Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
and Veterans Day Sunday
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 9, 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 "Ash Grove" by Helvey
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Sanctus" by N. Lindsey Nordon
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Andra Thorsen, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, let us worship and praise God!
People: For He is the creator of humankind, and author of peace.
Leader: Come, let us remember the brave men and women who have served our country.
People: May God's grace be upon them in heaven or may His protection surround them on earth.
Leader: Come, let us receive the compassion He has shown towards us.
People: And may His unfailing love be shared from generation to generation, now and forever.

***Opening Hymn** "For the Healing of the Nations" Red UM Hymnal #**428**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', let the poor say 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.
- Henry Smith

Unison Prayer for Veterans Day and Lord's Prayer

Oh God, our heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of our country by our sons, daughters, husbands wives, mothers, fathers, and friends.

Lord's Prayer and 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 "Give Good Gifts" by Jordan Sramek
Chancel Choir; Michel von Loh, Guitar; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Andrea Thorsen, Lay Reader*

Psalm 145:1-7
*Luke 11:5-13

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Amazing Grace" *(vs. 1-3)* Red UM Hymnal **#378**

Sermon "The Grace of Giving: Because God Gives" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Love Will Keep Us Alive" by The Eagles
Kirk Averitt, Soloist; Michel von Loh, Guitar

Generosity Moment *United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "God of the Ages" Red UM Hymnal #**698**

Benediction

***Benediction Response** "O Breath of Life" Red Hymnal **#543**

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us.
Revive your Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us.
And fit your Church to meet this hour.
O Breath of Love, come breathe within us.
Renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us.
Revive your Church in every part.

Postlude "Make a Joyful Noise" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are in honor of Church of the Good Shepherd Veterans and those serving our country in the military. Please see insert.

And today there are flowers in celebration of Craig Lucas's birthday given by Diane, Addie and Ellie.

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

Annual Charge Conference gathering for church leaders will be **today in the Hall from 3:30 to 5:00 pm-park in the large lot only.** Two other mission area churches will be joining us and drinks and snacks will be served.

CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE again today on the patio after church. Shop for unique handmade items. All proceeds go to designated missions and charities.

Foothill Unity's Thanksgiving Food Drive continues today. 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.

Festival of the Bands is on **Saturday, November 22nd.** Be aware that Duarte Road and nearby streets will be blocked off.

Deck the Halls is Sunday, November 23rd after worship. Help decorate and prepare the Sanctuary for Advent!

Thanksgiving Chapel Service will be **Monday, November 24th 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.