

**\*Closing Hymn 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 light refreshments and fellowship.*

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***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church***

*Northglenn, Colorado*

*A Service of Word*

*January 1, 2017 10:00 a.m.*

**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**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning was the Word.

**All: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

One: He was in the beginning with God.

**All: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing.**

One: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not, has not, will not overcome it.**

**\*Opening Hymn 28** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

*(silent confession)*

**\*Assurance of Grace**

One: Amen. Friends, this is the good news. Jesus is Emmanuel, God With Us.  
Whoever believes this gospel will not perish, but have life everlasting.

**All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come!**

**\*Sung Response** Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: Let us share with one another the peace of Christ.  
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.*

**New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 2:14-18

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**

*(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**

Love Came Down

Erica MacCreaigh

*Responding to the Word*

**\*Hymn 36** In the Bleak Midwinter

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from Confession of 1967

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.**

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all human beings stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all humankind.**

**The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

**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**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Happy New Year!</b> Shepherds' Hall Rental Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental	8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)	3:30 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Annual Reports due into Church Office Fellowship Hall Reserved (Highlands Program Sub-Comm.)	10:00 a.m. - noon
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fellowship Hall Rental Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Jan Myers' Workshop (FH) Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA)	9:00 a.m. - noon 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice) Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental Youth Group (SH)	8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Annual Reports Distributed to Congregation – Sunday, Jan. 15
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GSPC – Luncheon – Sunday, January 15
- Following Worship – Please RSVP
- Session Meeting (FH) – Tues., January 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sun., Jan. 22 – Following Worship

Visit us on on-line at [thegoodshepherd.org](http://thegoodshepherd.org) for more information on upcoming events.

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***THE WEEKLY NEWS***  
*January 1, 2017*



**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.

We welcome **Erica MacCreaigh** to the pulpit this morning. Erica is a recent graduate of Iliff School of Theology, a candidate under care of Denver Presbytery, and a ruling elder at Central Presbyterian Church; who is currently seeking a full time call as a minister in the PC(USA). Before entering seminary, she worked for 21 years in public and correctional libraries and published two books on jail libraries and bookmobile and outreach services. She and her husband Mitch have been married six years and organize their lives around the comfort and convenience of their cats, Hezekiah and Maximillian.

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the Narthex.

**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.



**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 at 11:30 a.m. There will be transportation provided from the church as needed. **You may still make a reservation by filling out the form found in this bulletin and placing it in the offering plate or by calling the church office at 303-452-5478.** The cost for the dinner will be \$12 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** Thanks to all who brought gifts for the Growing Home family we adopted. They had a wonderful Christmas indeed!!

**A NOTE OF THANKS FROM VANTAGE POINT HIGH SCHOOL** *A great blessing you've been!! The Vantage Point High School community would like to give you a great big thank you for helping bring an amazing Thanksgiving meal to more than 35 families. You were a beautiful blessing by helping us all with providing turkeys to our families. We wish that our communities can come together again in future endeavors. From our Vantage Point family to yours, we want to wish you the best this holiday season and this coming year. Sincerely, Leadership Team*

**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!

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE WORKGROUP** is trying to compile a list of people who would be willing to supply a meal for those who have an illness, injury, death in the family, etc. If you could help out in this way, please give Diana Bennett a call at 303-929-3628.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR JANUARY:** Canned fruits, macaroni & cheese, toilet paper and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During November the Food Bank gave out 198 orders to 147 households, serving 530 clients, including 227 children. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

**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.

**IN 2017 THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER IS "OPENING THE DOORS."** It is our theme for the new year. In real ways we *are* opening doors. We are opening the doors to deeper conversations about race as we discuss together *Waking Up White* on January 17th and February 11th. We are opening the doors for new leadership and courageous decisions at the next Presbytery Assembly on January 24, 2017. We are opening the doors for times of gratitude as we give thanks for the ministries of Joann Goss and Cathy Ulrich on January 31, 2017. We are opening the doors for prayer through the new Presbytery Prayer Guide. We are opening the doors for our new Presbyterian Church Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson, to visit us next September. We are opening doors for those preparing for ministry through the Company of New Pastors, for educators through Association of Presbyterian Church Educators event scholarships, and for ministers seeking sabbatical support. We are opening the doors to change lives around the earth through mission

partnerships, task forces and covenant communities. We are opening the doors for all churches to find "New Beginnings" as we offer a new opportunity for *your* congregation to discern a new future. You can find out more about all of these at [www.denpres.org](http://www.denpres.org). Then come together in "Opening the Doors" as the Presbytery of Denver!

**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays January 1 to January 8**

Jan. 1	Diana Bennett	Jan. 4	Rob Bennett
Jan. 3	Becky Carlisle		Nate Fauber
	Robin Kelly	Jan. 8	Taya Mendez
	Guy Shay		

**Here's What's Happening**----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Myrna Criswell**, in home hospice care now----**Jim Steward**, recovering from surgery----**Becki McConnell**, recovering from surgery----**Nancy Livingston**, Andy Kennedy's sister and a former member of Thornton Presbyterian, in Alamere Rehab Center to get her strength back so she can be more mobile---**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**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

**GINGERSNAP:** Kindness is the oil that reduces the friction of life.

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**Yes, I (we) will be coming to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on January 15, 2017.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

# of Meat Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ # of Veggie Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

**The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person.**

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*Please tear off and place in the offering plate.*