



***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church***

*Northglenn, Colorado*

*A Service of The Lord's Day*

*December 16, 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**

We gather because we are waiting.

**We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.**

We work because we are waiting.

**We are waiting for a world of love and justice.**

We worship because we are waiting.

**We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.**

**\*Opening Hymn 88 (vs. 1,2,6,7)**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**\*Advent Litany of Justice and Joy**

It takes all of me to draw near to justice –

My whole, sinful, honest self.

**There is no option for part of my heart to break,**

**for a fraction of my mind to recognize truth,**

**for just one of my legs to march.**

It's all or nothing,

**my life or our lives,**

daylight or darkness.

**Maybe that's why justice is so hard.**

**In order to be just, it takes all of who we are –**

**Sin, scars, guilt and all.**

So we pray –  
Break our whole hearts, God.  
**Break our hearts and in the cracks,  
in the fractured places,  
plant seeds of strength  
so that justice will grow in us  
and we in it,  
like a wildflower that can't be tamed.**  
Bit by bit  
I cling to your word.  
**Bit by bit,  
I turn my heart into a garden  
for your justice to take root.**

**It is not an option for part of our hearts to break.**

**\*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**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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.*

**Special Music**

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| “Waiting” (P. Choplin)                              | Chancel Choir                  |
| “The Infant Jesus” (P. Yon & F. Martens)            | Barbara Myers                  |
| “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” (R. MacGimsey)             | Teddie McConnell               |
| “Carol of the Bells” (P. Wilhousky & M. Leontovich) | Chancel Choir                  |
| “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (P. Brooks)            | Patty Steward and Mark Boykins |
| “Mary Had a Baby” (R. Carter)                       | Chancel Choir                  |

*Responding to the Word*

**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:** “Mary, Did You Know” (M. Lowry & B. Green) Dawn Diehl & Will Jackson  
**\*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 134**

Joy to the World

**\*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  
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Paul, Patty, and  
Jim Steward

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Mark Boykins  
**CENTUS COUNSELOR:** Georgia Angelo

**CALENDAR**

|                    |  |                               |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>TODAY</b>       | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC)  | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.              |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | Scouts (FH)  | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | Bible Study<br>Choir   | 3:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.        |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>      | Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Rental   | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.              |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | <b>4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Joy Offering Received</b><br>No Adult Sunday School<br>Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC) | 8:30 a.m.<br>5:00 – 7:00 p.m. |

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – Mon., Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.  
Office & Food Bank Closed – December 25 thru January 1  
Jan Myers’ Art Workshop (FH) – Sat., Jan. 5 - 9:00 a.m. to noon  
Epiphany – January 6, 2019 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Dana Hughes  
Adult Sunday School resumes on January 13  
Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, 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 16, 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 this morning are **Jay Dee & Andrea Conrad** and **Noel & Joyce Matthews**.

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

**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.

**GRACE AND GRATITUDE** As Presbyterians, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God’s grace that moves us to join in God’s mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace. Generous gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the broken-hearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God’s gracious and abundant work in the world. Copies of the PCUSA Giving Catalog are in the narthex.

**CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING** Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. We want those church leaders and their families who find themselves grappling with a critical financial need to have the resources they need which are provided through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

We also support the offering to help our future leaders in the church and world, like those educated at our Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Supporting these students helps the whole church develop leaders who reflect the wideness of God’s intended diversity.

For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ — the truly perfect gift. Please note on your check the words: Joy Offering or use one of the Pew envelopes and note your name and the words Joy Offering is you are giving cash.

**END OF YEAR DONATIONS CONSIDERATIONS** Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd's vision and mission throughout the year. As we come near the end of 2018 and look to 2019, please, remember that the IRS provides clear guidelines with regard to the date of posting contributions, which we follow carefully. All contributions received or postmarked by December 31st 2018 will be included in your 2018 contribution statement. If the contribution is received or postmarked after December 31st, it will be included in the contribution statement for 2019 – regardless of the date on the check. If you 'prepay' in 2018 a portion of your planned giving for 2019 it will be counted as a 2018 donation. The church is not allowed, nor is it able to record, a 'prepay pledge' amount for a noncurrent year.

At all times, your call to pledge each year, and your donation amounts, are a personal matter between you and God. If you have any questions please contact Lyn Hull, Finance Elder, or Joyce Matthews, Treasurer.

### 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 Work Group 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.

### 5 FACTS THAT PROVE GRATITUDE IS GOOD FOR YOU

With the end of the year soon to be here, we have a tendency to reflect and take stock of all the positive things in life. As it turns out, there is proof that being grateful is just plain good for us. Here are five ways to integrate gratitude into your life.

1. Write Down What You're Grateful For: Folks who keep gratitude journals exercise more regularly, report fewer physical symptoms, feel better about their lives as a whole, and are generally more optimistic about the upcoming week.

2. Even a Single Act of Kindness Can Go a Long Way: It has been found that a one-time act of thoughtful gratitude produced an immediate 10% increase in happiness and 35% reduction in depressive symptoms.
3. Lead by example - It's Never Too Early to Start Practicing Gratitude: A gratitude curriculum for kids aged 8 to 11 was implemented. The youngsters who received the lessons showed an increase in grateful thinking, appreciation and positivity.
4. Gratitude Can Boost a Relationship: While being grateful is good for you, being on the receiving end of it can do wonders for your relationships! After receiving gratitude, people noticed that people in their lives were more responsive to their needs and overall more satisfied with their relationship
5. Saying Thank You has a Ripple Effect: A thank you can go a long way. Being grateful, leads to an increase in trust between all involved.

**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.

**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.

### Flock Notes

#### Birthdays: December 20 to Dec. 27

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| Dec. 20 | Angelle' Myers  | Dec. 25 | Pee Wee Holland |
| Dec. 22 | Anna Bond       | Dec. 27 | Jerry Wetsel    |
| Dec. 23 | Dorothy Bennett |         |                 |

**Here's What's Happening**----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**The Family & Friends of Gloria Robinson**, who died November 21. Gloria's Memorial Service will be on Sunday, Dec. 30, after worship----Paul & Sue Coleman and Family on the sudden death of Sue's niece, **Karey Gengler** 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: **First Presbyterian Church of Littleton; Schools of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and Cross Cultural Covenant Community of the Presbytery including the following: Bethel, Grace, Littleton First, Iglesia Presbyteriana, Shepherd of the Hills Churches, Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship**---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:** Make the choice to rejoice!