Sundays at Good Shepherd

- 8:30 a.m. or TBD Chancel Choir
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship for all in the Hall after worship
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir, Youth Bells Choir
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Choir

We also offer luncheons, forums, meetings, and new member sessions on various Sundays. Please visit the church website or scan the QR code for more info on events, ministries, and online giving.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Bro

Mission Statement: At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Epiphany and Heritage Communion Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, January 4, 2026 10:00 a.m.

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.
Please "Check In" on social media, then set all electronic devices to silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Jol" Pau Figueres
Maya Proulx, Guitar

Chimes

Introit "O Come All Ye Faithful/Gesú Bambino"
Maya Proulx, Guitar; John Proulx, Guitar

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: The glory of God has now appeared
People: through Christ our light, in flesh.
Leader: The reign of God has now arrived
People: through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.
Leader: The mystery of God has been revealed
People: through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.
Leader: With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,
People: we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come" Red Hymnal **#725**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "What Child is This"
Maya Proulx, Guitar; John Proulx, Guitar

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day.

Scripture Lesson *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Isiah 60:1-6

*Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "We Three Kings" *(vs. 1-3)* Red Hymnal **#254**

Sermon "Light of the World" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Offertory and Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation:
The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Consecration *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

The Prayer After Receiving and The Lord's Prayer *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Christ is the World's Light" Red Hymnal **#188**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red UM Hymnal **#431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude "This Little Light of Mine"
Maya Proulx, Guitar; John Proulx, Guitar

**The congregation standing, if able*

Flowers today are given in memory of Frances Syverson, longtime member of the church and the choir, who passed to eternal life on November 28, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm on January 11 at Westminster Gardens, where she lived the final 16 years of her life.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Today after worship we're taking down, packing and storing our Advent & Christmas décor. Join us first for refreshments and fellowship in the hall and then come to the Sanctuary.

The Joy of Epiphany! Greater San Gabriel Mission Area Gathering will be held next Sunday, January 11th from 4-6:00pm at Sierra Madre UMC. We are invited to enjoy a Potluck Soup & Salad Dinner and assemble Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. Good Shepherd has been assigned nail clippers and soaps as our contribution. *(See flyer for more details.)*

SCAM Alert! Be continually aware! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff.

Save the Date!

January 11th - The Joy of Epiphany! - at Sierra Madre UMC from 4-6:00 pm