

December 24, 2016

Worship 5:00 p.m.



*Welcome to  
Candlelight Worship at  
Good Shepherd*

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# Celebration of Worship – Christmas Eve!

Isaiah the prophet, ca. 700 BC, recorded this marvelous prophecy (Isaiah 9:6) “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Which of these magnificent names of Jesus do you most love?

## \*Congregational Introit The First Nowell #56 (verse 1)

*The first Nowell the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.*

## \*Call to Worship (based on **Luke 2:8-14 & 1 John 4:8**)

**Shealyn:** Before we had anything to offer our Lord, before we lifted our voices in praise  
**Warrick** to the glory of His work, before we opened His Holy Word to us or walked into a church, before we were ever created God was pursuing us with His love.

**Shelby:** We don't deserve the love of God. We gossip and worry, we are at times  
**Warrick** irritable, we are controlled by consumerism. We put all kinds of things and events ahead of the Lord our God, and yet He still comes after us, chasing us, pursuing us with His surprising love.

**Shannon:** His love was announced by the cries, gurgles, and cooing of a baby in a  
**Warrick** manger. His love was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt when His body hung on a cross. His power was demonstrated when He rose from the grave. In this place, let us dwell on God's love. Let us put aside thoughts of presents and malls and meals and focus on God's great love.

**Betty:** He is pursuing you right this minute. He knows you, your thoughts, and your  
**Bartlett** intent. He is close to you, delighting in you, and tonight is one more place that He is reminding you of His love. No matter where you come from, no matter what is going on in your life, no matter your victories and failings, God seeks you out, and brought you here this night to say, “I love you.”

**All:** **Let us worship the Lord, for the Apostle John tell us, “God is Love.”**

## \*Congregational Caroling

### We Three Kings of Orient Are #66 (verses 1 & 5)

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse a far,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God sacrifice;  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leadng, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

### O Christmas Tree

*O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
The sight of thee at Christmastide Spreads hope and gladness far and wide.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message.  
Thou dost proclaim the Saviour's birth, Goodwill to men and peace on earth.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! Thou hast a wondrous message.*

**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #38 (verses 1 & 2)**

*It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.*

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle.....Ron Kreinbrook & Dee Hughes

\*Caroling continued **Go, Tell It on the Mountain #29 (verses 1 & 2)**

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Saviour's birth:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

Welcome.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Children's Message.....Laura Warrick

Christmas Music "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" Soloist Kathy Fujan

\*White Gift Offering Hymn **Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Please bring your gifts of food (white gift offering for the food pantry) or your monetary gift (for the Deacon's Fund) forward to the communion table as we sing.

*Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite,  
With a tail as big as a kite."*

*Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea."*

*Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know?  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold--  
Let us bring him silver and gold,  
Let us bring him silver and gold."*

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\*White Gift Offering Hymn (Cont'd) **Do You Hear What I Hear?**  
Said the king to the people everywhere,  
"Listen to what I say!  
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,  
Listen to what I say!  
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.

Piano Duet "O Little Town of Bethlehem" April Barnes & Alice Miller

Prayer for Illumination.....Liturgist Betty Bartlett

Scripture Readings: **Matthew 1:18 - 2:12** (Pew Bible pgs. 675-676)

Sermon "That's a Wrap" Pastor Jeff Warrick

Candlelit Hymn #60 **Silent Night, Holy Night**

*(Please remain seated as the ushers light the candle lighters from the Christ candles and then the candles of those sitting at the end of the rows, please then light the person's candle next to you, by having them tilt their unlit candle into the flame of yours)*

Verse 1

*Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, So tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

Verses 2

*Silent Night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Al-le-lu-ia Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

Verse 3

*Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

Verse 4

*Silent Night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

(Lights come up)

\*Benediction.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

\*Response Hymn #31 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verse 1)**

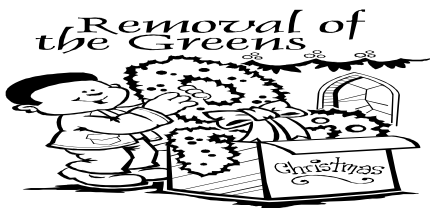
Note: \* Those able to stand are invited to do so.

**Worship Assistants**

Acolyte.....Mia Rikli  
Ushers.....Frank & Eli Schmal, Paul Bartlett & Jane Basoco  
Greeters.....Stan & Sally Docter, Gary & Karen Heusel, Cody Meehan, Gary Willey

*THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE CHURCH ARE PROVIDED:*

- In memory of our daughter, Catherine Ackerman Pruett, by Bruce & Lu Ackerman  
In memory of our Parents by Bruce & Lu Ackerman  
In memory of our Parents by Robert & Jane Basoco  
In celebration of the Greatest Gift - Jesus by Lyle & Ivette Bender  
In memory of Roy, May, and Roger Brendle by Jim Brendle  
In honor of our daughters, Ellen, Clara & Frances, by Tim & Joni Calkins  
In memory of our daughter, Julie Christiansen Campbell, by Al & Norma Christiansen  
In memory of our Parents, Robert & Mildred Stone and Myles & Helen Dymacek,  
by Myles & Rose Dymacek  
In memory of Trevor Eaton by Larry & Dixie Eaton  
In memory of Joe Fujan and Ken Karel by Steve & Kathy Fujan  
In honor of our large extended family, especially 3 great-nephews in the active duty military service  
by Gary & Karen Heusel  
In memory of Dave Hughes by Jan Hughes & Family  
In memory of my husband, Ken, by Vera Karel  
In memory of Grandparents by Beth Languis  
In memory of Gary's parents, Lyle & Harriette Latimer, by Gary & Janet Latimer  
In memory of Janet's parents, Dwaine & Helen Mason, by Gary & Janet Latimer  
In memory of our nephew, Christopher Mason, by Gary & Janet Latimer  
In celebration of Jesus Christ's birth by the Mota Family  
In memory of Rhonda's father, Cletus Karthausser, by Doug & Rhonda Obermeier  
In honor of All Grandparents (present & past) who have had such an impact in our lives  
by Doug & Rhonda Obermeier  
In memory of husband, Dick, and parents, Eldon & Helene Baker and Walter & Orral Raecke,  
by Georgia Raecke  
In memory of Ruby Reis by Franklin Reis  
In honor of my Family by Jeanne Ripley  
In memory of Alice Marie & Edward S. Schnabel and James L Dimon by R.L. Hodge Families,  
J.L. Dimon Families and Ed Schnabel  
In memory of Ted Hostetler by the Schmal Family  
In memory of Virgil & Ruby Mohr by the Schmal Family  
In memory of Louie & Ruth Rena by the Schmal Family  
In memory of Clarence & Jackie Meister by Buddy Sizemore  
In memory of Chuck Godwin by Buddy Sizemore  
In honor of our family, Tyler and Kendra Szudlo, Elliott, Alicia and Kaylenn Schuller  
by Gerry & Joani Szudlo  
In memory of my mother, Gertrude Unterseher, by Allen Unterseher  
In memory of Leonaye Bulger by Jeff & Laura Warrick  
In memory of Bill & Dorothy McKinzie by Kevin Weiss



**WE WILL BE "RETIRING THE GREENS" Sunday, January 8th, 2017** immediately following the worship service. All are encouraged to stay and help while enjoying Cookie Sunday.

**THE FLOWERS THIS EVENING ARE PROVIDED BY GARY & KAREN HEUSEL IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 41ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, DECEMBER 20TH.**



**Altar Flowers**

**THE 2017 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is now posted on the North door at the back of the sanctuary. Help provide flowers the Sundays throughout the year. Is there a special occasion you'd like to celebrate or recognize or someone you wish to remember or honor? This is a good way to do so. Fresh flowers are always appreciated. ...Worship Team



**REMINDER**

**ALL NEW & RETURNING SESSION MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO ATTEND THE SESSION CHARGE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st, FROM 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON IN THE CHURCH PARLOR. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE FOR BREAKFAST.**

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE SESSION, FOUNDATION BOARD & BOARD OF DEACONS:**

**SESSION: Class of 2019**

Jean Baker  
Chris Hartley  
Dee Hughes  
Vera Karel  
Brian Peterson

**BOARD OF DEACONS:**

Class of 2017  
Class of 2019

Clara Calkins  
Kitty Fynbu  
Luan Pitsch  
Ed Schnabel  
Mary Stout

**FOUNDATION BOARD: Class of 2019**

Stan Docter  
Doug Obermeier

**THANKS TO THE NOMINATING TEAM FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK: Paul Bartlett Lyle Bender, Joni Calkins, Myles Dymacek, Terry Hostetler, Lauren Mota, Tammy Rikli, Chair & Pastor Jeff (ex-officio).**

**Thank you so much to all who were able to provide poinsettias for beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas time!** Please plan to take your poinsettia/s home following this evening, Christmas Day or January 1st, 2017 worship services. Please note that bags are available at the Welcome/Information Center at the back of the sanctuary to help protect the plants until you get them home. ...Worship Team



**PASTOR JEFF will be on vacation from Monday, December 26th through Tuesday, January 3rd.**

## *Praises & Prayer Requests*

### *. . . . For those with cancer*

Continued prayers for **Luan Pitsch's daughter-in-law, Amanda**, who has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid carcinoma. Thyroid removal surgery was performed and further blood test follow-up will determine any further treatment.

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock, friend of Sally & Stan Docter**, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer. ...**Ashley Gregory**

Please continue to pray for **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, as she undergoes chemo therapy treatments for breast cancer. Cheryl began chemo treatments in early August and will continue them through the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for **Grace Fry, 9 year old daughter of Jeff & Mandy Fry and granddaughter of Greg & Sharon Schnasse, friends of Alice Miller**, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She was sent to Children's Hospital in Omaha and placed on medication that is making her very weak. Pray that she improves and will feel better soon.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa Rogers & Family, friends of Julie Havener**, as she battles a rare and serious cancer. Melissa has chosen not to treat growth of the cancer in her vertebrae and rib bones, but continues to treat existing tumors with a milder form of chemo. Her courage and optimism inspire everyone.

### *. . . . For those with other health concerns and praises*

Prayers for **Capt. Mark Gaudet**, deployed to Korea, and **his wife, Lindsay, and two young sons** while he is away. Lindsey is the niece of **Lyle & Ivette Bender**.

Continued prayers are requested for **the Andy & Chanel Smruga Family, friends of Anna Hanselmann**, for health and continued strength for their premature daughter, Quinn.

Prayers for quick healing and successful rehab for **Lila Karthaus** who fell Friday, November 25th, suffering leg injuries. She is at the Madonna Rehabilitation Center, 5401 South St., Room 420A.

Continued prayers for **Cecil Moreland** who has been moved to Holmes Lake Manor, Room 60.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while in the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

**Brin Jinright** (Freshmen in high school), (**Tammy Mousel's, Supervisor's Daughter**) is doing a little better. She is at home and getting Peritoneal Dialysis at home. On 11/14 she started her Freshman year with the rest of her classmates. At this point she is going for 1/2 the day. In the next week or two she will try going all day as she's able to tolerate it. Thank-you for the continued prayers and thoughts.

### *. . . . For those who mourn*

Prayers for comfort for the family of **Ronda Dix, friend of Chris Hartley**, who passed away Saturday, December 10th, after a long battle with brain cancer.

\* Indicates new prayer or updated information since last publication.



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The staff of Good Shepherd wishes you a  
and the best of New Years!



*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners*

