

***Closing Hymn 5** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** refrain of O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

***Postlude**

Please join us downstairs following worship for light refreshments and fellowship.

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PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY READER: Steele Brizzolara-Dove



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word

November 27, 2016 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

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.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

***Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Brizzolara-Dove Family

One: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

One: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

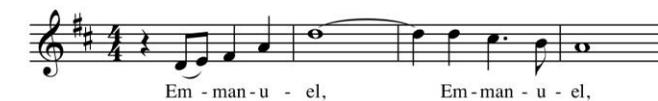
All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

One: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Of the Father's Love

Congregational part:



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***Opening Hymn 9** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***Call to Prayer**

***Prayer of the Day**

One: Gracious Lord,

All: we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth as our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing that you will keep your promise to us. May we radiate that hope in everything we say and do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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.*

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 550)
Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 806)

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

Choir

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 434** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, who bends and kneels toward our world, drenching it with love, making it new with every breath.

We believe in Jesus, God become human, who brought every person a spark of the divine.

We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace.

We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and each other, ready for God's reign, awake and alert, as we work to bring it near.

We believe we are called, as Christmas comes close, to lift up our hearts in hope and in love, seeking God's advent in each moment and person, each challenge and heartache, each blessing and joy.

This we promise to do. Keep us faithful, Lord Jesus, and come soon. Amen.

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 592** 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**

CALENDAR

TODAY	1st Sunday of Advent Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental No Evening Youth Group	8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Jan Myers' Painting Workshop (FH) Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA)	9:00 a.m. - noon 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent – Installation Service for Rev. Bill Davis Reception to follow service Choir Rehearsal Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice) Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group	8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Youth Caroling at Sunny Acres – everyone welcome! – Dec. 11 - After Worship
Sometime Circle Christmas Lunch – Thurs., Dec. 15 – 12:30 p.m.
(Meet in Church Parking Lot and Carpool to Mimi's Restaurant)
Christmas Joy Offering Received – Sun., Dec. 18
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship – Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m.

Visit us on on-line at thegoodshepherd.org for more information on upcoming events.

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

November 27, 2016



WELCOME friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. Please 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.

AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION ON OCTOBER 16TH, Good Shepherd voted unanimously to call Rev. Bill Davis as its next installed pastor. This came as a recommendation of the Discernment Team. At the last Presbytery meeting, Presbytery approved his call to be our installed pastor. **December 4th will be the Installation Service** as we celebrate the important change in relationship from temporary to installed pastor between Bill and the congregation.

THE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the Narthex. These booklets were written by members and friends of Good Shepherd, and coordinated and organized by Joan Moore. Thanks to all who participated in the writing of this devotional booklet.

THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK The current issue is now available on the website, on your email, and in the Narthex for those without internet access. The publication dates will now be November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15. The website is updated weekly with all upcoming events and information. Pastor Bill's "Good Stuff at Good Shepherd" weekly e-mail also includes all current event information. And for those without e-mail or internet access, the Weekly News in the bulletin will keep you informed.



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 on December 18 (you may contribute any time during the month of December.) If you have a box of 2016 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. 11 and Dec. 18. Thank you for your prayerful gifts!!

WANTED: Volunteers to do Fellowship Time after Church downstairs: Coffee, Juice, and snacks. You will need to come a little early, make coffee & juice and bring some snack-type items and set up as well as clean up afterwards. Please sign up on the sheet downstairs in Fellowship Hall or talk to Tim Schneider. Thanks!

THANK YOU!! Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to deliver 36 turkeys to Vantage Point High School across the street for their Thanksgiving baskets for families of students in need!



CELEBRATE! We are planning a party on January 15, 2017 and want you to come. Good Shepherd will celebrate its 50th anniversary on that day with a dinner at Shepherds Hall following the church service. There will be transportation provided from the church as needed. The reservation deadline is December 11, 2016. The cost for the dinner will be approximately \$10 per person. The menu will be Italian--lasagna, salad and dessert. Barb Myers has been collecting pictures for the celebration and will have a video presentation for us. Scrapbooks will also be in the narthex to provide other memories.

Jerry Wetsel's 50th anniversary history will be available for those who haven't picked up their copy. Other attractions for the event: entertainment, souvenir of our 50th anniversary, it's still being planned! We hope you will join us as we celebrate our 50 years as a church family in Northglenn.

GROWING HOME We will again be sponsoring a Growing Home Family for Christmas! See the green insert in this bulletin for a list of suggested gifts. Gifts will be due into the Church Office by Sunday, December 11th.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: holiday food items such as canned yams, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, etc. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During October the Food Bank gave out 199 orders to 149 households, serving 526 clients, including 210 children.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2017 is now up in the Narthex. Sign up for your Sunday to commemorate a special day, a special person, etc. Arrangements are \$20.00 each.

GOOD SHEPHERD RECENTLY RECEIVED A THANK YOU FROM RUTH FARRELL, PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM COORDINATOR, for our contribution of \$516.21 so far this year. This is 50% of the monthly CENTS-ABILITY (2CENTS-A-MEAL) offering. The remaining 50% goes to our food bank. The coins collected by the children the first Sunday each

month, representing 2 Cents for each meal we in the congregation have eaten, really add up! Wow! Ruth says, "Through the prophet Isaiah, God called the people to seek justice and defend the oppressed. Your gifts to the Hunger Program are accomplishing this work in the U.S. and around the world. Gardens are growing sustainably, land is being reclaimed, those long denied fair wages are being lifted up, and many who lived in poverty are finding renewed livelihoods. The compassion of Christ through the Church is at work." Thank you all!

Flock Notes

Birthdays November 28 to December 6

Nov. 28	Claire Keep	Dec. 5	Dan Duncan
Dec. 4	Buzz Speer	Dec. 6	Gretchen Caudill

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Julie Klahn**, recovering from hip replacement surgery Friday---**Diana Rau**, doing well after hip replacement surgery---**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues---All those fighting cancer: **Becky Carlisle, Sue Coleman, Clifford Edler, Conerd F., Tom McConnell, William Sheppard, Christopher Utterback**---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 and volunteers of **our Food Bank**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for **Central Presbyterian Church; Robert Sinyoka Preaching Station Schools of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and the Committee on Ministry**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: Thanks and giving go together.