Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Epiphany and Heritage Communion Sunday

Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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.

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Michael Shea
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "All Around Me!" Cecilia Olusola Tribble
CSArts Students & Alumni; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

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

Leader: Arise, Shine! God's light has come in this New Year.
People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise, Shine! God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.
People: Nations shall come to God's light and the people to the brightness of God's dawn.

All: Arise, Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***Opening Hymn** "Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come"vs.1-3 Red UM Hymnal **#725**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Installation of the 2025 United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Officers

Co-Presidents: Sandy Jelinek and Andrea Thorsen
Treasurer: Cindy Zhuang
Spiritual Growth: Suzanne Wright

Officers: Today before our sisterhood, our church, and our God, we commit to serve faithfully and to the best of our abilities. We commit to inspire all women and people in faith, and to put hope, peace, joy, and love in action for the transformation of the world.

All Women: We are here to celebrate and witness as women organized for mission. We will strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship to undergird our historical commitment to our ministry with women, children, and youth.

All People: God of anticipation, God of excitement, God of grace. Hold us today as we journey together in faith. Open our hearts and minds to the work of our new leaders, that we might increase our service for women, children, and youth. Anoint and embolden us with your Spirit that we might be Christ's love in the world for all to see. Amen.

Anthem "Star of the East" by Michael Higgins
CSArts Students & Alumni; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Isaiah 60:1-3
*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" *(vs1, 2, 5)* Red UM Hymnal #**254**

Sermon "Gathering at His Cradle" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Will There Really Be a Morning" by Craig Hella Johnson
CSArts Students & Alumni; Kirk Averitt, Director

***Offertory Prayer & Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Communion Setting" TFWS #**2257 – a thru d**

Prayer after Receiving and Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Star Child" TFWS Black Songbook # **2095**

***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** "Let Our Gladness Never End" *(Bohemian Carol)* arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Thank you to the CSArts Students and Alumni for providing today's choir music: Zora Kuzma, Abbey Miller, Felicity Robles, and Sophia Thompson!

Today after worship at **11:30**am we will un-deck the halls! Volunteers are needed to help take down, pack up, and put away all the Advent & Christmas decorations. Lunch will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Women's Book Group** will resume meeting again on **January 8th, at 11:30 am** and discus the latest selection, *The God of the Woods.*

Sarah Circle is meeting on **Thursday, January 9th, at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.** All women of the church are welcome. We will be discussing programs for the year.

Shepherds will meet on **Tuesday, January 14th, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. They will meet for some yummy soup and social time to kick off the new year together! Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by January 10th.

Children's Center Dine Out Fundraise at Blaze Pizza, Wednesday, January 15th! Come out and support our pre-school and treat yourself to a made-to-order pizza. Blaze is located at 815 West Naomi Ave., Unit C in the southeast side of the Vons parking lot. Details in the flyer for ordering online or through their app.

United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle is having a **Panera Fundraiser** to support missions on **Thursday, January 23rd.** The location is 600 West Huntington Dr., Monrovia. There will be a flyer with details soon.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received. please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. to **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
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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 Brown

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
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.