Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
All Saints Sunday
Communion and Time Change Sunday
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 2, 2025 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 Thaxed" arr. Page
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Speak, Lord, In the Stillness" by Albin C.Whitworth
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Ken Blair, 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** "For All the Saints" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**711**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Litany of Remembrance for Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Pastoral Prayer

(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**

Joyce Brownfield ***Nancy Bulgin*** ***Vincent Carpenter*** ***Constance Collar***
Dorothy Denne ***Jeffrey Hahn*** ***Linda Hensen*** ***Jack Lewis***
Ken Mallory ***Gwen Roche*** ***Lela Virgil***

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.

***The Gloria Patri** (Unison) Red UM Hymnal #**70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem "Reap What You Sow" by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir; Ethan Flores, Soloist; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 119:57-64 *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
Red UM Hymnal **#614**

Sermon "The Grace of Giving: The Sowing of Spiritual Gifts" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Taste of Cabaret "True Colors" by Billy Steinbert and Tom Kelly
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

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.

Generosity Moment

Stephen Cook, Director of Music and Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

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.*

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

New Members Orientation class meets today (11:30-12:30) in the library. Contact Pastor Eva for more info and sign up at (626) 447-2181 or pastoreva@cgsum.org. We will be receiving new members during the **November 16th** worship service.

ANNUAL CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE today and next Sunday, November 9th on the patio after church. Shop for unique handmade items. All proceeds go to designated missions and charities.

Blessing of the Animals between 3 and 4:00 pm today under the Sanctuary Portico. Drive-thru or walk up with your pets.

Youth Cabaret: Kaleidoscope! Is this evening with 2 shows (5:00pm & 7:00pm) – pick a showtime and enjoy the show! Offering will go to support Sierra Service Project.

Foothill Unity's Thanksgiving Food Drive continues today through next Sunday. Grocery gift cards are welcome, as are traditional canned goods, stuffing and cake mixes.

Commitment Sunday is November 16th with blessing of the 2026 pledge cards, receiving of new members, and a luncheon in the hall. Please RSVP to the church office or Pastor Eva for the lunch.

Thanksgiving Chapel Service will be **Monday, November24th at 7:00 pm.**

"Come to the Table" is the new ministry coming this Fall! Small Groups of 7-8 people will gather monthly at a host home and share fellowship, food and prayer. Childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181). Details and sign-up form in *The Word.*

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

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.