

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Creator, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy and goodness is over all.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, the gift of the Creator's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of eternal life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, who helps us to find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Call to Prayer

Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #127

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Sheri Fry

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn



Please join us after worship for coffee and Christmas cookies.

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*A Service for the Lord's Day
December 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
3rd Sunday in Advent*

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

Waiting God, where will we find you? Encouraged by your Spirit, hurrying, searching, we meet you in other people. Not knowing what the future will bring, may we continue on our journeys surprised by joy, refreshed by your living water. Amen.

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle - Candle of Joy

Joyce and Noel Matthews

One: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.

All: Knowing that Christ is coming, to bring healing and wholeness to the world, is a source of our joy!

One: When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.

All: Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship, as we love our neighbors with smiles and open arms.

One: Together, we continue to wait for the day of God's joy, and live in God's peace and hope, as we light these candles.

All: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

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.

*Opening Hymn #97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary

read by Sara Love and Norm Rasmussen

COME, O COME EMMANUEL

The Chancel Choir with soloist Patty Steward

Excerpt from *The Promised Coming* arr. Benjamin Harlan

Unexpected

by Ann Weems

read by Carol Topp

HALLELUJAH! A BABY IS BORN

The Chancel Choir

words and music by Jay Althouse

The Work of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

read by Rev. Sheri Fry

THE SHEPHERD

The Chancel Choir with flute by Maria Forlenza

Excerpt from *Five Carols of Christmas* by Marie Pooler

Piano Instrumental

Jeremy Kurn

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.

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

soloist Will Jackson

Star Giving

by Ann Weems

read by Sara Love and Mary McCarron

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

The Chancel Choir

Latin Hymn attributed to John Francis Wade

Excerpt from *Carols for Contemporary Voices* arr. Robert Sterling

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Making a financial gift makes Good Shepherd's programs and ministries possible, including this worship service. You are invited to give generously at www.thegoodshepherd.org or by placing your offering in the offering plates stationed at the front of the sanctuary.

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 Hymn #105

People Look East

Recognition of The Chancel Choir

Sara Love

Congregational Benediction Hymn #540 *Farewell, Good Friends* (sung twice)

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn



The **Alternative Christmas Market** is intended to be a replacement or an alternative for money that you already plan to spend on a gift for someone special. This alternative gift will benefit someone more in need and be given in honor of your friend or family member. Most people will be very happy to have you make a donation in their honor! The three different options this year are:

1. Donate toward a campership to help a child attend an in-person summer camp at **Highlands Camp**. This is a 75-year-old Presbyterian camp near Allenspark. Camps are expensive and many families are unable to cover the full cost.
2. Donate to the **Zimbabwe Mission Partnership** to cover school fees for one or more children, to purchase medical supplies for the Clinic, to cover the cost of a doctor's time at the Clinic for one or more days, or to be used where most needed.
3. Make a donation through the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog**. There will be copies of the catalog in the Narthex during the month of December, suggesting different options.



Information about all these possibilities will be available in the Narthex during December. Please stop by the table and take a look at the ways in which you can help one or more really needy people while still remembering your loved ones!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Please see the insert for details about this important annual offering which supports both current and retired church workers and Presbyterian-related schools and their students, giving needed funds for leaders of the past, present and future.

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Opportunities This Week

Monday - Men's Shed 10 am - noon
 Advent Book Study 12:00 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:10 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday - ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm
 Session Meeting 4:00 pm

Wednesday - Bell Rehearsal 6:10 - 7:30 pm

Thursday - Sometimes Circle 1:00 pm
 ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm

Saturday - Delta Kappa Gamma in Fellowship Hall

Sunday - Special Music by the Bell Choir

Opportunities Later this Month

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm

December 25th - Christmas Lunch 1:00 pm



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 November 5th, our income is **\$147,450**

Our expenses are **\$175,845**

Our shortfall year to date is **\$28,395**

2022 Pledges through November 15th - **38 giving units for a total of \$138,300**
THANK YOU!

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

Per Capita Giving is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to support the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the work of that system. ***We are required to pay this \$32/member whether you give it or not.***

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ~ DECEMBER 25th at 1 pm HOSTED BY SUE AND STEVE VANDERBURG

Join us as we fill our bellies with food and hearts with joy as we invite you and your family to have a nice Christmas lunch on December 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. ***This is a POTLUCK...sort of...*** The following items will be provided:

Turkey with gravy Ham Drinks Plates
Plasticware Napkins



What YOU need to Bring: A side dish that will serve 6-8 people...you know...things like: Potato dishes, hot vegetables, Cold vegetables/Salad, Dessert. A Serving Utensil for your dish (labelled with your name, please). Please email or call the church office at GSPCoffice10785@gmail.com or 303-452-5478 to RSVP.

Your Church at Work

**FOOD
BANK**

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.



The Food Bank would like to have a few backpacks (new or gently used) for our homeless clients. See Becky Van Dyke.

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 C.'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.

Marion Hubner has moved to Lifecare Center of Aurora. She doesn't have a phone, but can be reached by calling the center at 303-751-2000.

Pee Wee Holland has a new address: 29 State Hwy 52 Lot 31, Longmont, CO 80504

New email for the office - GSPCoffice10785@gmail.com