Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, January 25, 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 "River Flows in You" by Yiruma
Isabelle Chan, Violin

Chimes

Introit "This Is The Day" arr. J.L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (by Dr. Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025)
Felix Veeraraj and Katie Lee, Lay Readers

Leader: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:
People: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?
Leader: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:
People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?
Leader: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.
People: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.
Leader: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!
People: We come to worship as bearers of the light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

***Opening Hymn** "Gather Us In" TFWS **#2236**

The Word for Children

Anthem "Joy and Delight" by Austin
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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.

Scripture Lesson *Felix Veeraraj and Katie Lee, Lay Readers*
Isaiah 9:1-4
*Matthew 4:12-17
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Light of the World" TFWS **#2204**

Sermon "The Light in the Darkness" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem "Siyahamba" arr. Donald P. Moore
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We Are Marching" TFWS **#2235-b**

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

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer by Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

Postlude "A Sky Full of Stars"
by Berryman, Buckland, Bergling, Martin, Champion; arr. Britto
Isabelle Chan, Violin; William Shen, Guitar

**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.

Please note that the **2025 Contribution Letters** will be emailed (or mailed to those without email) on **January 27th.**

♡♡**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 delicious salad lunch and musical program. Bring a friend to this post-Valentine's Day event! Cost: $20/person. Sign-ups begin today. Watch for more information in the Word and worship Bulletins.♡♡

Newsletter correction: Heritage Communion Sunday is next Sunday, February 1st.

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 Brown

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.