Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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 "Sinfonia from BWV 156 I. Adagio" by J.S. Bach
Laura Argenbright, Oboe; Stephen Cook, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "I Will Worship the Lord" by John Ruter
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and peace.
People: May our minds find wisdom in our maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Let our souls hear the call to serve God faithfully.
People: May we receive strength to live out this call.

Leader: Let the rock of ages be a foundation like no other.
People: May our heart, mind, and soul honor this cornerstone of our life.

***Opening Hymn** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" Red UM Hymnal **#361**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "Thank You, Lord, for Everything" arr. Nix
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *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.

Stewardship Sharing *Lynne Rivera*

Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" by John Rutter
Chancel Choir; Laua Argenbright, Oboe; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

*Mark 16:14-20

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit Song" Red UM Hymnal **#347**

Sermon "The 4 Cs of Stewardship: Commitment to the Call" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Ain't That Good News" Spiritual
Susan Holder, Soloist

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Red UM Hymnal **#717**

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

***Benediction Response** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" *(v. 1 & 2)*
TFWS Black Songbook **#2223**

Postlude "Ash Grove" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Florence Kovacic by her family and in loving memory of Carolyn McGregor Bushman, by her mother, Joyce McGregor.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Our guest musician, **oboist Laura Argenbright,** shared her talent with us today thanks to the support of the **Pauline Poindexter Memorial Fund.**

Calling all volunteers for church Advent decorating is Saturday, November 30th from 1:00-4:00 pm. Join us as we deck the halls and the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season! Hot chocolate and cookies will be served as well.

December 1st is Heritage and Pledge Sunday and Hanging of the Greens! Be sure to bring your pledge cards to turn in today.

Foothill Unity Center's Thanksgiving Food Drive is taking place now. Please see the list of needed food items shown in the newsletter. They are also requesting grocery gift cards. Those may be brought to the church office.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS! We are pre-selling 6" potted red poinsettias for **$18** each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, Dec. 15th. To order, visit our table after worship today, Nov. 17, Nov. 24 or Dec. 1. Your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $18. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. The last day to order is Sunday, December 1st. Plants may be picked up at church after the 9 PM Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, Dec. 24th. The remaining plants will be donated to our more home-bound church members. To be on our volunteer delivery team, let us know! It's a great opportunity to be in the Christmas spirit and give the spirit to someone else!

Choir Ministries: It is not too late to join! Rehearsals are Sundays before or after worship. Please see the following person for the choir you are interested in: Kirk Averitt (Chancel Choir), Diane Lucas (Children's Choir), Janice Clark (Youth Choir), and Carolyn Noonchester (Youth Bells and Carillon Bells).

2024 Altar Flowers – The cost for flowers is **$65**. Payment is via check, cash or online. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with "Flowers" in the memo line. To place your request, please contact Suzanne Wright in the church office by phone, or email: swright@cgsum.org. Orders go to florist on Thursdays.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received. please contact the church office.

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, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

LOOKING AHEAD!

November 17th - Mission Area Thanksgiving at San Gabriel UMC

November 27th - Chapel Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm

December 1st - Heritage Sunday, Pledge Commitment and Hanging of the Greens

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

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
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.