

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response Verse 4 from 2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

*Postlude

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship.

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The Lenten Candles by Paul Dyck are produced by special arrangement
with Contemporary Drama Service.

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LAY READER: Norm Rasmussen

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word

February 28, 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.

The Lenten Candles – *Light of the World*

The Good Shepherd Players

***Call to Worship**

One: It is a time for telling Jesus stories.

All: We are welcome in this place, where there is much to be learned.

One: It is time for worship,

All: for letting the sacred stories shape us once again as God's people.

One: Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn 490** With Glad, Exuberant Carolings

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayers

One: Holy one,

All: we have a pattern of being hostile to your teaching. You ask difficult questions, and we long to close our hearts. You present yourself with open hands, ready to receive us, and we send you away the way you came, reluctant to relinquish our autonomy. Forgive us. Reshape us. 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 One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.

Gospel Reading Mark 12:1-12

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

Pastor Bill

(Following Children's Time, children are invited to come to the craft table for the sermon time, returning to their families during the hymn following the sermon.)

**Anthem
Sermon**

“Think on These Things”
A Problematic Parable

Choir
Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Whatever Be the Love (on insert)

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

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God
and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that,
through the working of God's Spirit,
it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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**

The musical score is for a song in 6/8 time with a tempo of 55. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are: "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." The chords indicated above the notes are: Bb/C, F, Bb/F, F, Bb, C, F, Bb, C, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm7, Bb/C, F, Bb/F, F.

CALENDAR

TODAY	3rd Sunday in Lent 1st Confirmation Class Christian Ed Workgroup (Library) Youth Group (SH) Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Fellowship Hall Reserved for clean-up of SS rooms	9:30 a.m. - noon
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Hall Reserved (Highlands Dev. Comm.) Bible Study (Pastor's Office) Choir Rehearsal	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Shepherds' Hall Reserved (Matthews)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA) Fellowship Hall Reserved (Highlands Day Camp Mtg.) Shepherds' Hall Rental (Paliszewski)	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	4th Sunday in Lent – Bells Play in Worship Adult Sunday School Classes (downstairs and in Shepherds' Hall) Confirmation Class Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice) Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group (SH)	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mission Workgroup (Pastor's Office) – Tues., Mar. 8 – 1:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday – Mar. 10 – Youth Group Soup Fundraiser – after worship**
- Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion – Mar. 24 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Easter Sunday – March 27 – Worship at 10 a.m.**

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
February 28, 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.

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Ina Hansen's 107th birthday.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK is available on your e-mail and on the church website. Copies are available in the Narthex for those who do not have internet access.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6, THE BEAUTIFUL BELLS WILL BE PLAYED! Do invite friends who would enjoy this special music!

AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, it was decided that input from the congregation regarding the use, size and design of our physical assets was extremely important. With that in mind, please share your thoughts and ideas by contacting Dick Kelly, chairman of the committee, at richardc.kelly@comcast.net or by calling 303-460-7621.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT February 23rd was our second meeting. The members are Mary Ann Hood, Barb Mitchell, Bill and Linda Keck, and Jan Myers. Although the recommendation is to begin with just two programs we still have four on our list:

- Vantage Point and Crossroads Schools. How can we be a good neighbor?
- Reading Program for young children. To be held at Good Shepherd without the parents present. Linda will meet with the Christian Ed Committee on Sunday 02/28 and check liability.
- Victims Services. Linda Keck will gather information from Adams County.
- An art workshop for teens at Vantage Point and Crossroads. This would be held in our Fellowship Hall with Jan Myers.

We will keep the congregation informed (Minutes on the website and bulletin board) and welcome any and all input you may have. Please Email Jan Myers, secretary, jan.myers@earthlink.net.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE WORKGROUP The per capita assessment for Good Shepherd, which is paid to the Presbytery of Denver, is \$4,205 for 2016. The church is assessed \$29 for each member. It is greatly appreciated when our members can help by paying this assessment. Per capita is one of the expenses in our annual budget...Expenses for 2016 so far are well under the income received. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd.

THERE'S A NEW SIGN-UP LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME (COFFEE AND SNACKS) AFTER CHURCH. We all love our Fellowship time after church, so PLEASE sign up for your Sunday! The sign-up list is on the wall by the coffee service area. Thanks--Tim Schneider, Congregational Life Elder, and Marsha Morton, past Congregational Life Elder.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR MARCH: canned soups, canned fruit, and mac & cheese. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During January the Food Bank gave out 200 orders to 150 households, serving 547 clients including 237 children. Thank you for your continuing support of this important mission.

FROM PRESBYTERY OF DENVER The Presbytery of Denver Presents “Roots and Wings: A Multicultural Celebration of our Origins and Faith” -- Join together on April 16th at First Presbyterian Church of Aurora with members of the Presbytery who possess all kinds of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, speak varieties of languages, worship in different styles, and may hold all kinds of beliefs and positions but are all Presbyterian! How do we do that? How do we stay in relationship and also hold mutual respect among ourselves and in our churches? Come, learn, worship and celebrate together. It will be a joyous time of understanding and affirmation. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Raafat Girgis, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. A festive part of the celebration will be potluck lunch to taste diverse foods from different continents. The celebration begins at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 1:30 p.m. To register go to www.denpres/events.

FROM FRED FINKE AND MARSHA MORTON As many of you may know, Fred and Marsha have been working hard on a play--Fred as Director, and Marsha as Assistant Director/Stage Manager. It is called "Sherlock Homes: Assassins at Sea", and will be performed at the Theater Company of Lafayette every Friday and Saturday evening in March at 7:30 pm, as well as two Sunday matinees. It combines mystery and humor and they would love to fill the seats with their GSPC friends. To see the schedule and to order tickets, go to www.tclstage.org. Please note that tickets are only \$10 for opening night of Friday, March 4. The Mary Miller Theater in Lafayette is a small theater, so some performances could sell out. Order your tickets early from the link on the website, and they'll be waiting for you at Will Call.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH

Mar. 6 Jim & Mary McCarron Mar. 20 Luitgard Ramsey & Harley Brown
Mar. 13 Gwen Thompson & Louise Schwartz Mar. 27 Tim & Dawna Schneider

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 56635 Iowa St, in Strasburg invites everyone to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Enjoy delicious corned beef and cabbage, homemade soda bread, baked potato bar and dessert for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All proceeds benefit the Zimbabwe Mission Project. For Reservations & Tickets call the church at 303-622-4325.



Flock Notes

Birthdays February 28 to March 8

Feb. 28	Art Myers	Mar. 7	Jared Braun
Mar. 2	Marion Hubner	Mar. 8	Katie Davis
Mar. 6	Patrick Kelly		Barbara Wilkison

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---Congratulations to **Jerry Wetsel** on the birth of her Great Granddaughter, **Melissa**, daughter of Jessica and Bruce Hajdu---**Diana Rau**, as she continues recovery from a broken arm---**Eddie Steward**, cousin of Jim & Paul Steward, in rehab now as he recovers from a stroke---**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**---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 **our Food Bank**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for **First Presbyterian Church, Leadville; St. Stephens Seke Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe; and the Organization of Presbytery's Presbyterian Women**---Let us know what's happening...drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP Be thankful for your struggles, for they help you find your strength.