

***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 4** Creator of the Stars of Night, vs. 4

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn 12** People, Look East

***Charge and Benediction**

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

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

***Postlude**

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

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 10, 2017 10:00 a.m.

2nd 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 Candle and Morning Prayer**

***Call to Worship**

One: Are you ready? God is coming. Justice shall take on flesh.

All: Let us prepare the way!

One: The One who is drawing near will show us the way,
so that racism

All: shall be no more

One: sexism

All: shall be no more

One: poverty and corruption

All: shall be no more

One: war

All: shall be no more

One: disease, destruction, and oppression

All: shall be no more

One: fear

All: shall be no more

One: The day of Christ's arrival is coming.

All: Let us prepare the way!

***Hymn 3** Comfort, Comfort You My People

***Call to Prayer**

***Opening Prayer**

Love enfleshed, we long for your arrival. Help us to hear the words of those who are showing us or telling us how we can best prepare our hearts to receive you. Your messengers are so often overlooked, under-appreciated, or dismissed. May we not make the same mistakes by closing our ears to those who call us to repentance. Give us the strength and courage to confess what we need to confess and hear what we need to hear. In the name of One who is to come, Amen.

***Sung Response 2157 Come and Fill Our Hearts**

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
 Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!
 Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

***Passing of the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share with one another signs of peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

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.**

Anthem

“A Prayer for Advent” (Douglas Nolan)
Bill Davis, Cello

Choir

Time with the Children

Bill Davis

Sung Response I Love to Tell the Story (refrain)

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto-ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry, to
 tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus and his love.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No Wind at the Window (on insert)

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18

God expressed love for all humankind
through Israel, whom God chose
to be a covenant people
to serve him in love and faithfulness.
When Israel was unfaithful,
God disciplined the nation with judgment
through prophets, priests, teachers,
and true believers.
These witnesses called all Israelites
to a destiny
in which they would serve God faithfully
and become a light to the nations.
The same witnesses proclaimed
the coming of a new age,
and a true servant of God
in whom God’s purpose would be realized.

CALENDAR

TODAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Youth Group White Elephant Gift Exchange	5:30 p.m.
MONDAY	NO Pub Theology this month – see you on January 8 th Girl Scouts (SH)	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Session Meeting (Pastor’s Office)	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	NO Bible Study NO Choir Rehearsal – moved to Thursday, December 14	
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds’ Hall (Archuleta)	8:00 a.m. - noon
NEXT SUNDAY	3rd Sunday of Advent - Christmas Music Program – Christmas Joy Offering Adult Sunday School Class Join our Youth caroling at Sunny Acres following worship Bring in cookies for Winter Teacher Appreciation at Vantage Point Campus	8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sometime Circle Christmas Lunch at the Ranch – Thurs., Dec. 21
 Christmas Eve morning worship - Lessons and Carols - Dec. 24 - 10:00 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
 Office and Food Bank Closed – Dec. 25 - 29

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

Pastor 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.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

101 No Wind at the Window

1 No wind at the win-dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 "This child must be born that the king-dom might come:
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and you are re - quest - ed to moth - er God's Son."
 both vic - tor and vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say, Yes."

This 20th-century retelling of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38) effectively incorporates characteristic features of the folksong style its Irish tune requires, especially in the lists of “no” and “both.” The tune is named for a many-talented Irish saint of the 6th century.

THE WEEKLY NEWS

December 10, 2017



Second Sunday
OF ADVENT

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 refreshments and fellowship.

A nursery is provided for children ages birth to 5 years.

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR WINTER TEACHER APPRECIATION! The Outreach/Mission Workgroup will be again honoring the teachers across the street at the Vantage Point Campus with cookies the week before Christmas Break. Help us show them how much we appreciate their dedication and hard work. Please bring in cookies to worship on Sunday, December 17th (NOTE change of date) or to the office on Thursday, December 21 as we will be taking the cookies to the teachers the morning of December 22nd.

PLEASE JOIN GSPC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to collect children's gloves, mittens, hats, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini bars of soap, mini shampoo and lotion bottles, chap stick, small packages of Kleenex, gallon size ziploc bags for our **Blessing Tree located in the Narthex.** We will be collecting these items from November thru January to assemble Blessing Bags (gallon size ziploc bags) for adults & children who need our help from our GSPC Food Bank. Please help us fill up our **Blessing Tree** to help those keep warm and feel better during the winter months. Please place your donated items on the tree or in the bins below!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER 17 – CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM!

Invite your friends and neighbors to come Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. as our choir and other special guest musicians present a beautiful Christmas music program during worship!



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 17 (you may contribute any time during the month of December). If you have a box of 2017 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. You may text JOY to 20222 to give \$10 or give online at presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy. Thank you for your prayerful gifts!!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR DECEMBER: Canned chili, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During November the Food Bank gave out 158 orders to 116 households, serving 411 clients, including 172 children.

ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP: NEW MEDICAL CLINIC Fundraising for the critically important new clinic at the HCOC in Zimbabwe is progressing very well. Two large Grants have been received from Wellshire Presbyterian and New Hope Presbyterian. YOU have an opportunity to be among the folks who bring this "over the top"! The goal is \$75,000; fundraising has brought in approximately \$64,000 to date. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd with a note on the "memo" line indicating that is for HCOC Clinic. What a wonderful gift this will be to the children, staff and community that the ZMP focuses on. Thank you!

ADVENT IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER "Every valley shall be lifted up ... the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain." These words from Isaiah reveal that God's work in the world is about change and growth. Mission partnerships, task forces and the covenant community of the Presbytery participate in that growth. Malawi Mission Partnership offers ways for pastors to increase leadership skills. Colorado Presbyterian Pilgrimage Mission Partnership supports growth in discipleship in members and leaders of Presbytery congregations. Guatemala Mission Partnership brings clean drinking water to remote villages. Empowering Incarcerated Women Mission Partnership supports teaching women in Denver prison, skills for lives after their release. Highlands Day Camp Mission Partnership brings the experience of camp and learning about Christ to children across the Front Range. The WilderSoul Task Force offers opportunities in wilderness areas for growth as Christ's people and the church's leaders. Metro Saints Covenant Community allows for the growth of multi-cultural ministry in their congregations. Your mission giving shares in this amazing and creative work of God in our lives and world.

Flock Notes

Birthdays: December 13 to December 20

Dec. 13	Julie Klahn	Dec. 14	Alexis Watson
Dec. 14	Angela Caudill	Dec. 20	Angelle Myers

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Marsha Morton**, recovering from recent surgery---**Andy Kennedy**, continuing his recovery from a broken leg---**Amy Mitterer**, Jan Myers' extended family, in palliative care in a nursing home---All those fighting cancer: **Becky Carlisle, Sue Coleman, Colleen Eastman, Conerd F., Linda Kopp, Tom McConnell, Marsha Morton, Norman McCormick, Rhonda O'Brien, 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 the **clients and volunteers of our Food Bank**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church; Officers of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and the Presbytery Nominating Committee**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: Caution! God at work, people in progress.