

# 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*

Mary McCarron

### Introit

*"Our Prayer"*

Choir

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

David Blount

One: Advent is a time of wonder – the wonder of the Light of the world. On this fourth Sunday of Advent we light this candle for love and we wonder,

All: **"How can we find love in a world broken and divided by hatred and violence?"**

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

All: **"God's love has found us!"**

One: We light this candle for love

All: **and we know the Light of the world illumines our lives with love, that we might see and walk the path of justice and peace.**

### Advent Prayer

\*Opening Carol #49 Once in Royal David's City

### First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

\*Carol 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

### Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

### Poem

*This Year Will Be Different* by Ann Weems

### Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah*

Carol 38 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

### Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation*

### Anthem

*Jesu Bambino*

Barbara Myers

### Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child*

\*Carol 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child*

### Carol 25

*Away in a Manger*

### Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah*

Carol 23 Angels We Have Heard on High

### Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

### Offering and Receiving Christmas Joy Offering

Call for the Offering

Carol 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

### Being Sent by the Word

\*Closing Carol #40 Joy to the World

\*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 refreshments and fellowship.*

**Thank you to our readers this morning:**

**David Blount, Sara Tyburczy, Kyle Feusner, and Joyce Matthews.**



**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays December 22 to December 28**

Dec. 22	Anna Bond	Dec. 27	Jerry Wetsel
Dec. 23	Dorothy Bennett	Dec. 28	Tania Wirz
Dec. 25	Pee Wee Holland	Dec. 30	Mary Driver

**Here's What's Happening**----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**Vera Waldron**, now in home hospice care----**Becki McConnell**, who broke her leg in three places in a fall and now recovering from surgery----**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:** It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. --Charles Dickens



**THE WEEKLY NEWS**  
*December 21, 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 fellowship and refreshments.

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

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**PASTOR BILL IS NOW ON PART-TIME PATERNITY LEAVE.** 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.

**THANK YOU TO BECKY CARLISLE, MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA AND THE CHOIRS** of Boulder Seventh Day Adventist Church and Good Shepherd for the beautiful cantata presented during worship last Sunday.

**THE BABY SHOWER FOR BILL, KATIE & BABY COULTER,** originally planned for Nov. 22, has been postponed until late January/early February. We'll let you know the specifics 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](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER FOR PEACE IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT** The search for peace, safety and home are at the heart of the Christmas story. Mary and Joseph seek a safe place that can provide a home for the birth of their Child. After hearing angels, the shepherds search for the place that holds "peace on earth." In the Presbytery of Denver and among mission partnerships of our churches, faithful people of Christ offer places of peace for seekers of all kind. At the Network Ministries Coffee House in Denver the lonely, frightened and homeless mentally ill people are given a place of warmth, understanding and compassion. Carpenter's Helpers continues its caring work of building homes for neighbors in our community through Habitat for Humanity. Each day the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership gives orphans at the Heather Chimoga Orphan Care Center in Nyamashato food and the welcome and support of a family. Children are promised safety and caring supervision through the Central Visitation Program. The Growing Home Mission Partnership assures homeless families that they will find peace for a night and hope for a coming day. All these mission partnerships and more reflect the Light that shone that Christmas night and draws us all to share in the Peace of Christ with one another.

**A NOTE OF THANKS** *We want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and prayers. Still hoping someday soon we will be able to come back to church. It has been a very difficult time for Jerry. The only one thing we can actually plan on is his trips to Davita for dialysis. I am doing my best to help him and am still pending another surgery on my other shoulder which I just cannot do at this time. Merry Christmas to everyone. —Jacque & Jerry Noland*