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***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church***  
*Northglenn, Colorado*  
*December 25, 2016 10:00 a.m.*  
***Christmas Day***

**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 and Candle Lighting**

Paul and Patty Steward

One: Friends, hope is:

**All: "Being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."**

One: Peace is:

**All: The wolf lying down with the lamb. A gift we can give each other.**

One: Joy is:

**All: The space between our breath and our laughter – contagious.**

One: Love is:

**All: Unquenchable, never-changing, born in a manger, here today.**

One: Christmas is:

**All: A love song to the world. The light that shines in the darkness. Let us make a joyful noise!**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**\*Call to Prayer**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

One: God of Hope,

**All: You came into a world that is far from peace and bad at love, and still you are here. So as we gather together on this Christmas morning, we pray that you will put strength in our bones and your spirit of joy in our hearts, so that we might fight for peace, love with zeal, and live in gratitude. We are so grateful. In your Holy and loving name we pray. 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.*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20 (pp. 832-833)

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.**

**Reflection** – Joseph's Story

**Hymn 37** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Reflection** – Mary's Story

**Hymn 47** Still, Still, Still

**Reflection** – A Shepherd's Story

*Responding to the Word*

**\*Hymn 56** The First Nowell

**\*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.**

**\*Closing Hymn 29** Go, Tell It On the Mountain

**\*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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CALENDAR

NOTE: Office & Food Bank Closed: December 26-30 and January 2. If you are in need of pastoral care, please leave a message on the church phone--- messages will be checked daily.

TODAY Merry Christmas!
Shepherds' Hall Rental 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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 Shepherds' Hall Rental (SDA) 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY Happy New Year! – Worship at 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:

- 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.

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 25, 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.

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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.



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. 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!!

**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.

**THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER CELEBRATES!** The fifty four congregations, new worshipping communities and fellowships of the Presbytery of Denver celebrate the Birth of Christ with you. May we now be strengthened to serve together with renewed joy, deeper love and unending hope!

**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 Class*

**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 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.

**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays December 25 to January 1**

Dec. 25	Pee Wee Holland	Dec. 30	Powell Warner
Dec. 27	Jerry Wetsel	Dec. 31	Tanya Myers
Dec. 28	Tania Wirz	Jan. 1	Diana Bennett
Dec. 30	Mary Driver		

**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---**Pee Wee Holland**, recovering from foot 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:** A stable baby for an unstable world.

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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.*