



***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church***

*Northglenn, Colorado*

*A Service of The Lord's Day*

*December 9, 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**

**\*Call to Worship**

God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God's servant David.

**Blessed be the Lord our God!**

God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,

**that we might serve God without fear.**

By the tender mercy of our God,

**God will guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Let us worship God together

**\*Opening Hymn 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

**\*Advent Litany of Peace**

Truth is like sand –

slipping through my fingers

every time I turn on the news.

**So day after day, we gather the dust at our feet**

**and build sand castles of the world we want to see –**

**Sand castle cities with fair housing, no walls,**

**families united and a name like Love.**

And when the waves threaten to tear them down,

I will rebuild.

**For the truest thing we know is that**

**God is love,**

**and love is stronger than fear.**

So at the end of the day, if you need me,  
I'll be taking sand-soaked alternative truths  
and turning them into sand castles of a better world –  
**A world rooted in love,  
which we will keep building  
until “love,” and “truth” and “God” all sound like synonyms.**

**\*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 Prophets**

Malachi 3:1-4

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** “Jesus Is the Reason for the Season” (F. Lane)

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 1)

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

**A Reading from the Gospels**

Luke 3:1-6

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Bill Davis

*Responding to the Word*

**\*Hymn 92**

While We Are Waiting, Come

**\*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.**

**Welcoming of New Members** – Anna Bond and Will Jackson

**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**

**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 Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn 87**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

**\*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.*

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Bill Davis

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP:** The Bond Family

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Mark Boykins

**CENTUS COUNSELOR:** Georgia Angelo

CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Caroling at Sunny Acres Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC)	Following Worship 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	Pub Theology (Old Chicago – 102 <sup>nd</sup> & Grant) Scouts (FH)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Session (FH)	6:30 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	NO Bible Study Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Sometime Circle Christmas Lunch at the Ranch	12:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Scrapbookers (FH) Youth Group	Noon – 11:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Scrapbookers (FH)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Choir Christmas Program</b> Adult Sunday School Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC)	8:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 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](http://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](mailto:bill@thegoodshepherd.org).**

**Good Shepherd’s WiFi:**  
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**THE WEEKLY NEWS**

*December 9, 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 **Angela Caudill’s** birthday.

Serving as Ushers this morning are **Dick & Robin Kelly** and **Bob & Barbara Mitchell**.

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the Narthex.

**JOIN US FOR CAROLING!** The congregation is invited to join with the Youth Group for caroling at Sunny Acres. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Read more online at [gmpdenver.org](http://gmpdenver.org).

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 [highlandscamp.org](http://highlandscamp.org).

**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 November the Food Bank gave out 136 orders to 114 households, serving 359 clients, including 140 children.

**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. Cross Cultural 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:** Dec. 13 Julie Klahn Dec. 14 Angela 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. A memorial service for Gloria will be held here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 30 at 11:30 a.m.---**Karey Gengler**, 46-year-old niece of Sue Coleman, who died suddenly this past week in Ohio---**Mary Ann Hood**, recovering from knee surgery---**Angellé Myers**, continuing her recovery at home---All those fighting cancer: **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: **Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship; Officers of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and New Genesis Mission Partnership**---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:** I'm too blessed to be stressed!