Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday After Epiphany and Heritage Communion Sunday

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, February 1, 2026 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 "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" by Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 84) *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

Leader: Lord, we gather in your dwelling place.
People: To worship and praise you for your living grace.

Leader: Lord, we find our sustenance and strength in your courts.
People: For a day in your light is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Leader: Lord, we live as your anointed ones.
People: And lift our voices in your favor and honor.

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(vs. 1, 2, 3 & 7)* Red UM Hymnal #**57**

The Word for Children

Anthem "Thank You, God, for My Family" by Taylor
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like Simeon in the temple, we are called to bear witness to your salvation. Yet, we confess that we often live in darkness rather than in the light of Christ. We have been impatient and have allowed our lives to be consumed by the mundane, failing to recognize the presence of the Savior in our midst. We have clung to our own ways rather than presenting our lives, as Mary and Joseph did, to be consecrated for your purpose. Forgive our apathy and our narrow-mindedness that limits your salvation to our own understanding. Light of the World, illuminate our hearts, turn us toward you, and remind us to trust in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem "O How Amiable" by R. Vaughn Williams
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

Psalm 84:1-4
*Luke 2:22-32
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Red UM Hymnal **#454**

Sermon "In the Presence of the Light" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "God Help the Outcasts" by Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz
Adam Uriarte, Soloist

***Offertory and Doxology**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation:
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.

Words of Consecration *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Prayer After Receiving and The 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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Now Let Us From This Table Rise" Red UM Hymnal #**634**

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

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red UM Hymnal **#431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional" by Alice Jordan
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

It's not too late to turn in your **2026 Pledge.** Contact the office if you need another pledge card, (626-447-2181) or stop by Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The **2025 Contribution Letters** have been emailed (or mailed to those without email)**.**

"Souper" Bowl Sunday! Canned Soup Food Drive today and next Sunday. Pick the team you expect/want to win and put your canned soup in that box. The middle school Sunday class will count them up. Results will be announced after coffee fellowship on February 8th and we'll see if our predictions are right. The cans collected will be donated to a local food pantry.

♡♡**SAVE THE DATE:** Sarah Circle/UWF invites the women of Church of the Good Shepherd to a **"Galentine" luncheon, Sunday, February 15th at 11:30 a.m. in Jordan Hall.** Enjoy a delicious salad lunch and musical program. Bring a friend to this post-Valentine's Day event! Cost: $20/person. See the insert and sign up today.♡♡

The Women's Book Group meets Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Library. The current selection is The Queen of Paris about the designer, Coco Chanel.

Please note that the **Prayer Chain** has a new email: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com

**Altar flower arrangements** are available in celebration of or in memory of a special person or event and may be ordered through the church office (626-447-2181) or via email to swright@cgsum.org. The cost is $65.

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

Good Shepherd Bible, Book, and Study Groups

Sundays - Adult Sunday School (9:00 in the Library)
Sundays - Children and Youth Sunday School Classes (10:15 am)
Wednesdays - Women's Book Group (11:30 am in the Library)
Thursdays Men's Study Group (7:30 am online-via Zoom)

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.

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

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