

# 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: We come as people filled with great expectation.

**All: We come filled with hopes and dreams.**

One: We come with serious questions.

**All: We come with doubts that weigh us down.**

One: We long for the heavens to open.

**All: We need to hear the voice of God,**

One: Whispering our names, and telling us again,

**All: You are Beloved with whom I am well pleased.**

One: Let us worship God!

### **\*Opening Hymn #490** With Glad, Exuberant Carolings

### **\*Call to Confession**

#### **\*Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

*Silent Prayers*

One: Faithful Teacher,

**All: As we become fully immersed into a new year, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, others, or ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin, and transform us by your forgiveness. 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 29

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 3:1-17

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 ages 5-13 may now go downstairs for Junior Church.)*

### **Anthem**

"Simple Grace" Traditional (ARR: Davis)

Bill Davis

### **Sermon**

*Wild in the Ordinary*

Rev. Tom Sheffield

## *Responding to the Word*

### **\*Hymn #409** Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

### **\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed (Traditional) Top of p. 14 in hymnal

### **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)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving



**CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Guest Preacher: Rev. Tom Sheffield</b> Worship & Music Working Group Mtg. Shepherds' Hall Rental Youth Group	11:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Annual Reports due into Church Office</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Session Meeting (FH)</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Bible Study (Pastor's Office) Choir Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Staff Meeting Sometime Circle (FH)	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Jan Myers' Workshop (FH) – by reservation	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Annual Reports Available in the Narthex</b> Children's Sunday School Classes Adult Sunday School Classes Shepherds' Hall Rental Youth Group Resumes	8:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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](mailto:bill@thegoodshepherd.org).**

**Please make sure to “like” us on Facebook!**

**THE WEEKLY NEWS**

*January 11, 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.*

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**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX OF GIVING ENVELOPES** in the Narthex this morning. If you did not get envelopes and would like them, please contact Joyce Matthews.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for 2014 are now available. See Joyce Matthews in the Narthex.

**THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK** is available on your e-mail and on the website ([thegoodshepherd.org](http://thegoodshepherd.org)). Copies are available in the Narthex for those of you who do not have internet access.

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

**THE PER CAPITA FOR 2015** is \$30 per member. Please consider paying your share of this expense for our congregation. Thank you!

**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 December the Food Bank gave out 151 orders to 110 households serving 381 people, including 146 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 (deadline is tomorrow, January 12) 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](http://www.denpres.org)) and clicking on "Events."

**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays January 13 to January 28**

Jan. 13	Zach Mendez	Jan. 23	Penny Kountz
Jan. 15	Dylan Kountz	Jan. 26	Kira Braun
Jan. 17	Hunter Reagan	Jan. 28	Kelly Keep

**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. The Memorial Service was held here at GSPC yesterday----**Wava Vincent & Family** on the recent death of her sister----**Barb Haring**, recovering after a recent hospitalization----**Becki McConnell**, doing well after surgery for her broken leg----**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues----All those fighting cancer: **Daniel Leieritz, 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:** God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.