

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...And join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after the Meal (Unison)

God is great; God is good. Let us thank him for our food.

By his hands we all are fed. Thank you, Lord, for daily bread. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #504** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Go, My Children, with My Blessing (verse 1)

Text: Jaroslave J. Vajda Tune: Welsh melody (All Through the Night)

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

*Those who are able please stand



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word & Table

September 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude and Chiming of the Hour

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.

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us, let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All: Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty, whose righteousness endures forever.

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God's hands are faithful and just.

All: God's covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

One: Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.

All: Holy and awesome is God's name in all the earth!

One: Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn #488** The God of Abraham Praise

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayer

One: Faithful God,

All: just like our ancestors in the faith, we are impatient. They did not want to wander in the wilderness. We do not want to wait in traffic. Help us to turn our impatience into action. Focus our frustrations on the things

that need to be changed. God, we do not want to wait any longer for an end to war. We do not want to wait any longer for an end to homelessness and hunger. We do not want to wait any longer for everyone to have enough. Kindle our righteous anger, O God, and move us toward acts of justice, so all may experience the saving love of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

***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 146 (read responsively)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

New Testament Reading Hebrews 11:1-16

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

Anthem

“Come to Jesus (and Live)” by Chris Rice

Teddie McConnell

Sermon

Finding Faith

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** At the Table of Jesus (on insert)

***Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Food Bank, Highlands Camp and the ZMP. **Bake sale items are welcome.** To donate items for the auctions or to discuss possible creative "experience" ideas, please contact Jan Myers. Please plan to attend this fun evening of good food, good music and lots of fellowship!!

- **Please join us on Oct. 3 at Wellshire Presby. Church**, 2999 S. Colo. Blvd., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to learn more about Human Trafficking and the Church's call to respond. You will be empowered to spot and report possible trafficking, to offer assistance to people who were trafficked, and to advocate for changes in systems, laws and attitudes. This is not just a crisis in other countries. Approximately 33% of trafficked persons are Americans. Register online and order lunch at <http://denpres.org/events/2015/8/12/human-trafficking-conference>.
- **In celebration of ten years as partnership**, PZPD, the Partnership of Zimbabwe and Denver Presbyteries, (of which the ZMP, which Good Shepherd supports), is offering a variety of ways to worship together, have fun together, and learn more about Zimbabwe. Some of the events have already occurred. Others, which you might be interested in include:
 - Sept. 19, a visit to the Chapungu Park and lunch in Loveland. This park features 82 African stone sculptures. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant. Carpooling will leave from Good Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP to kimjgraber@gmail.com.
 - Sept. 29, a Presbytery-wide book study led by Rev. Russ Kane. The book, "Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter", is the story of a mother reaching out to her daughter, to share the lessons life has taught her. It tells the tales of Zimbabwe's struggle for independence, in which several of Zenzele's relatives participated.
 - Oct. 17, 1-4 p.m., a Zimbabwe film festival at Montview Presbyterian showing 2 very different films.

MISSION, MEATBALLS, AND MEMORIES (the Youth Group thank you spaghetti dinner for the congregation) will be immediately following the service Sunday, September 20th in the Shepherd's Hall. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but you need to **RSVP by noon on September 18th** to Diana Bennett (303-929-3628) or the church office (303-452-5478).



GSPC YOUTH GROUP WILL HAVE OUR FALL KICK OFF POT-LUCK DINNER for youth and parents at 6:30 on Sunday, September 13th. Come join us to hear about our great fall plans and to think about next summer already! Chicken will be provided as a main dish, as will drinks. Last names A-M please bring a side dish or salad to share. Last names N-Z please bring a dessert to share. We can't wait to get another great year started!

THE 2015-2016 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY books for the Sometime Circle members are available now from Marion Hubner for \$8/each. All women of Good Shepherd are invited to come

to the Sometime Circle meetings on the third Thursday of each month (September thru May) at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR SEPTEMBER: Peanut butter, canned tuna, mac & cheese and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During August the Food Bank gave out 172 orders to 130 households serving 462 people, including 196 children. Thank you for your continued support for this important mission.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Living the Questions (LtQ) creates an environment where participants not only interact with one another in exploring the best of today's theological thought, but together strive to explore what's next for Christianity. Each class will feature a 20-minute video with discussion. For those wanting to explore more, a book (*Living the Questions* by David M. Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy) is available for reading before or after class. Reading outside of the class is not a requirement to participate in the discussion. I hope you'll consider joining us on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th from 8:30-9:30 in the pastor's office for this great adult education opportunity!

Flock Notes

Birthdays September 11 to September 15

Sept. 11	Robbie Crandall	Sept. 14	Bob Mitchell
Sept. 13	Teddie McConnell	Sept. 15	Virginia Kugler

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---Families dealing with **grief and loss**---Those moving to new homes or new places, especially **Judy Ezzell** and **Ruben Morgan**---**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues---All those fighting cancer: **Arden Cronn, Carrie Boardman, Daniel Leieritz, Lori Boesl, Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady, Donna Cadwallader**---Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for clients & volunteers of our **Food Bank**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **Trinity Church in the Pines** in Grand Lake, **Mabvuku Presbyterian Church in Presbytery of Zimbabwe**, and **Glacier Presbytery and Plains and Peaks Presbytery**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.