



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Northglenn, Colorado
A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2017 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Flock Notes

Birthdays: December 25 to December 31

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

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**Dorothy Blount**, David's mother, in hospice care now----**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., Debby Ghittini, 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: **Pree n Press New Worshiping Community, The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, the denomination of which the Presbytery of Zimbabwe is a part, and the Pastoral Care Team and the Commissioned Ruling Elder Team of the Committee on Ministry**---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.

CALENDAR

TODAY	4th Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve – Service of Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
	Office and Food Bank Closed – Dec. 25 – Jan. 1	
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship No Youth Group	10:00 a.m.

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.

**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
Lighting of the Advent Candle and Morning Prayer**

***Call to Worship**

One: Hope is:
All: Trusting that there is light, even in the dark.
 One: Peace is:
All: The wolf lying down with the lamb.
 One: Joy is:
All: Contagious sounds of Alleluia.
 One: Love is:
All: Unquenchable, never-ending, 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! Let us worship God.**

***Carol 22** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***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

First Lesson - Light
Reading John 1:6-8, 19-23
Response A Kinesthetic Prayer of Confession

Second Lesson – Angel
Reading Luke 1:26-38
Carol 53 What Child Is This

Third Lesson – Travel
Reading Luke 2:1-7
Time with the Children

Fourth Lesson – Shepherds
Reading Luke 2:8-16
Response Video – “Winter Snow”

Fifth Lesson – Magi
Reading Matthew 2:1-12
Carol 66 We Three Kings
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**

Sixth Lesson – Word
Reading John 1:1-14
Response Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Carol 40** Joy to the World!

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Chorus 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**

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

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

CENTUS COUNSELOR: Georgia Angelo

LAY READERS/ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Noel and Joyce Matthews

THE WEEKLY NEWS

December 24, 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 refreshments and fellowship.

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

The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Dorothy Bennett’s 15th birthday.**

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

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!



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 was received on December 17 but 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 JANUARY: 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. Thank you for your continued support of this mission serving our community.

NOTES OF THANKS We would like to thank Katy and John Shaeffer for the wonderful wooden rocking horse that they donated to the nursery. We have named him Bob and look forward to lots of fun horse riding.
Love, The children in the nursery.

I am resting comfortably at home following my cancer surgery, and Fred is taking excellent care of me. Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, concern, and wonderful food. --Marsha Morton