Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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Christ the King Sunday

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Sunday, November 23, 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 "Give Thanks" by H. Smity, arr. Y. Kim
Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "Open" by Judith Silver
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 46) *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength.
People: Let us be still and worship God.
Leader: God is our fortress in times of trouble.
People: Let us hold fast and exalt God in the heavens.
Leader: God is our compass and our guide.
People: Let us follow him from the dawn of the morning to the setting of the evening.
Leader: God is with us in all times and in all places.
People: Let us be still, hold fast, and remain in the presence of God, our King and our Redeemer.

***Opening Hymn** "Blessed Quietness" Black Hymnal #**2142**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Lamb
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Pastoral Prayer and 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 "A Canon of Praise" by Natalie Sleeth
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lesson *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*
Psalm 46:1-11
Colossians 1:11-20
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Black Hymnal **#2158**

Sermon "A Hymn to Christ, Firstborn of All Creation" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We Are God's People" Black Hymnal #**2220**

Benediction

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

Postlude "All Hail King Jesus" by David Mo
Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in remembrance of Ed Lucas's birthday by Craig Lucas.

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

It's Poinsettia Time! Presale is going on now. These beautiful plants will be decorating our sanctuary beginning December 14th through our Christmas Eve services. Cost is $22. Place your order today or by next Sunday following worship. You may also drop off your order form and payment at the church office.

Join us for the Thanksgiving Chapel Service tomorrow evening, at 7:00 pm. We will celebrate communion. There will be music, scriptures and reflection. Special Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available in the Sanctuary entryway and pews.

Foothill Unity's Angel Cards are here! You may pick up one (or more) from the church office or Sanctuary entryway. Along with new toys and books, gift cards (Amazon or Target) are also requested to assist local families.

The church office will be closed from noon Wednesday, November 26th through the 28th for Thanksgiving Holiday. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME** **Calling all volunteers to "Deck the Halls" for Advent on Saturday, November 29th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.** We have a great time putting up the Christmas trees and decorating all over with the symbols of the Season. Hot chocolate will be served, too!

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

Save the Date!

November 24th - Thanksgiving Chapel Service at 7:00 pm
November 29th - Deck the Halls from 1:00 to 4:00 pm
November 30th - 1st Sunday of Advent
(with Cookie Decorating and Hot Chocolate after Worship!)
December 7th - Hanging of the Greens Service
December 7th and 14th - Alternative Christmas Market
December 14th - Chancel Choir's Lessons and Carols Service
December 21st - Trek to the Tree Service
December 24th - Christmas Eve Services (5:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm)
December 28th - Christmas Carols Hymn Sing Service

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 Bro

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.