

***Closing Hymn 20** Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night

***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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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

LAY READERS: Tim and Dawna Schneider



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word

December 11, 2016 10:00 a.m.

3rd 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.

Moment for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

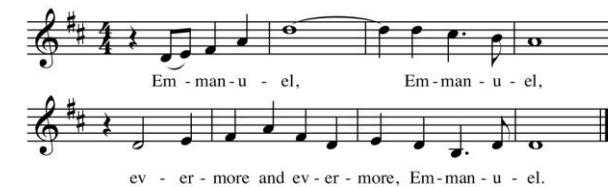
Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

***Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Tim and Dawna Schneider

Of the Father's Love
Congregational part:



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

All: **And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

One: We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

All: **And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

One: We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

All: **And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

One: We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

All: **And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

***Opening Hymn 13** Prepare the Way

***Call to Prayer**

***Prayer of the Day**

One: Gracious Lord,

All: we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Prince of Peace. As we continue our Advent journey, grant us the peace that comes from trusting in your grace, and relying on your promises. Help us spread this peace through all the things we say and all the things we 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.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 578)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11 (p. 792)

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

"Gesu Bambino"

Barb Myers

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 386** O for a World

***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

NOTE: Barb Mitchell on vacation Dec. 15 - 19

TODAY	3rd Sunday of Advent Church Anniversary Committee meeting (sanctuary) 11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee (Library) 11:15 a.m. Shepherds' Hall Rental 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. NO Youth Group
MONDAY	Pub Theology (Old Chicago – 102 nd & Grant) 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Session Meeting (FH) 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	NO Bible Study – resumes in January
THURSDAY	Children's Worship Planning (Pastor's Office) 10:30 a.m. Sometime Circle Christmas Lunch at Mimi's 12:30 p.m. (Carpool from Church at 12:00 p.m.)
FRIDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Shepherds' Hall Rental 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental (Brooks) 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA) 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Christmas Joy Offering Received – Youth Group Caroling at Sunny Acres Special Christmas Music from the Choir and Bell Choir Choir Rehearsal 8:00 a.m. Shepherds' Hall Rental (Tice) 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Rental 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship – Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m.
Office & Food Bank Closed – Dec. 26 – 30 and Jan. 2

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

December 11, 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.

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Angela Caudill's** birthday.*

*The rose on the pulpit is in celebration of the birth of **Quinn Ivy Pearce** to **Lori & Chris Pearce** in Misawa, Japan on December 7, 2016. **Quinn** weighed 10 lb. 1.5 oz. Proud grandparents are **Dee & Bob Warner**.*

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

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!!

HAT, MITTEN AND SOCK TREE In the Narthex is a Hat, Mitten and Sock Tree to benefit Growing Home. Please bring in your items to help Growing Home families.

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!



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. **The reservation deadline is December 18, 2016. Please fill out the reservation form found in the bulletin and put in the offering plate or bring to the church office.** 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 have brought gifts for the Growing Home family we adopted. They will have a wonderful Christmas indeed!!

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 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 service to our community.

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!

NOTE OF THANKS *Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls after my hospital visit. They helped me heal. –Diana Rau*

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 13 – December 22

Dec. 13	Julie Klahn	Dec. 14	Alexis Watson
Dec. 14	Angela Caudill	Dec. 20	Angelle Myers
	Myrna Criswell	Dec. 22	Anna Bond

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---The Friends and Family of **Ina Hansen**, 107 years old, who died Monday morning. A memorial service will be held at Sunny Acres on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 3:00 p.m. More information will be available next week---**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---**Judy Hart**, having multiple issues---**Julie Klahn**, recovering from 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 **Growing Home**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for **Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church; Officers of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and newly elected officers of the Presbytery of Denver**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: All people smile in the same language.

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

Name _____ # of people _____

of Meat Lasagna _____ # of Veggie Lasagna _____

Please RSVP by December 18th. The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person.

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Please tear off and place in the offering plate.