Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 15, 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 "Oboe Concerto in D Minor, S. Z799: II. Adagio" Alessandro Marcello
Stephen Cook, Piano; Laura Arganbright, Oboe

Chimes

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

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 68 CTW by Joan Stott) *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: Holy God, we come, called to worship you.
People: We come deeply grounded in the real world around us.

Leader: Hope-giving God, we come, called to praise you.
People: We come bringing the pain of your people.

Leader: Faithful God, we come, called to honor you.
People: We come seeking your justice, your mercy, and your grace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Red UM Hymnal #**577**

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" by Harry Dixon Loes
Children's Choir; Isabella Arce-De La Vega, Director

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

The congregation standing, if able.

Retirement Recognition of Children's Center Director, Linda Brown

Pastoral Prayer and The 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 "Steal Away" arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir; Laura Arganbright, Oboe; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 68:5-10 *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "On Eagle's Wings" *(2x)* Red UM Hymnal **#143**

Sermon "Thrive: Service and Kinship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Oboe Sonata in D Major, Op. 166: II. Ad libitum – Allegretto" Camille Saint-Saens
Stephen Cook, Piano; Laura Arganbright, Oboe

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *(vs. 1, 2,5)* Red UM Hymnal #**584**

Benediction *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "Walk with Me" TFWS#**2242**

Refrain **Walk with me, I will walk with you,**
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

v. 4 - **And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,**
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

Repeat Refrain

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Sandra Gay
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Special thank you to oboist, Laura Arganbright's addition to our worship music today.

Today is the **Retirement Luncheon** celebrating **Linda Brown's** many years of caring leadership and service as Children's Center Director, **from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.**

Poinsettia Plant Sale Begins! Every Christmas season, Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating the altar and chancel area with live poinsettia plants. We are pre-selling plants starting after today's service and continuing **through November 29**. These plants may be picked up after the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve service or donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members.

The offering plate will be passed during worship on the next two Sundays, November 22nd and 29th, for pledge cards, offerings, and special Thanksgiving Offerings (envelopes are provided in the pews).

Next Sunday, **November 22nd,** stay after worship and **help decorate our campus for Advent!** It's always a fun time and so rewarding to see how festive everything looks.

Our youth are participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. If you'd like to fill a shoebox, you can pick one up after today's service. **Please return your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, November 22.** We'll take the boxes to the distribution center that afternoon. Thank you for helping our youth with this project!

As is our tradition, there will be a **Thanksgiving Chapel Service** held **Monday at 7:30 pm.**

The Staff Pastor Relations Committee is planning **Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, December 13th.** Join us during our fellowship hour after the service as we honor Pastor Eva with a cake and a presentation of a gift.

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

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. In-depth studies and teachings 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 published every two weeks. Upcoming issues are November 16th, 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 22nd - Deck the Halls – volunteers needed following worship to help decorate the campus for Advent!
- November 23rd - Monday - Thanksgiving Chapel Service (7:30 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.