Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

27th Sunday after Pentecost and Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 24, 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 "Thanksgiving Medley" arr. Jennifer Eklund
Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "Soli Deo Gloria" by Herbert Beuerie
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Carolyn Iga*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from UMC Worship Resources Thanksgiving 2020)
Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers

Leader #1: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future.
Leader #2: God calls us to a life rooted in faith
People: Let us worship together now, to show our love and honor.

Leader #1: We are thankful to you, O God, for all that you have done.
Leader #2: We are thankful to you, O God, for all that you have promised.
People: Let us rejoice together now, with praise ad Thanksgiving!

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Red UM Hymnal **#694**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

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

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *Carolyn Iga*

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 "Laudamus" by Andrea Klouse
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Scripture *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*

Psalm 132:1-5
*John 19:33-37
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "We Gather Together" Red UM Hymnal **#131**

Stewardship Sharing
Elaine Drew, Cindy and Kevin Snavely, and Mike and Penny Hoover

Announcements *Carolyn Iga*

***Closing Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" Red UM Hymnal **#102**

***Benediction** *Carolyn Iga*

***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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
by Lobe Den Herren, arr. Michael Ware
Franklyn Shen

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of the birthday of Ed Lucas by Craig Lucas and in loving memory of Michael Sullivan and our anniversary by Lynne Rivera.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Today's hymns were chosen by Elaine Iverson. As winner of the Fall Festival's Worship VIP basket, we thank her for the wonderful hymn selections for this Thanksgiving Sunday worship service!

The ANGELS HAVE ARRIVED! Please visit the **Foothill Unity Center Angel Tree** and select an angel. Or you can just pick up a Wish List. Bring your donations to Fellowship Hall and any gift cards to the church office (if dropped in mail slot, mark envelope "Foothill").

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.

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.

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!

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

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

December 15th - Lessons & Carols Service

December 24th - Christmas Eve Services
- **5:00 PM Family Nativity Pageant**
- **9:00 PM Sanctuary Traditional w/Candlelight Closing**
- **11:00 PM Chapel Service w/Candlelight Closing in Courtyard**

December 29th - Christmas Carols Sunday

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.