Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday After Epiphany and Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:00 a.m.

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.p
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 "Kiss the Rain" by Yiruma
Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "Lord Have Mercy" by Leon C. Roberts
Section Leaders; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Lou Quismorio, Lay Reader*

Leader: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us,
People: to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world.

Leader: We come to thank God, who shines his light upon us,
People: to clear away the confusion, the despair, and the hurt.

Leader: We come to follow God, who leads us on the right path,
People: to spread the light of Christ to all the nations!

***Opening Hymn** "Christ for the World We Sing" Red Hymnal **#568**

The Word for Children

Anthem "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. Moklebust
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director; Marall Tahanian, Flute

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Anthem "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"
Traditional Spiritual; arr. Mary Donnelly
Section Leaders; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Lou Quismorio, Lay Reader*
Isiah 49:5-7
*John 1:35-42
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Let There Be Light" *(vs. 1, 2 & 6)* Red Hymnal **#440**

Sermon "Following the Light" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Light of the World" *from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz*
Susan Holder, Soloist; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

***Closing Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" Red Hymnal **#593**
Men sing Verse 1, Women sing Verse 2 and All sing Verse 3

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

***Benediction Response** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *(v. 3)* Red Hymnal **#251**

Refrain
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 3
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon, arr. C. Bennedsen
Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Have you turned in your **2026 Pledge** yet? We are still shy of our goal. The budget relies fundamentally on Pledges to support maintenance, staff and activities each year. Contact the office if you need another pledge card, (626-447-2181) or stop by Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Thursday, January 22nd is the Children's Center fundraiser at Panda Express. See the enclosed flyer. Good at all Panda Express locations!

SAVE THE DATE: Sarah Circle/UWF invites the women of Church of the Good Shepherd to a **"Galentine" luncheon, Sunday, February 15th at 11:30 a.m. in Jordan Hall.** Enjoy a salad lunch with a friend at this post-Valentine's Day event. Cost: $20/person. Sign-ups begin Sunday, Jan. 25th. Watch for more information in the Word or next Sunday's bulletin.

The Women's Book Group meets Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Library. The current selection is The Queen of Paris about the designer, Coco Chanel.

Please note that the **Prayer Chain** has a new email: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com.

Altar flower arrangements are available in celebration of or in memory of a special person or event may be ordered through the church office (626-447-2181) or via email to swright@cgsum.org. The cost is $65.

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, contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

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

Good Shepherd Bible, Book, and Study Groups

Sundays - Adult Sunday School (9:00 in the Library)
Sundays - Children and Youth Sunday School Classes (10:15 am)
Wednesdays - Women's Book Group (11:30 am in the Library)
Thursdays Men's Study Group (7:30 am online-via Zoom)

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.