



*A Service for the Lord's Day
December 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
1st Sunday of Christmas*

10785 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80234 ~ 303-452-5478

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

*As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.*

Prayer of the Day

Bless the notebook that I always carry in my pocket. And the pen. Bless the word with which I try to say what I see, think, or feel.

With gratitude for the grace of the earth. The expected and the exception, both. For all the hours I have been given to be in this world.

~Mary Oliver

Prelude

Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

*Prayer of Christmas Blessing (unison)

**The Light of the word is born again,
and our hearts are filled with hope.
May we receive the gift so freely given
and bravely take that light
to even the darkest corners
and hardest hearts of this
hurting and beautiful world.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**



Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

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*Hymn # 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.

Lesson for the Day

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Sheri Fry

One: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE STORIES WE TELL

Christmas Reflection

Sara Love

Hymn #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Christmas Reflection

Norm Rasmussen

Hymn #147

The First Nowell

Christmas Reflection

Rev. Sheri Fry

HYMN #110

Love Has Come

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

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.

Anthem

Last Month of the Year

Sara Love, Shelly Tillery

Traditional Folk Song

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

Jeremy Kurn

*Doxology #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Song #136

Go Tell it On the Mountain

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Surely the Presence

by Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Postlude



Jeremy Kurn

Please join us after worship for coffee and snacks.

FOOD BANK

Your Church at Work

Open Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am
Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm.

Needs donations of toilet paper and dry pet food for dogs and cats.



Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Marion H.; Jim M.; Bill; Jane; Haylee; Gil; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; the McCarron family; and Sue Coleman's family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.



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Fearless Generosity

Thank you for your generous contributions to Good Shepherd in 2021. Thank you for your stewardship commitment of not only your treasure, but your time in prayer, mission and attending worship...both in person and online!

Year to date through December 15th, our income is **\$165,165.94**

Our expenses are **\$195,326.89**

Our shortfall year to date is **\$30,160.95**

2022 Pledges through December 23rd - **38 giving units for a total of \$138,300**

Since only a few people requested giving envelopes, we did not order 2022 pledge envelopes. Please use the pew envelopes instead.



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