



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of The Lord's Day

December 2, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Prayer Sharing

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! If you are visiting, we would appreciate you filling out the information card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Parts in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

***Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Dawn Diehl and Will Jackson

***Call to Worship**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.
Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.
Let us worship the Lord who fills promises.

***Opening Hymn 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Advent Litany of Wonder**

I wonder if the earth is waiting for a Messiah like I am –
Trees bending toward love,
fireflies keeping a promise to be light,
the moon returning over and over again
with hope that the world will look differently this time.

**We wonder if we'll ever really know when it happens –
Those moments when God is in our midst.**

**Those all the time,
everywhere,
rare kind of moments that we're terrible at trusting
but know it like a rainstorm.**

I wonder, because I am human.

We wonder, because not wondering leaves us stuck.

And I cannot be stuck in a world
That separates children from parents,
women from their bodies,
and men from their emotions.

So we wonder.

Will the stars ever fall?

Will we see you face to face, and you see us?

Will the moon come back tonight and sigh, saying,

“Ah yes. I can see that God is here.

This is what I’ve been waiting for.”

***Sung Response 658 vs. 1**

God is So Good

*God is so good; God is so good;
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

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 21:25-36

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.

Anthem

Emmanuel (N. Hutchins & J. White)

Choir

Time With the Children

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

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 Prophets

Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 94**

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

***Affirmation of Faith** *adopted from the Confession of 1967*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.

**His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.**

**He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.**

**He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.**

***Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** ...in your mercy, **Lord, save us.**

**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

Our Shared Life in the Community and the World

Call for the Offering

Offertory

***Sung Response**

What Child Is This (vs. 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn 105 (verses 1,2, and 5)**

People Look East

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response 88**

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.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mark Boykins

LAY READER: Noel Matthews

CENTUS COUNSELOR: Georgia Angelo

CALENDAR

TODAY	1st Sunday of Advent Sanctuary Rental	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Outreach/Mission Workgroup Scouts (FH)	10:30 a.m. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Choir	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental (Archuleta) Sanctuary Rental	8:00 a.m. – noon 10:00 a.m. - noon
NEXT SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School Caroling at Sunny Acres – Youth & Congregation Sanctuary Rental	8:30 a.m. Following Worship 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.
Choir Christmas Program – Sun., Dec. 16 – During Worship
Christmas Joy Offering Received – Sun., Dec. 23
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Office & Food Bank Closed – December 25 thru January 1
Annual Congregational Meeting – Sun., Jan. 13 – Following Worship

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

December 2, 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.

The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Gretchen Caudill's 11th** birthday.

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.

JOIN US FOR CAROLING! The congregation is invited to join with the Youth Group for caroling at Sunny Acres on Sunday, December 9. Meet right after worship and we will caravan to Sunny Acres

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.

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.

GENEROSITY GIFTS TO STAFF AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP We as a church, and members of the church, really appreciate our paid and volunteer Staff and Leaders. I would like you to know that as you creatively express gratitude to our Staff and Leadership, you demonstrate much more than you realize. Expressing gratitude and genuine appreciation is a very practical witness to your community of God's love, grace and mercy.

The Finance Committee would like to encourage you during this season of gratitude and generosity that you show your Staff and Leader appreciation *directly* to the individuals due to IRS regulations and additional bookkeeping processes concerning gifts of cash/check/cash equivalent (gifts cards, debit cards). Please do *not* make a gift of appreciation donation for minister/staff or leadership appreciation to the church. Your gift beneficiary would enjoy receiving your gift directly from you for a number of reasons, not the least being the opportunity to say 'Thank You'.

IRS guidelines to remember concerning your cash gifts to paid and volunteer Staff and Leaders:

1. Gift disbursements that flow from an employer to an employee *are* subject to income taxes for the employee.
2. Cash disbursement that flow from an organization to non-employees is generally considered income to the individual and must be reported on a Form 1099-MISC, if it totals \$600 or more.
3. Gifts made *directly* from a donor to a minister/church employee or other church leader are generally not taxable to the recipient. These nontaxable gifts are amounts given "out of affection, respect, admiration, charity or like impulses."
4. Gifts made *directly* from a donor to a minister/church employee or other church leader are *not* deductible as a charitable contribution by the donor.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2019 is now up in the Narthex. Please sign up for a specific date to honor a special person or event in your life. Arrangements are \$20 each and need to be paid for one week in advance for them to be ordered.

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.

ADVENT IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER "My words will not pass away," said Jesus. Christ's words to heal, bring hope, and proclaim good news continue to call out to us. Throughout Advent we will show in our messages how our mission partnerships, task forces and covenant community also continue to respond to Christ's call. And with your giving you share in their work and participate in the good news of Christ in this season and always.

Flock Notes

Birthdays:

12-05 Dan Duncan

12-06 Gretchen Caudill

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**The Family & Friends of Gloria Robinson**, who died November 21. Her daughter Leigh thanks everyone for all the cards sent to Gloria over the past few weeks. Memorial Service plans will be announced soon----**Dora Lee Shay**, recuperating from surgeries----**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: **Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church; the work of the Central Fund Committee of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and Western Colorado Presbytery and Utah Presbytery**----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: When you try to control everything, you enjoy nothing.