

**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 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn 53** What Child Is This?

**\*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.*

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**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 31, 2017 10:00 a.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**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 Christ Candle and Morning Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: A year comes to a close

**All: and a New Year awaits.**

One: Christmas lights still twinkle

**All: yet the story strides on.**

One: We travel into the wilderness

**All: and there find something new.**

One: We come to worship God,

**All: make straight the way of the Lord.**

One: In humility and wonder

**All: we join in our praise.**

One: Let us worship God.

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

**\*Call to Prayer**

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**At the end of the year, O God, we come to remember.**

**We remember all your goodness to us.**

**We remember those we loved and lost.**

**We remember acts of kindness**

**and glimpses of your love at work.**

**We remember good times and difficult times,**

**giving thanks that, in all times, you were present.**

**As we remember, we ask your forgiveness**

**for the times we failed you and failed one another.**

At this threshold between the old and the new,  
 we ask that you will help us to go with confidence into a new year  
 knowing that your faithfulness is for ever.  
 May the knowledge of your presence in the old and the new  
 comfort and sustain us as we leave behind the old  
 and walk with you into the new life you give us every day. Amen.

**\*Sung Response He Came Down**

He came down that we may have love; he  
 came down that we may have love; he came down that we may  
 have love; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

**\*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**

**Gospel Reading** John 1:19-34

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**

**Time with the Children**

Bill Davis

**Sung Response I Love to Tell the Story (refrain)**

*Refrain*  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>  
 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.

**Sermon**

Rev. Bill Davis

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn Who Would Think That What Was Needed (on insert)**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from New Zealand

**We gather as people of the Way leaving paths that have brought us this far  
 To find new directions, Discover new stories, daring to explore horizons and truth.**

**On the Way, life meets us, hungry for justice, for bread and for peace;  
 It calls us to see, to hear and to act, finding new words and the courage to speak.**

**In our meeting together comes strength to serve; the least and the little,  
 the unseen, the neglected, the lost and rejected, and love overcoming fear of the cost.**

**We come celebrating the Way that we travel, The community we create, The joy of experience,  
 The love we walk, And the peace, that never lets us rest.**

**For the way that stretches in front of us, We say thank you.  
 For the way that lies behind us, We say thank you.  
 For the Way that we will become, We hope with thankful heart. Amen.**

## THE WEEKLY NEWS

December 31, 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.

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**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** 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](http://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.

**FINAL REPORT FROM THE OCTOBER CROP WALK:** The final report, received in December, indicates that \$8,200 was raised by the 2017 West Adams County CROP Walk. Of this, Good Shepherd's Food Bank should receive approximately \$680. Well done! Thank you again to those who walked and everyone who supported them!

**ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP:** With one room, a small storage area, and the most basic supplies and drugs, the clinic at Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care Center in Zimbabwe has been providing first aid and life-saving care for HIV-positive children for many years. Unless a new clinic was built and registered with the government, that small clinic was in danger of closing. Finally, a new clinic has been started and is close to being fully funded! Thanks to large grants from Wellshire and New Hope Presbyterian

churches, and additional funding from individuals, including the architect, and the other 8 churches in the Partnership, over \$65,000 has been raised. Approximately \$9,000 is still needed. We are challenging Good Shepherd members and friends to consider helping to reach this goal. Perhaps you'd like to give an Alternative Gift in honor or memory of a loved one. Information is available on a table in the narthex. Questions? Please contact Pastor Bill or Mary McCarron (303-452-7729). Thank you!

### Flock Notes

#### Birthdays: December 31 to January 4

Dec. 31	Tanya Myers	Jan. 3	Guy Shay
Jan. 1	Diana Bennett	Jan. 4	Rob Bennett
Jan. 3	Becky Carlisle		Nate Fauber
	Robin Kelly		

**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: **United Church of Montbello and the Global Church of Jesus Christ**---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.

### CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	No Youth Group	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b> No Scouts	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Church Office and Food Bank re-opens in new space in Fellowship Hall	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Bible Study Choir	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>COMMUNION</b> Youth 2018 Kick Off	6:30 p.m.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pub Theology (Old Chicago at 102<sup>nd</sup> & Grant)- Mon., Jan. 8 – 5:30 p.m.  
Session Meeting – Tues., Jan. 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Visit us on on-line at [thegoodshepherd.org](http://thegoodshepherd.org) for more information on upcoming events.

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