and songs and coming to practices.

THE BABY SHOWER FOR BILL, KATIE & BABY COULTER, originally planned for Nov. 22, has been postponed until late January or early February. We'll let you know the specific date as soon as possible.

 **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. 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!!

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK is now available on your email and on the website. Copies are available in the Narthex for those who do not have internet access.

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 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!

WE'VE RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND BIG THANK YOU FROM RALSTON HOUSE for directing a portion of the recent Peacemaking Offering to them.

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 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.

THE MOSAIC DIVERSITY WORK GROUP OF DENVER PRESBYTERY invites all to have a Racial Relations Dialogue, "Restoration of Hope, Peace and Justice". The Panel Participants are: *Rev. Dr. Darryll Young, Rev. David Chai, Rev. James Foucher, Elder Olivia Hudson Smith, Mr. Wayne Laws, and Rev. Joe Mares.* When: December 18th at noon at the Presbytery Center. Lunch will be provided, please RSVP to Judy@denpres.org

CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES Thanks to your generosity, Good Shepherd was able to donate 97 boxes to Operation Christmas Child! Thank you so much!

A CELEBRATION HONORING THE SERVICE OF PRESBYTERY OF DENVER STATED CLERK ANNE BOND will take place on Thursday, January 15 at Wellshire Church. This gathering will include a time to "Meet and Greet" Anne at 5:30 p.m., a program beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 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 can also register and pay on-line by going to the Presbytery website (www.denpres.org) and clicking on "Events."

FROM MARSHA MORTON, WORSHIP & MUSIC ELDER: I am so pleased and amazed by all the beautiful ways we're using our new audio-visual system. David Blount and Brad Gabbard do a terrific job of incorporating the system into our weekly worship. It is a wonderful enhancement to our services. Once again, thanks to David and Brad, and huge thanks to all who helped us make the system possible.