Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
All Saints Sunday
Communion and Time Change Sunday

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 1, 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 "Prelude on Thaxted" arr. Page
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "For All the Saints" arr. Robert Shaw
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Doug Van Kirk, Lay Reader*

Leader: Creator God, we gather in your presence,
People: surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.
Leader: Sovereign God, we lift our voices in praise,
People: to be transformed by your Saints who have gone before us.
Leader: Holy God, we work for your greater good,
People: in the name of our Shepherd, Christ Jesus, today and ever more.

***Opening Hymn** "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" Red UM Hymnal #**702**

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

Anthem "Give Thanks" arr. Geschke
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Litany of Remembrance for Those Who Have Gone Before Us

(As each individual is named, a chime will sound, then a moment of silence kept.)

Leader: Absent from our midst.

People: **Present with the Lord.**

Janet Bartel ***Laraine Carpenter*** ***Sharon Coffelt*** ***Brian Cole***
Natalie Constable ***Theodore S. Drew*** ***Christina Garza***
Jack Hallin ***Ila Harris*** ***Michael Johnson*** ***Sandy Linder***
Norma Link ***Mike Lucas*** ***Anthony Parille*** ***Braden Joseph Pontoli***
Daniel Spitzberg ***Frances Syverson*** ***Rev. Mark Trotter***
Jeanette Troutner ***Avery Truesdale***
****Church Member***

Unison Prayer (Adapted from Revelation 7:9-17)

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your Saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude of Saints that gather at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem "Hail Thee, Spirit, Lord Eternal" by Robert Wexler
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 33:1-5 *Doug Van Kirk, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Hymn of Promise" Red UM Hymnal **#707**

Sermon "Thrive: Presence and Joy" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Offertory "Preludio Tristón" from Cinco Preludios by Máximo Diego Pujot
Dedicated in memory of Braden Joseph Pontoli - Michel Von Loh, Guitar

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red UM Hymnal #**95**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Musical Setting E" Red UM Hymnal Pgs. **24-25**

Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Great Thanksgiving *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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Red UM Hymnal #**712**

Benediction

***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 "God of Grace and Glory" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are given with love and gratitude in memory of Jack Hallin's birthday by his family.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Good Shepherd Children's Center invites you to a **fundraiser Thursday, November 5th at Islands Hastings Ranch from 4:00 pm to closing.** See the flyer for details.

The 27th Annual SSP Cabaret is coming! ***The World Keeps Spinning . . .*** is this year's inspiring production by CGS Youth Choir and UMYF. focuses on the theme of time and travel. Come join them for an evening of music, dance and song. They are set to explore time and travel around the world and discover that the hand of God is steady, guiding the universe. Show times will be **5:00 and 7:00 pm, Sunday, November 8th.** Invite your friends, family and neighbors, too.

Children's Choir has now begun with **new director, Isabella Arce-De La Vega**. Rehearsals are in the music room Sundays from 11:15-11:45 am for children in 2nd through 5th grade!

Children's Center Director, Linda Brown has retired. We are so thankful for her 20 years of dedicated service! The Children's Center Board will be hosting a Retirement Celebration luncheon on November 15th – details to come.

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. In-depth studies and teaching from the Bible are presented by some of our CGS lay leaders.

Crafters meets every **Wednesday afternoon** from **2-4:00 pm in the church Library.** Bring your skills and projects and fellowship together.

The newsletter is now published every two weeks. Upcoming dates are: November 16th; and December 1st and 14th.

Altar flower arrangements are available in celebration of or in memory of a special person or event and 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.

Upcoming Church Events

- November 8th - SSP Cabaret (5:00 and 7:00 pm)

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: Cindy Ostry

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.