

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: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers
long ago no longer leads the way,

All: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

One: We are not brought to our knees in surprise
as were those journeyers of old,

All: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

One: And though we do not bear
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

All: We offer ourselves and what we have.

One: The story continues. The good news abounds.
There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

***Opening Hymn #56** The First Nowell

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Silent Prayers

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, we allow selfish ambition to make us willing to harm others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 96:10-13

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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 "A Midnight Clear"

Choir

Sermon *Seeking Stars*

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #68** What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God
who said, "Let there be light,"
and there was!
With that light, God made the world
and all people in whom, and through whom,
the Light burns on, strong and true.

We believe in Jesus,
the true Light,
who went down to darkness
to overcome death, and rose again,
to unveil our own brightness,
in the victory of whose love
a path shines home to God's heart
where all will live forever.

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We believe in the Spirit,
blazing with hope,
speaking the truth into every darkness,
warming our lives with God's gifts and call. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

...This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

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)
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Being Sent by the Word

*Closing Hymn #41 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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.

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY LEADER: Mary Kennedy



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1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 28 to January 8

Dec. 28	Tania Wirz	Jan. 3	Robin Kelly
Dec. 30	Mary Driver	Jan. 4	Rob Bennett
Jan. 1	Diana Bennett		Nate Fauber
Jan. 3	Becky Carlisle	Jan. 8	Taya Mendez

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----**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: Peace starts with a smile.

THE WEEKLY NEWS
December 28, 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.

The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Jerry Wetsel's 89th birthday**. And **Mary Driver** bought poinsettias for the church in celebration of her birthday on December 30th.

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.

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

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!

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 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.

MAKE CONNECTIONS ... WITH NUMBERS! We love numbers and this brief report from Denver Presbytery's Malawi Mission Partnership tells about some very important ones: *“The Malawi Mission Partnership seeks to empower pastors near the capital city of Lilongwe with ongoing education for ministry and with food security for their families. Did you know that 85% of pastors worldwide have no more than a 6th grade education? Our Mission Partnership is working with Veritas College in Malawi to provide 35 pastors in one village with 2 years of training on how to accurately interpret and teach the Bible. Each of these pastors must also raise maize to feed their families. So we recently funded a 2-day training how to plant maize in a manner that resists drought while also enriching the soil. We have great hopes for how this whole village will benefit from our support of their pastors.”* **With giving from Presbytery congregations we connect with these numbers and, more importantly, their hope-filled work for the global church.**

CALENDAR

TODAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental No Youth Group until January	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Office Closes at Noon	
THURSDAY	Happy New Year! Office and Food Bank Closed	
FRIDAY	Office and Food Bank Closed	
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental	12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Communion – Un-hang the Greens after worship Mission Working Group meeting Children's Sunday School Classes Adult Sunday School Classes Shepherds' Hall Rental	11:15 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan Myers Workshop – Sat., Jan. 10 – 8 am – 1 pm (FH)
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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