

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn “The Days Are Coming,” Said the Lord (on insert)

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response refrain of 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 light refreshments
and a time of fellowship.*

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word

November 29, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent

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; bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

All: **Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jim and Mary McCarron

***Advent Response – #2090 Advent Song, verse 1**

***Opening Hymn #2** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayers

One: We confess, O God,

All: **that we do not take seriously your coming into our lives. We do not believe that salvation is near; we do not act uprightly, loving you, our neighbors, or ourselves; nor do we bend our swords and spears. Forgive us, we pray, that we might once again walk in your light, choosing for the world of our Christ. Amen.**

***Sung Response #2152** Change My Heart, O God

***Assurance of Grace**

***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 (sung) – Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen to the word that God has spoken,
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.

Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

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 are invited to come sit at the table at the front of the sanctuary.)

Anthem "Lord, We Come to Thank You!

Sermon When Waiting is Hard

Pastor Bill

Choir

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #7** Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

***Affirmation of Faith** – *adopted from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (...in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**)

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

***Sung Response – Spirit, Open My Heart** (refrain)



Refrain
♩. = 55
B \flat /C F B \flat /F F B \flat C
Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re -
B \flat F/A Gm7 B \flat /C F B \flat /F F
ceiv - ing and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

CALENDAR

TODAY	1st Sunday of Advent Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental NO Youth Group	8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Church Women United (FH) Mission Workgroup Meeting (Pastor's Office)	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental (Classroom) Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA Church)	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent – Children's Program – Potluck Lunch Adult Sunday School Classes (downstairs and in Shepherds' Hall) Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group – White Elephant gift exchange	8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Youth Group Sponsored Parents' Day Out – Sat., Dec. 12 - 9 a.m. – noon - FH
- Christmas Cantata at Boulder LDS Church – Sat., Dec. 12 - 2:30 p.m.
- Christmas Cantata at Good Shepherd – Sun., Dec. 13 - During Worship
Reception following the cantata in Fellowship Hall
- Barb Mitchell on vacation – December 16-18
- Caroling at Sunny Acres with Youth Group – Dec. 20 – after worship
- Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.
- Office & Food Bank closed December 25 & 26

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.

Visit us on on-line to learn more about upcoming worship and fellowship events at thegoodshepherd.org.

THE WEEKLY NEWS
November 29, 2015



WELCOME friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. We invite everyone to join us downstairs following worship for coffee/punch and light refreshments.

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK will be available on your e-mail and on the website (thegoodshepherd.org) tomorrow. For those without internet access, copies will be available in the Narthex next Sunday.

PASSING PLATES – DECENTLY AND IN ORDER? Our congregation tends to sit near the aisles rather than in the center of the pews. In order to simplify passing the offering plates and communion plates, please return the plate back to the aisle when there are only a few people in the row. If the row is full, the plates should go to the other side. Thank you for trying this method to avoid confusion in the pews.

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN ADOPTING A FAMILY FROM GROWING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS! There is an insert in the bulletin listing the family members & ages and their gift suggestions. If you buy a particular gift listed on the insert, please let the church office know so that we can scratch it off the list. All gifts need to be returned to the church office by December 10th for delivery to Growing Home on December 11th.

IT'S TIME FOR A POTLUCK, AND A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE. Join us on Sunday, December 6 after worship, for a good 'ole Good Shepherd potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. And gather around the photo albums I've assembled of past Good Shepherd Congregational Life activities, as well as memories from our Thornton Presbyterian friends.

--Marsha Morton, Congregational Care Elder

THE BEAUTIFUL “GOD’S CREATION” CALENDARS FOR 2016 are on sale after worship in the Narthex—there are only a few left! 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 the Youth mission trip and Vacation Bible Camp. Thanks for investing in our young people!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR DECEMBER: Holiday food items such as canned yams, instant mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing mix, etc. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During October the Food Bank gave out 190 orders to 142 households serving 489 people, including 191 children. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

Note: Food Bank will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 29 - Jan. 1.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER The world anguishes with violence, destruction and the threat of destruction in countries around the globe and the unspeakable death of innocent people. The Presbytery of Denver joins its voice in prayer with all people who yearn for peace. With the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, we “pray for all the families that have lost loved ones. We stand in solidarity with and support all who work for peace, justice and reconciliation. We call upon the whole world to stand against all acts of violence... It is enough death and destruction! Enough violence.” Our Presbyterian Church (USA) invites us to pray, “God of mercy, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the midst of unfolding violence and the aftermath of terror and loss, we seek the grounding power of your love and compassion. We ask for ... our anger and sorrow to unite in service to the establishment of a reign of peace, where the lion and the lamb may dwell together, and terror will not hold saw over our common life.”



PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT – CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

During Advent we reflect on God’s promise of salvation, fulfilled with the birth of His Son, Jesus. We Presbyterians respond to the needs of many retired church workers and to racial ethnic students through our promise to help them through challenging times in their lives. The annual Christmas Joy offering will be received during the month of December. If you have a box of 2015 pledge envelopes you’ll find a special envelope for this offering. If not, envelopes are available in the pews or you can simply note “Joy offering” on the memo part of your check. Or, you can follow directions for online giving on the bulletin inserts that you’ll receive on Dec. 6 and Dec. 20. Thank you for your prayerful gifts!!

Flock Notes

Birthdays November 29 to December 11

Nov. 29	Margaret Olive	Dec. 6	Gretchen Caudill
Dec. 4	Buzz Speer	Dec. 11	Betty Harvell

Here’s What’s Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Connie van der Vegt and family** as they grieve the loss of Harmen. The memorial service for Harmen was held here at Good Shepherd on Wednesday---The family of **Gracie Michaelis**, Tim Schneider’s aunt, who died this past week following a car accident---**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues---**Chet and Tanner**, uncle and cousin of Dawna Schneider, both recently hospitalized in Oklahoma---All those fighting cancer: **Debbie Brown, Daniel Leieritz, Lori Boesl, Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady**---Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church’s mission projects: This week pray for clients & volunteers of **Growing Home**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **New Hope Presbyterian Church, Eastern Region of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, all churches who are seeking new pastoral leadership**---Let us know what’s happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP What your heart possesses, your life expresses.