

December 25, 2016

Worship 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, Dec. 25th

NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Monday, Dec. 26th

NO Daycare

Tuesday, Dec. 27th

7:15 a.m. Daycare

Wednesday, Dec. 28th

7:15 a.m. Daycare
2:00 p.m. City Mission Work Day (26th & O St.)
NO Men's Book Study
NO DIVE Bible Study
NO Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 29th

7:15 a.m. Daycare

Friday, Dec. 30th

7:15 a.m. Daycare

Saturday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2017 - New Year's Day

NO Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:

*"Welcomes you into a place of
worship and friendship, where all
generations grow together spiritually
and strive to be more Christ-like."*



Merry Christmas!

Welcome to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Celebration of Worship - Christmas Day

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Liturgist Shelby Warrick

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does comprehend it.

Leader: Those who have dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined.

People: In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people.

Leader: to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: For we have beheld Christ's glory, full of grace and truth.

*HYMN #40
#53

"Joy to the World" (verses 1 & 2)

"What Child Is This" (verses 1 & 2)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison).....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: Almighty God, You have filled the whole earth with Your light through Your Son, who came to us as the baby Jesus. Like the shepherds long ago, we marvel at the wonder of it all. By Your grace empower us to reflect the Light of Your Son in all that we do, through His help. Jesus lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Response #44 **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** (verses) 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE (**Psalm 46:10**).....Liturgist Shelby Warrick

READING **"Surviving Christmas"** (by Marilyn Ehle)

MUSIC - Duet **"O Come All Ye Faithful"** Shelby Warrick Oboist & Shealyn Warrick Violinist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Dee Hughes

Following the Children's Message the 3-5 year old children may join at the back of the sanctuary to go for the Activity Time. Note that we have a nursery on the lower level for children 2 and under should any parents wish to take advantage of it.

READING **"A Christmas Ball"** (by Darryl Terhune)

HYMN #25 **"Away in a Manger"** (verses 1 & 2)

OFFERING MUSIC.....Pianist April Barnes

*Doxology #56 **"The First Nowell"** (verses 1 & 5)

SCRIPTURE (**Luke 2:1-20**).....Liturgist Shelby Warrick

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READING "The Touch of God at Christmas" (by Harry Reasoner)

*HYMN #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (verses 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among nations, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

Pastor: For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

Pastor: For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring renewal to your church.

Pastor: For the poor and those who find no room at the inn, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring help to those in need.

Pastor: For those without hope, for the sick and suffering, for those who grieve, and for those to whom death draws near, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring hope and healing.

Pastor: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray;

People: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth. Rejoicing in your birth O Lord, and trusting in Your mercy.

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. - Amen.

Reading "The Work of Christmas Begins" (by Howard Thurman)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

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

NOTICE: There are hearing assist devices on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary. They are easy to use. If you need hearing assistance, pick one up and give it a try.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Serigo Rikli
Ushers.....Ron Kreinbrook & Dianne Mota
Greeter.....Dorothy Megrue

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



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 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



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	BOARD OF DEACONS:	
	Chris Hartley	Class of 2017	Clara Calkins
	Dee Hughes	Class of 2019	Kitty Fynbu
	Vera Karel		Luan Pitsch
	Brian Peterson		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



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 Karthaus, 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

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

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 Smriga 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.

. . . . Praises

We so enjoyed the carolers and songs that they shared with us.Don & Jo Hobbs

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.



Elders (Session Board)

Jean Baker (2016)	Congregational Outreach
Jane Basoco (2016)	Worship
Sally Docter (2016)	Building & Grounds
David Hanselmann (2016)	Personnel
Chris Hartley (2016)	Faith in Action
Josiah Anderson (2017)	Building & Grounds
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Gary Heusel (2017)	Worship
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Codie Meehan (2017)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
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Peg Moeller (2017)	Clerk of Session
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Bob Pitsch (2018)	Personnel
Tammy Rikli (2018)	Faith in Action
Connie Hilligoss (2018)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
Maggie Horak (2018)	P.W. Representative

Deacons - Deacon on Call (Dec. 18th-31st) - Dawn Bonness

Paul Bartlett (2016)	Nominating
Thelma Mahlman (2016)	Funerals
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Bill Baker (2018)	Funerals
Tim Calkins (2018)	Secretary
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Foundation Board

Doug Obermeier (2016)	Moderator
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Staff

Carole Beach	Adm. Church Secretary
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Terry Hostetler	Church Treasurer
Tad Hunt	Director of Student Ministries
Mandi Haumont	Little Lambs Director/Teacher
Sarah Schneider & Miatta George	Little Lambs Teachers
Norma Christiansen, Jessa & Tyler Newby	Little Lambs Asst. Teachers
Maggie Zimmerman	Little Lambs Asst. Teacher
Frannie Calkins	Nursery Supervisor
The Reverend Jeff Warrick	Pastor
April Barnes	Pianist (Sept.-May)
Luan Pitsch	Webmaster