

***Sung Response 658**

God is So Good

1 God is so good; God is so good;
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Hearing the Word

**Prayer of Illumination
Sung Response 451**

Open My Eyes That I May See (refrain 1)

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

A Reading from the Gospels

John 18:33-37

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Time With the Children

*Children in grades K thru 5 are invited to go downstairs for
Sunday School following the Time with the Children.*

Anthem

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Choir

Sung Response 451

Open My Eyes That I May See (refrain 2)

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

A Reading from the Early Church

Revelation 1:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 384**

Soon and Very Soon

***Affirmation of Faith**

adopted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.

We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

Communion

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CALENDAR

TODAY	Christ the King Sunday – Communion Hanging of the Greens	Following Worship
MONDAY	Mental Health First Aid Training (FH) Scouts (FH)	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Session (FH)	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Choir	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	1st Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School	8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Outreach/Mission Workgroup – Mon., Dec. 3 – 10:30 a.m.
- Youth/Congregation Caroling at Sunny Acres – Sun., Dec. 9 – After worship
- Pub Theology – Mon., Dec. 10 – 5:30 p.m. – Old Chicago (102nd & Grant)
- Session – Tues., Dec. 11 – 6:30 p.m.
- Sometime Circle Christmas Lunch – The Ranch – Thurs., Dec., 13 - 12:30 p.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.

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THE WEEKLY NEWS

November 25, 2018



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.

Serving as Ushers and Communion Servers this morning are **Jay & Angela Caudill, Pat McCune, and Jerry Zarret.**

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

A READING FROM... In this mornings’ bulletin you’ll notice a new way that our scripture readings are being introduced. In light of growing tension in our country between different religious groups, and a heightened hostility towards people of the Jewish faith, we’re making this change. Rather than calling our readings Old and New Testament, which subtly implies that there is something wrong with the old that needs to be replaced by the new, we will use a description of the style of writing to introduce the reading in the bulletin. The goal of this change is to more fully honor the faith of all our brothers and sisters in different traditions.

HAVE THE GIFT BUYING BLUES GOT YOU DOWN? Does the person you’re giving a gift to have everything they need, and you just don’t know what to give? Consider shopping at the Good Shepherd Alternative Gift Market. For 4 Sundays, beginning November 18th, you’ll have the opportunity to donate money or buy a gift from one of our three Mission Partnerships.

Buying handmade goods from Guatemala support the communities where the Guatemala Mission Partnership installs clean water systems. Donations can also be made in honor of loved ones to assist with trip and partnership costs.

Support Highlands Camp and Retreat Center by contributing to their campership fund in honor of a loved one.

The Zimbabwe Mission Partnership welcomes donations to help cover School Fees for students at the Heather Chimoga Orphan Care Center, as well as the construction of the new clinic.

With your donations you will receive a card to give the person in place of a physical gift. As you buy your Christmas gifts, consider supporting one of these three incredible Mission Partnerships.

HIGHLANDS CAMP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY We are all invited to attend the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Highlands. Beautiful donated art and craft items will be auctioned if you are interested in looking for something very special for yourself or someone else. However, you are not obligated to buy anything!! Refreshments will be served and you’ll have a chance to visit with new friends and see Highland’s beautiful Retreat Center. This can be a special, early winter visit to the mountains!!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING, RETREAT, OR OTHER LARGE GATHERING? Highlands might be the perfect place! There are flexible-sized meeting spaces, lovely large rooms, each sleeping at least 4 people (\$100 per night per room) and 3 meals per day at additional cost if desired. It's in a gorgeous location and only about 15 miles from Estes Park and Rocky Mt. National Park!! Highlands will cater a banquet for holiday celebrations for \$20 per person!! (Sounds too good to be true!). For more information, contact Sue Spencer, Director of Marketing. Please learn more about Highlands at www.highlandscamp.org.

TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2018 CHARITABLE GIVING If you are over the age of 70½, the government may require you to take annual distributions (withdrawals) from your retirement account—a provision known as the required minimum distribution (RMD). Up to a certain amount, these distributions may be made tax-free as long as they are directed to a qualified 501(c)(3) organization, such as Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, an option known as the qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

For guidance on the details for this process consult a tax advisor and your IRA manager. If you are considering a QCD it must be made by December 31, 2018 and may take over 30 days to setup with your IRA holding company.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 HAS GONE MISSING! If you signed up for flowers in **November or December**, please confirm the date with Barb so that your flowers can be ordered for your Sunday. Thanks!

JUST A REMINDER: If you use a key to open any of the church doors, you need to use the key to lock it when you leave. This is especially important on Sunday mornings. The upper north door has been found unlocked several times on Monday mornings.

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN? Would you be willing to share working with children on Sundays with prepared lessons about the Bible? Children are the future of our church. They love being in community with people who care about them. The Christian Education group has been working with First to Fifth graders on Sundays after the Children's sermon. We need some additional people to help out. This could be one Sunday every 4 to 6 weeks. Please see Pastor Bill or Betty Feusner for more information.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR DECEMBER: Soups or chili and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During October the Food Bank gave out 123 orders to 98 households, serving 310 clients, including 113 children.

THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER AND JESUS' CALL - "Jesus said, 'I was hungry and you gave me food'" Offering food and Christ's love are at the heart of many mission partnerships. Your giving allows: New Genesis, Zimbabwe and Network Ministries Mission Partnerships to offer food and respond to Christ's call and presence in our world.

Flock Notes

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**The Family & Friends of Gloria Robinson**, who died early Wednesday morning, November 21. Her daughter Leigh thanks everyone for all the cards sent to Gloria over the past **Mary Ann Hood**, recovering from knee surgery---**Angellé Myers**, continuing her recovery at home----All those fighting cancer: **Sue Coleman, Colleen Eastman, Conerd F., Christopher Utterback**----Continue to pray for our **military men & women and our first responders**----As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **United Church of Montbello; Zhombe Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe; and Presbytery Nominating Committee**----Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us at office.barb@thegoodshepherd.org

GINGERSNAP: The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.