

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.

Choral Introit

We Are Gathered Together (Hamilton)

Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Marsha Morton and Fred Finke

One: Advent is a time of wonder – the wonder of the surprising and remarkable Incarnation of God-with-us. On this second Sunday of Advent we light this candle for peace and we wonder,

All: “If God is with us, why is there no peace?”

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

All: “God is with us even when there is no peace!”

One: We light this candle for peace

All: and we know the wonder of the surprising and remarkable Incarnation, of God-with-us; who strengthens us to work for justice and promises us peace.

Advent Prayer

***Opening Hymn #9** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***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.

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)

***Hymn #3** Comfort, Comfort You My People

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:1-8

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.

“A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S” (see insert)

Sunday School Children

Being Sent by the Word

***Charge and Benediction (Video)**

***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 coffee/punch and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis
LAY LEADER: Dan Duncan

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle
ACOLYTE: Jackson Gabbard

CALENDAR

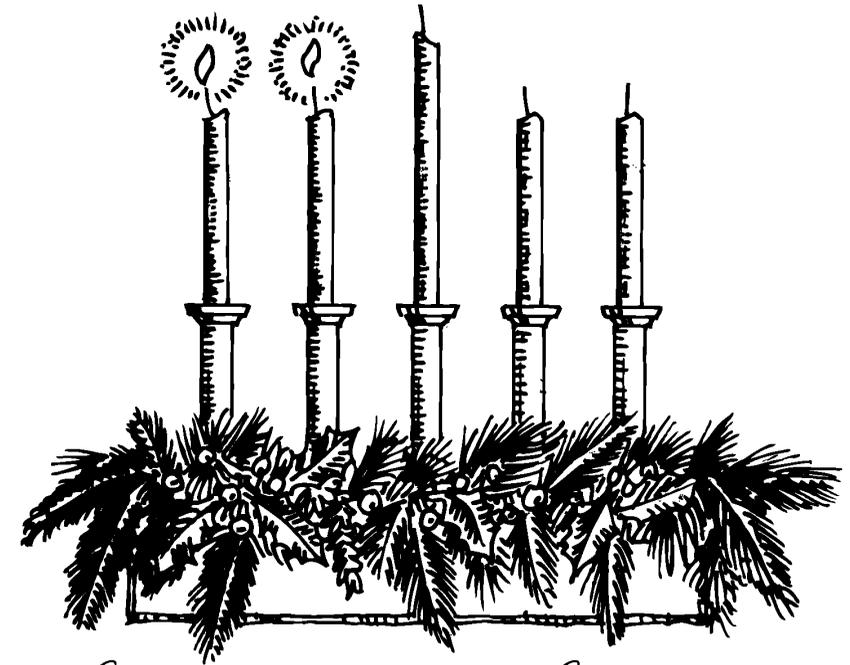
TODAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program 2 Cents a Meal Offering Received Shepherds' Hall Rental NO YOUTH GROUP TILL JANUARY	During Worship 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Church Women United (FH)	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Sometime Circle Christmas Luncheon at the Ranch Fellowship Hall Reserved (Cub Scouts)	1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	Dress Rehearsal for Choir Program (at Boulder Church)	6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Combined Choir Christmas Program at Boulder SDA Church (345 Mapleton Ave. Boulder, CO) Shepherds' Hall Rental	11:30 a.m. 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Combined Choir Christmas Program at Good Shepherd 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:

NO Session meeting in December
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Office & Food Bank Closed – Friday, December 26
Office & Food Bank Closed – Friday, January 2

**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!



Second Sunday
OF ADVENT

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December 7, 2014

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 6 to December 20

Dec. 6	Gretchen Caudill	Dec. 14	Myrna Criswell
Dec. 11	Betty Harvell		Alexis Watson
Dec. 13	Julie Klahn	Dec. 19	Grace Sands
Dec. 14	Angela Caudill	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---**Vera Waldron**, now on home hospice care---**Becky McConnell**, who broke her leg in three places in a fall last week---**Patti Tyler**, improving after suffering a stroke. Patty is the woman who owns the animals used in the Christmas program pictures last year---**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: Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible.

THE WEEKLY NEWS
December 7, 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 coffee/punch and fellowship.

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

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Gretchen Caudill's** 7th birthday.*

*Thank you to **Mary Driver** for donating two beautiful poinsettias in celebration of her birthday month (the large one in the narthex and the one on the choir loft railing).*

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.

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. 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!!

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.

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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, FOLLOWING THE CANTATA, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL RECEPTION for the congregation and our guests. The choir would appreciate contributions such as crackers/cheese, fruit or veggie trays, cookies, breakfast breads to be served downstairs. Thank you!!

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!

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.

MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR PEACE. What does peace look and feel like? For the Prophet Isaiah it was the coming together of diverse people in a time of unity. Together "the glory of the Lord will appear for all to see." When one sees, hears and shares with the South Metro Saints Covenant Community that promised peace is present. You can see it as the diverse congregations of Bethel Church, First Church, Littleton, Grace Church, Iglesia Presbiteriana de Valverde, Shepherd of the Hills Church, and the Vietnamese Fellowship join in worship together in three different languages – English, Spanish and Vietnamese. You can feel it when they share the sacrament on World Communion Sunday, as children from various congregations come together for Vacation Bible School, and when their leaders meet monthly in the unity of the Spirit. You know it when you meet the young people from various congregations who have received college scholarships from the South Metro Saints. A Covenant Community of the Presbytery of Denver, the six congregations who come together in service, care, and worship are a living sign of the peace of Christ. In Christ they are connected. Through Presbyterian mission we all are connected with them.

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

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 Wednesday, December 10th, by 1:00 p.m.