

Welcome to Worship

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

Gathering and Praise

* Gathering Song ***Glorify Thy Name*** FWS 2016

* Words of Welcome

* Gathering Words and Advent Wreath Lighting

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the two candles on this wreath, open our hearts to your will, that with changed lives we may welcome you with humility.

Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to receive a new Creation in the Spirit of Christ.

Kindle within us the gift of peace through Christ the Beloved, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

* Hymn ***O Day of Peace*** UMH 729
(sing to the tune of Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH 469)

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music ***I Know You Came to Rescue Me*** UMH 94
* Doxology

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Time Alicia Garbelman

Prayer for Understanding

The world is busy! We are in a hurry! Our lives are cluttered! God of peace, break into our chaos. Prepare a way among our desires. Clear a path straight to our hearts. Grant us grace to make room for your coming. Speak, for we are listening. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10, O.T. 602 Barbara Chiles
 Matthew 3:1-12, N.T. 2 Fred Milbert

Message Pastor Lisa

Response to the Word

Anthem ***Call to Advent*** (Williams)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all is God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." "Those who believe in him are not condemned".

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Sung Responses

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have fed us gifts that make us your children. Send us into the world to do justice, to love mercy, and to follow the leading of your Holy Child, as we await your coming. We pray in the name of the Holy Child who is coming, and who is yet within us. Amen.

* Hymn ***Let There Be Peace on Earth*** UMH 431

Carrying Our Light Out Into the World

* Benediction

Postlude ***Allegro*** (Bach)

Votive Candle Stand. Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Brenda Caricofe in memory of her parents, Anna Jane and W.A. Quick, Jr.

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On renewal leave through January 20th.

Prayer requests will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. You may submit, update or remove a prayer request on the Weekly Connection form or by contacting the church office.

Remember in Prayer (as of November 30, 2025)

Alicia Garbelman and Steve Koch - on the death of their father
Don Abrell- recovery from stroke
Bailey's- Stella Wickham, cancer; the Family of Fidencio Sandate;
George Gero having open heart surgery on Dec 22nd
Bob Hendrickson- severe back and leg pain limiting his mobility
Broomfield Family: Eddie's father, Loyal, in hospital
Buchenauer's - Bob's continued health concerns
Carolyn Smith- Dennis Smith's sister, Connie
Chiles/Heselius- Joellen Heselius, pancreatic cancer
Christopher Amara- Moses
Jimmy Reed Jr. - health concerns and hospitalization
Jude Chase- healing for her knee
Kathy McNeil- son, John Woodbridge, travel mercy's
LadyAnn Joan Moulton- For my family and friends
Lerita Milbert- endoscopy on November 25th
Neneh Kanneh- husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Nicole Millard- sister's family, illness
Nan Mitchem- sister, Elenor Mohler, breast cancer
Mary Smith- for full healing
Pam McInturff- on death of husband Keith
Pat Pearsall- Keiko Foster
Pastor MiKhang- her sister, Miji, diagnosed with cancer; for renewal as she is away
Pastor Lisa- Rev. Sarah Harrison-McQueen recovering from surgery
Solome Mosely- Uncle Robert Whitlock, recovery from stroke
Winnie Agyin- Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Our country and our nation's leaders
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

The Prayer Group meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM in room 2. All are welcome.

This Week at a Glance – Good Shepherd UMC

Sunday – December 7	
9:15 am	Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am	Worship
11:15 am	PreK - 5th Grade Sunday School , Room 2
11:15 am	Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed
11:15 am	Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4
11:15 am	Youth Sunday School, Room 6
12:15 pm	Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1
3:00 pm	Live Nativity
3:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Upper Ed
3:00 pm	Still Waters Church, Lower Ed
Monday – December 8	
6:30 pm	SPRC Meeting, Room 4
Tuesday – December 9	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
11:00 am	Chair Setup, Sanctuary
Wednesday – December 10	
10:00 am	Visitation for Keith McInturff, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Memorial Service for Keith McInturff
Thursday – December 11	
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Friday – December 12	
7:00 pm	AA, Upper Ed
Saturday – December 13	
7:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed



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Last Week
In-Person Worship - 97
Online Worship - 58
Sunday School/Small Groups - 47
General Fund Giving - \$8,477.02

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church



We Are a Church for All God's Children

Our Mission

To be a community where all can experience and share Christ's love.

Our Vision

To be a beacon of Christ's love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

Our Values

Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.
Please complete a Weekly Connection Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.
All children are welcome in worship. Our Family Worship Space offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available. **Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship.**

Childcare is available for infants through Pre-K during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.