

***Closing Carol #40** Joy to the World

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** refrain of 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**

Please join us downstairs following worship for fellowship.

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Northglenn, Colorado
A Service of Carols and Stories
December 27, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday after Christmas

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: In the beginning was the Word,
All: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
One: Now the fullness of time has come:
All: And the Word became flesh to dwell among us.
One: Let us worship God.

***Opening Carol #49** Once in Royal David's City

***Christmas Prayer** (In Unison)

Holy One, you gave us the gift of life, you put us in a stunning world, and you made us free to choose. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, you gave us new life and new hope for knowing you. May the Light shine through our choices, our words, and our acts, so that others will praise you, source of Light and Love. 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

A Brief History of Caroling and Story – O Little Town of Bethlehem
Carol #44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Story – What Child is This
Carol #53 What Child is This

Story – Away in a Manger
Carol #25 Away in a Manger

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 1:1-20

Story – The First Nowell
Carol #56 The First Nowell

Story – In the Bleak Midwinter
Carol #36 In the Bleak Midwinter

Responding to the Word

***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

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)**

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 6/8 time, with a tempo of 55. It is in the key of B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics: "Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of". The second system includes the lyrics: "liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re -". The third system includes the lyrics: "ceiv - ing and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart." The score features various chords and melodic lines for both the voice and piano parts.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

THE WEEKLY NEWS
December 27, 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 light refreshments and fellowship.*

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

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Jerry Wetsel's 90th** birthday.*

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND FOOD BANK will be closed December 28 through January 1. In case of an emergency, please call the church office as messages will be checked every day or you may call Pastor Bill's cell phone at 720-378-2025.

PLEASE PLAN ON STAYING AFTER WORSHIP next Sunday, January 3, to help un-decorate the church. With lots of hands helping, it shouldn't take too long at all. Thank you!

THE STAFF OF GOOD SHEPHERD would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts during the Christmas season.

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be after worship on Sunday, January 17th. We will be receiving the Annual Reports, electing new officers and members of the nominating and audit committees. Copies of the Annual Reports will be available next Sunday for your review before the congregational meeting.

PLEASE NOTICE THE NATIVITY SET up front in the sanctuary. This was graciously given to Good Shepherd by our friends from Thornton Presbyterian Church. Thank you so much!

THANK YOU! A big THANK YOU goes out to:

- All those who brought in gifts for our Growing Home Family which enabled them to have a very special Christmas.
- Marsha Morton & her crew and all those who brought food for the reception following the cantata. It was lovely and was a wonderful show of appreciation for our choir and the choir of Boulder Adventist Church.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK IS IN NEED OF A FEW PEOPLE to work in the food bank on a regular basis. There are several days that will be available in January. This entails working 2 hours one day (10 a.m. – 12 noon) every other week. If you are interested in helping and volunteering, please call Sue Holland - 303-457-8766.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR JANUARY: Toilet paper, canned soups and canned vegetables. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During November the Food Bank gave out 199 orders to 148 households serving 523 people, including 214 children. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

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

FOR ALL OF YOU WHO REMEMBER ACE EDEWARDS when he conducted our choir and handbells: Ace has received his Doctorate in Music with an emphasis in conducting from the Univ. of Arizona! He recently conducted "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in Knoxville, TN. So proud of him! --Marsha Morton

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS! Please plan on staying after worship next Sunday, January 3, as we take down all of the beautiful Christmas decorations we have so enjoyed through Advent. With lots of people helping, it shouldn't take long at all! Thank you.

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 27 to January 4

Dec. 27	Jerry Wetsel	Jan. 3	Robin Kelly
Dec. 28	Tania Wirz	Jan. 4	Rob Bennett
Jan. 1	Diana Bennett		Nate Fauber
Jan. 3	Becky Carlisle		

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**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**---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: **Northwest Denver Missional Community, South West Region of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, and Growing Home Mission Partnership**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP Don't pray for a light load---pray for a strong back.

CALENDAR

NOTE: The Church Office and Food Bank will be closed Dec. 28 through January 1.

TODAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	NO Youth Group	

WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study – resumes January 6
	NO Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion	6:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	
	Fellowship Hall Rental (Classroom)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA Church)	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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NEXT SUNDAY	Lessons and Carols	
	Adult Sunday School Classes (downstairs and in Shepherds' Hall)	8:30 a.m.
	Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice)	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	NO Youth Group	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Office & Food Bank closed December 25 & December 28 – January 1

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

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