Church of the Good Shepherd

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *String Quartet*

The Chimes

The Introit "Arise the Kingdom is at Hand" Christopher Tye

Word of Welcome and Passing of the Peace

LIFTING PRAISE AND PRAYER

***Opening Hymn** "People Look East" Red UM Hymnal **#202**

The Word with Children

Lighting of the Third Advent (Candle of Joy)

Reader One: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing...And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:1-2, 10 NRSV).

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God's house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

Reader Three: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God's promise.

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD THROUGH LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-5

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "I Will Arise" arr. Alice Parker

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem **"**Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" arr. Shawn Kirchner

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6 - 7

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Reflection on: "Everlasting Joy" *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "And the Glory of the Lord" from Messiah

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26 - 35

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forrest

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 8 - 15

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Red UM Hymnal **#238**

Seventh Lesson: John 1: 1 - 5, 9 - 12

The words of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "The Glory of the Father" Egil Hovland, arr. Pooler

SENDING FORTH TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Reading and Prayer

Choral Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Red UM Hymnal **#206**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Peace, Peace/Silent Night"

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** "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Paige *Stephen Cook, Organ*

Chancel flowers this morning are given: In memory of Jackie, Al, and Ella Olson by their family.

The other two arrangements are given in memory of Mike Sullivan by his wife Lynne Rivera.

Thank you to last Sunday's worship leaders including: ***Rev. Stephen Wilson (Communion); Michael Chesnut and Penny Hoover (Lay Readers); Diane and Craig Lucas (Advent Candle Lighting); and Karen Schaefer, Lynne Rivera, Suzanne Wright, and Susan Mendenhall (Hanging of the Greens).***

Reminder – please fill out the Attendance pad. There will also be a special question asked each Sunday and you can include your answer on the blank back side of the attendance sheet. Today's Attendance Question: What is your favorite Christmas Carol or Holiday Hymn?

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please join us for our Advent and Christmas Season Worship Services:

- Dec. 18th Trek to the Tree Sunday – turn in Christmas donation and pledge card for 2023.
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Family Service with Nativity Pageant (5:00pm) and Traditional Candlelight Service (9:00pm), and Midnight Service in the Chapel (11:00pm)
- Christmas Day at 10:00am – blessing of the toys and kids wear their pjs!

Don't miss the alternative Christmas Market in Jordan Hall after church today and Dec. 18.

Foothill Unity Holiday Food drive is now through December 18 in Jordan Hall.

Greet all your church friends by putting a card on the Greeting Tree in Jordan Hall.

We need animals, shepherds, wisemen, and angels for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00PM. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one Rehearsal for the Pageant on Sunday, December 18th from 11:15AM – 12:30PM (we will not have lunch). If you are not able to attend the rehearsal, please let Franklyn know and we'll save a costume for you! All children, youth, young adults, and adults ages 2-105 are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or fnjshen@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Women's Book Group Potluck will be held on December 14 at 11:30. Please call Penny Hoover to RSVP. We will not meet on December 21 or 28.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
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Pastor: 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.