

# 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: Happy are we

**All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

One: Happy are we

**All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

One: Happy are we

**All: when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

One: Happy are we

**All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

One: Let us worship God!

### **\*Opening Hymn #466** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

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

#### *Silent Prayers*

One: Lord Jesus, you taught us that in Your kingdom,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" -

**All: but we have been rich in pride.**

One: "Blessed are the meek" -

**All: but we are rebellious by nature.**

One: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" -

**All: but we have great desire for evil and little longing  
for Your true goodness.**

One: "Blessed are the merciful" -

**All: but we are harsh and impatient.**

One: "Blessed are the pure in heart" -

**All: but we have impure hearts.**

One: "Blessed are the peacemakers" -

**All: but we have not sought reconciliation.**

One: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" -

**All: but our lives do not challenge the world.**

One: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" -

**All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

**Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness and walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing. 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 1:1-3

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:1-12

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**

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

Pastor Bill

### **Anthem**

Rejoice, O Christian, Sing His Praise (McCabe)

Choir

### **Sermon**

*Why Mercy Matters*

Rev. Bill Davis

## *Responding to the Word*

### **\*Hymn #2155** Blest Are They



**CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting –following worship</b> <b>Annual Reports Available in the Narthex and on the website</b> Shepherds’ Hall Rental 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Church Women United (FH) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Bible Study (Pastor’s Office) 3:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fellowship Hall Rental (Scrapbookers) 3:00 p.m. - midnight
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Fellowship Hall Rental (Scrapbookers) 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Communion – 2 Cents a Meal Offering</b> Lay Reader Training 11:15 a.m. Mission Work Group Meeting 11:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School Classes 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes 8:30 a.m. Shepherds’ Hall Rental 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NO Youth Group

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Lay Reader Training – Feb. 1 at 11:15 a.m. or Feb. 4 at 5:00 p.m.
- Baby Shower for Bill, Katie & Coulter Davis – Sun., Feb. 8 – 11:00 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion – Feb. 18 – 7:00 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – Feb. 22

**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!**

***THE WEEKLY NEWS***  
*January 25, 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 the Annual Congregational Meeting for coffee/punch and light refreshments.*

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR BILL** on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination this coming Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>!

**COPIES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT** are on the website (click on January 25 Annual Meeting at the top of the home page). For those without internet access, there are copies in the Narthex.

**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.

**THE FOOD BANK THANKS** outgoing volunteer board members Ruth Vazquez and Diana Rau for their service for the last 3 years and welcomes Class of 2018 Mary Kennedy and Lois Ekern (from St. Stephens) to the Board, joining Mary Ann Gines (Class of 2016), Linda Keck, Barb Mitchell, Rob Bennett, Sue Holland and Mary McCarron. We also thank Mary McCarron for the wonderful job she does writing all the thank-you notes for donations to the Food Bank!

**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). Copies are available in the Narthex for those of you who do not have internet access.

**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.

**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.

**THE NEXT PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 27, 2015** will be held at Calvary Church. It will be a full and important Assembly that will include: the installation of our new moderator, Ruling Elder Diane Ritzdorf, and our new vice-moderator, The Rev. Mark Vickstrom; the recognition of the ministry of our current moderator, The Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper; a report from the Interim Stated Clerk Search Committee; a recognition of our relationship with The Colorado Trust; updates on Committee on Preparation for Ministry policy redevelopment; debate and vote on changes to the Book of Order; information about allocations for mission partnerships and covenant communities; the election of synod commissioners; a presentation of and vote on a new Vision Statement for the Presbytery; and recognition of the service of Stated Clerk Anne Bond. The pre-assembly event, "Listening Past Our Differences: Conversations about Marriage," will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will include presentations and dialogue about the proposed changes to the Book of order section on Marriage. At 4:15, we will begin an overview of all the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which will be presented to the Presbytery for consideration and vote.

**REMINDER FROM OUR CUSTODIAN:** Please remember to turn off lights and ensure the doors are locked if you are the last one in the building. Thank you!

**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays January 26 to February 10**

Jan. 26	Kira Braun	Feb. 1	Desiree Rouse
Jan. 28	Kelly Keep	Feb. 5	Cathy Beck
Jan. 31	Betty Casady	Feb. 10	Mary Archuleta

**Here's What's Happening**----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**Paul & Caitlin Grossman** on the death of **Betty Grossman** on January 12<sup>th</sup>----Pat McCune's brother, **John McCune**, having a lengthy hospitalization recovering from surgery in Minneapolis----**Teddie McConnell**, recovering from foot surgery----**Bill Keck**, fighting an infection----**Jean Magee**, in rehab following a fall where she fractured a vertebrae----**Damien**, Andy & Mary Kennedy's 5 month old great-grandson, completely recovered after recent surgery----**Barb Haring**, recovering after a recent hospitalization----**Becki McConnell**, recovering from a 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 **Growing Home**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

**GINGERSNAP:** The answers to life's biggest questions are not found on Google!