

***Closing Hymn 536** Lord, Make Us More Holy

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Chorus from Go Tell It On the Mountain
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***Postlude**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will convene immediately following worship.

*Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following
the Annual Congregational Meeting for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship*

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY READER: Becki McConnell

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word

January 17, 2016 – 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; bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

***Call to Worship**

One: The time is ripe; the harvest is near!

All: Everything old is passing away.

One: The kingdom of God is springing to new life.

All: See, everything is becoming new!

One: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 551** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayers

One: Sower of Seeds,

All: We long to be good seed in good soil; we long to live in your way, but the secrets of your kingdom seem to elude our grasp. We are constantly turning away from you, imagining that our own insights can show us the way. Forgive us. We long to enter your realm. Amen.

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

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination (sung)

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.

Gospel Reading Mark 4:1-34

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
Sermon

In My Father's House (Martin/Courtney)
A Seedy Sermon

Pastor Bill
Choir
Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** What Is the World Like (on insert)

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

**We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**We believe that together we are built up
to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.**

**We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.**

**We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;
to suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness;
to pray together;
and together serve God in this world.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(...By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.)

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

Call for the Offering

Offertory

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

Refrain
♩ = 55

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re -
ceiv - ing and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Annual Congregational Meeting Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group (SH) | Following Worship 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| MONDAY | Daisy Troop (FH) | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | Session Meeting & Examination of New Officers | 6:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | Bible Study (Pastor Bill's office) Choir Rehearsal | 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | Sometime Circle (SH) | 1:00 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 | Ordination/Installation of New Officers Adult Sunday School Classes (downstairs and in Shepherds' Hall) Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice) Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group | During Worship 8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Bill can be reached on the church office phone at 303-452-5478 or on his cell phone at 720-378-2025. His e-mail is bill@thegoodshepherd.org.

THE WEEKLY NEWS
January 17, 2016



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 light refreshments and fellowship.

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK will be the 1st of February. Check the bulletins, website, your e-mails and phone trees for up-to-date information on coming events. Copies of the January Church Calendar are available in the Narthex.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be this morning immediately following worship. We will be receiving the Annual Reports, electing new officers and members of the nominating and audit committees as well as members for the two New Beginnings committees: Outreach and Capital Improvement. **Copies of the Annual Reports are available in the Narthex today. Please, one copy to a family.**

WARMING TREE UPDATE Angela, Tristan & Gretchen Caudill delivered the items donated on the Warming Tree to Growing Home and wrote this note: "Wow, Thank You so much to our wonderful congregation for your kind donation of 61 hats, 58 pairs of socks, 46 pairs of gloves, 9 scarves, 1 pair of slippers and 1 pair of snow pants for the Warming Tree to help keep those warm during the winter season."

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. — Mother Teresa

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2016 is now up in the Narthex. Sign up to honor a loved one or a special occasion with altar flowers on a Sunday in 2016! Arrangements are \$20 each and need to be paid for one week in advance so that they can be ordered for your Sunday. January and February dates are still open.

FROM YOUR MISSION WORK GROUP

- Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Joy Offering in December. We collected \$1,025.00, which will be evenly divided between Racial/Ethnic schools and Assistance to Retired Church Workers.
- On Sunday, Jan. 3 Pastor Bill shared a short poem entitled, "The Work of Christmas". One of the ways this "work" begins is to "feed the hungry; another is to "heal the broken". On Saturday, Jan. 23 G.S.P.C. members will again have the opportunity to host Growing Home at Northglenn United Methodist Church. The sign-up poster is in the narthex. Especially if you have never done this before, please consider helping by bringing food for dinner or hosting/serving dinner that evening. Overnight hosts have already volunteered! Questions? Concerns? Call Mary McCarron at 303-452-7729. Thank you!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR JANUARY: Toilet paper, canned soups, and canned fruit. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During December the Food Bank gave out 144 orders to 110 households, serving 374 clients including 140 children. Thank you for your continuing support of this important mission.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER *“Learnings from Zimbabwe:* Focusing on What is Important” will be the theme of our incoming moderator, Stan Jewell’s sermon to the next Presbytery Assembly on Tuesday, January 26th, at the Habitat for Humanity headquarters in Denver. In addition, Stan and Vice-moderator, Jean Demmler, will be installed, for the coming year. Also, Commissioners will vote on the extension of the contract of the interim stated clerk, nominations for co-moderators of the Presbytery Nominating Committee as well as other committees of the Presbytery. Important reports will be received from Highlands Joint Committee, the Committee on Ministry, the Partnership of Zimbabwe and Denver Presbyteries Committee, Relations and Communications, Racial Ethnic Diversity, Leadership, and Long Term Initiatives Work Groups. All are welcome to attend the meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 5:00 p.m. The pre-assembly event focusing on the dynamic work of Habitat for Humanity and the presbytery’s congregation’s involvement will begin at 3:00 p.m.

“Courage: Acting Fearlessly in Fearful Times” is the powerful event, designed for all congregational leaders in the presbytery by the Leadership Work Group. It will be held on February 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Hope Church in Castle Rock. The event will feature inspiring worship and an abundance of suggestions for small, but significant, steps to become the courageous church we are called to be. Registration (including payment for a light breakfast) will be available through the presbytery website soon at www.denpres.org/events.

JAN MYERS WILL BE HOLDING HER PAINTING & DRAWING WORKSHOPS on January 23 and February 27. They will be held in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (for those desiring a longer workshop, Jan will be available from 9 a.m. to 12 noon both days).

Suggested donation is \$10 per class with all proceeds going to Highlands Presbyterian Camp and the Good Shepherd Food Bank. If you are interested, please contact Jan at 303-428-7394.

Flock Notes

Birthdays January 23 to January 31

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| Jan. 23 | Penny Kountz | Jan. 28 | Kelly Keep |
| Jan. 26 | Lyn Hull | Jan. 31 | Betty Casady |
| | Kira Braun | | |

Here’s What’s Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Betty Jo (Layfield) Renner and Family** on the recent death of her husband, **Bob Renner**. The memorial service was held here at GSPC on Wednesday....**Natasha Funk & Family** on the death of her father **Norm Funk**. Norm and his late wife JoAnn were charter members here at Good Shepherd. The memorial service was held here on Friday---**Lori Santos**, on the recent death of her brother-in-law **Elmer Stock**---**Maxine Chappell**, having health problems---**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues---All those fighting cancer: **Luann Anderson, Debbie Brown, Daniel Leieritz, Lori Boesl, Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady**---**Mina Holliday**, going through serious life changes---Continue to pray for our **military men & women and our first responders**---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 **Iglesia Presbiteriana de Valverde, Chitungwiza Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, and Urban Core Mission Partnership**---Let us know what’s happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP Faith is caught not taught.