Church of the Good Shepherd

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

The Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1, 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 "The First Noel" arr. Cherwie
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

***Call to Worship** (UMC Litany of the Greens)

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?
All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?
All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, evergreen.
One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our Savior?
All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing his passion, death and resurrection.
One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?
All: By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.
One: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.
All: Glory to God in the highest!

Introit "Advent Celebration" by Patterson
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

Welcome Greeting and Passing the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Red UM Hymnal **#196**

The Word for Children *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*
(Children are invited to come sit in the fron.t)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath "The Hope Candle"

Congregational Response

God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us again. Come to us in the preparation of our homes and our hearts. Come to us in the harmony of song and the sound of silence. Come in our faithful waiting and hopeful watching. Come to us in the cry for peace and the smile of forgiveness. God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us; be with us. Amen. (Copyright 2016, Ashley Danyew)

The Wreath The Everlasting Love

Reading Isaiah 9:2,6

Anthem "We'll Dress this House" by Alfred Burt
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

The Bough and Bows A Path of Peace

Reading Isaiah 53:2-5

Anthem "The Holly and The Ivy" arr. J.L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

The Garland Preparing the Path

Reading Isaiah 40:1-5

Anthem "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" arr. McChesney
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

The Christmas Tree A Sign of Hope

Reading Revelation 22:12-13,16

Anthem "Wexford Carol" arr. Spevacek
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Sacrament of Holy Communion and Pledge Commitment Please See Insert

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 1 and 2 Red UM Hymnal **#211**

Commission and Benediction Blessing

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quite reflection
For the light of the God's love is discernible everywhere.
We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.
The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming Christ is always coming.
We will welcome Christ into our Hearts.
We Will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.

Benediction Response **"Peace, Peace/Silent Night"** arr. Bock

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Lani Smith

Stephen Cook, Director of Music

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Ken Mallory by his family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The ANGELS HAVE ARRIVED! Please visit the **Foothill Unity Center Angel Tree** and select an angel and 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").

Foothill Unity Center's Thanksgiving Food Drive is taking place now. Please see the list of needed food items shown in the newsletter. Bring and grocery gift cards to the church office.

Today is the last day to Order Poinsettias! We are selling 6" potted red poinsettias for **$18** each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, Dec. 15th.

Christmas Eve Family Pageant We invite all children ages 3 and up to participate in the Christmas pageant, Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 at 5:00pm. We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd from 11:15am - 1:00pm (lunch will be included). If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net).

The Alternative Market will take place on December 1, 8, 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Our market will feature Heavenly Treasures, beautiful crafts, Habitat for Humanity, Union Station, Heifer Project, Family Promise and Church World Services.

ROI will again walk to see the Holiday Light Display in the Upper Hastings Ranch on Sunday 12/8. We'll meet in the parking lot by Sierra Donuts (3837 E Sierra Madre Blvd) at 6pm. After walking around the lighted neighborhood, we will go to Panera Bakery in Hastings Ranch (3521 E. Foothill) at 7:30pm for a hot beverage and snack. For questions, please contact Ann Grimmett at anng@saint-marks.org or 626-695-4035.

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.

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.

*The Great Thanksgiving for Advent**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ…….
And together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited are invited to receive the bread and juice. Please bring your pledge cards with you and place in the offering plate on the Communion table. Cards previously submitted have already been placed in the offering plate.

The Lord's Prayer after Receiving
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, for ever and ever. Amen

*adapted from UMPH "The Great Thanksgiving for Advent"

Pledge Commitment Doxology & Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red UM Hymnal #94

Unison Prayer: Almighty God, in this season of anticipation, we offer these pledges and gifts to you with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these commitments be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



In this blessed season of Advent, we hope you join us for these Worship and Fellowship Events:

- Dec. 8th *ROI Fellowship Holiday Light Display Walk (6pm)
- Dec. 10th *Shepherds Christmas Dinner (6pm)
- Dec. 11th Book Group Holiday Potluck (11:30am)
- Dec. 15th Lessons and Carols Service (Sunday 10am)
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services
  Family Nativity Pageant (5pm)
  Sanctuary Traditional with Candlelight Closing (9pm)
  Chapel w/Candlelight Closing in the Courtyard (11pm)
- Dec. 29th Christmas Hymns Sing Service (Sunday 10am)
- Jan. 5th New Year Lunch and Un-Decking of the Halls after Worship (11:30am)

*These events are off site, please see newsletter or church website www.cgsum.org for location, more details, and RSVP information.