

***Opening Hymn 22** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***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 Everlasting Father. As we continue our Advent journey, remind us of your eternal and steadfast love, and help us radiate this love to others by our actions, and with our words. 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 Reading

Luke 1:46-56 (pp. 831-832)

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.**

Video Reflection

“I Will Sing”

Musical Reflection

Angels We Have Heard on High, *Arnold B. Sherman*, choir and bells
Mary, Did You Know?, *Martin & Angerman* – Dawn Diehl, soloist

Responding to the Word

***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.

Offering and Christmas Joy Offering

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Coventry Carol, *arr. Mark Hayes*, Bill Davis, cello, & Ivy Lee, piano

Anthem

The Colors of Winter, *Joseph Martin*

Choir

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.

***Closing Hymn 24** Away in a Manger

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Ivy Lee, Piano

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

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CALENDAR

TODAY	4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Joy Offering Received	
	Youth Group goes Caroling at Sunny Acres	Following Worship
	Shepherds' Hall Rental	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
	Shepherds' Hall Rental (Lopez)	2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
	NO Evening Youth Group	
MONDAY	Office Closed	
TUESDAY	Retired Nurses (FH)	8:00 a.m. - noon
WEDNESDAY	NO Bible Study – resumes in January	
FRIDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	Shepherds' Hall Rental	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service	6:00 p.m.
	Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA)	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	Christmas Day Worship	10:00 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:

- Office & Food Bank Closed – Dec. 26 – 30 and Jan. 2
- Annual Reports due into Church Office – Thurs., Jan. 5
- Annual Reports Distributed to Congregation – Sunday, Jan. 15
- 50th Anniversary of GSPC – Luncheon – Sunday, January 15
- Following Worship – Please RSVP
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sun., Jan. 22 – Following Worship

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

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THE WEEKLY NEWS
December 18, 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 **Anna Bond's** birthday.*

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.



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 this morning (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 insert this morning. Thank you for your prayerful gifts!!



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 20, 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.

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!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR 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.

Flock Notes

Birthdays December 20 to December 25

Dec. 20	Angelle Myers	Dec. 23	Dorothy Bennett
Dec. 22	Anna Bond	Dec. 25	Pee Wee Holland

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---The Friends and Family of **Ina Hansen**, 107 years old, who died December 5, 2016. A memorial service will be held at Sunny Acres on Wednesday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m.----**Pee Wee Holland**, recovering from foot surgery----**Becki McConnell**, as she will be having surgery on Tuesday morning----**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**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for **United Church of Montbello; Schools of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; Christian education ministries in congregations**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: The best gift ever was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

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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 20th. The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person.

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Please tear off and place in the offering plate.