

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response 88**

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**\*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 The Lord's Day*

*December 23, 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**

Our souls magnify the Lord,  
**and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.**  
God has done great things. Holy is God's name!  
**God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,  
God's love from generation to generation!**

**\*Opening Hymn 108 (vs. 1,3,5,6)**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

**\*Advent Litany of Love**

When Adam saw Eve,  
the first thing he said was, "At Last."  
**And when I fell in love,  
God became real faster than I could imagine.**

When my brother was born,  
I learned the size of my heart.  
**And when my mom held my hand,  
I knew the love that willed the heart to start.**

And without them,  
how would I know love?  
**Without others, how would I learn grace,  
or music, confidence, or trust?**

And without the sun,  
how could the earth grow life?  
**And without you,  
How could we know God with green eyes,  
God with brown skin,  
God with wrinkles,  
God within.**

So I have come to believe –  
we belong to one another.  
**Families and friends, neighbors and strangers –  
We belong to one another.**

And I have come to see  
the space between you and me  
as nothing short of holy ground.  
So take off your shoes and draw near.  
**Together is where God is found.**

**\*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 Hebrew Scriptures**

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.**

Psalms 80:1-7

**Anthem** Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child (J. Radford & C. Boyer)

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 Gospels**

Luke 1:39-55

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Bill Davis

*Responding to the Word*

**\*Hymn 100**

Canticle of the Turning

**\*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**

**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 and Receiving the Christmas Joy Offering**

**Our Shared Life in the Community and the World**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

Teddie McConnell & Sara Tyburczy

**\*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 121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

CALENDAR

**TODAY**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Christmas Joy Offering Received**  
 Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC)      5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**      **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service**      **6:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY**      **Merry Christmas!**

**NEXT SUNDAY**      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day – Stories & Carols**  
 No Adult Sunday School      11:30 a.m.  
 Memorial Service for Gloria Robinson      5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Rental (Emmanuel LLC)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Church Office and Food Bank closed through Tuesday, Jan. 1  
 Jan Myers' Art Workshop – Saturday, Jan. 5 – 9 a.m. to noon (FH)  
 Epiphany – Sun., January 6 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Dana Hughes  
 Adult Sunday School resumes on January 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Annual Congregational Meeting – Sun., Jan. 13 – After 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 23, 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: **Harley Brown & Luitgard Ramsey and Erick & Janet Hartman.**

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available 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.

**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.

**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** - Advent calls us to know that “a little Child shall lead” us all to find God with us always. The Mission Partnerships of the Presbytery remind us that we are being led to care, serve and love children and youth around the world. Central Visitation, Lomagundi Clinic, Guatemala, The Carpenter’s Helpers, Zimbabwe KidZ, Second Wind Fund, Highlands Day Camp and Zimbabwe Mission Partnerships all give special attention to the educational, health and spiritual needs of children and youth. When we “travel together” with these partnerships we truly change the lives of our children.

**RACIAL ETHNIC DIVERSITY WORK GROUP (RED)** invites all the brothers and sisters in Denver Presbytery to observe Martin Luther King, Jr's Day together with a thoughtful conversation on issues of race, diversity, and inclusion, and worship service to celebrate our diversity. **Fearless Dialogue: MLK Day Edition will be on Monday, January 21 at Central Presbyterian Church.** We will first gather together at the City Park at 9:30 a.m. to join the MLK Day Parade, then head over to Central Presbyterian Church for a lunch, conversation, and worship. Come, join us as we continue to seek to inspire mutual affirmation of diversity in our Presbytery. Please RSVP @denpres.org/event.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** who contributed to or bought Guatemalan goods for the Guatemala Mission Partnership. Thanks to you, we raised \$380 in merchandise sales and \$2,760 in donations. --Marsha Morton and Fred Finke

## Flock Notes

### Birthdays: December 23 to December 31

Dec. 23	Dorothy Bennett	Dec. 30	Powell Warner
Dec. 25	Pee Wee Holland	Dec. 31	Martha Strachan
Dec. 27	Jerry Wetsel		

**Here’s What’s Happening**---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**The Family & Friends of Gloria Robinson**, who died November 21. Her Memorial Service is next Sunday after worship---**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: **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 best gift ever was wrapped in swaddling clothes.