Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday After Epiphany

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, February 8, 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 "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Light of Love" by Don G. Fontana
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (from Discipleship Ministries, July 2025) *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: People of God, why are you here?
People: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

Leader: People of God, why do you worship?
People: We worship God, who loves and teaches us love.

Leader: People of God, come let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!
People: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our church, community and the earth.

***Opening Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Red UM Hymnal #**577**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "King of Love" arr. Dennis
Carillon Ringers; 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 "Light Everlasting" by O.C. Christiansen
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*
Psalm 112:1-6
*Matthew 5:13-20
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word is a Lamp" Red UM Hymnal **#601**

Sermon "Salt and Light" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Safe Within Your Arms" by Mark Hayes
Garrison Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" Red UM Hymnal #**569**

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

***Benediction Response** "This Little Light of Mine" Red UM Hymnal **#585**

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm gonn'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm gonn'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonn'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2

Everywhere I go, I'm gonn'a let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm gonn'a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm gonn'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Postlude "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

We will begin wearing Name Tags in worship! They are a great way to foster hospitality and fellowship. So be sure to get a name tag from the entryway table as you enter worship each Sunday.

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. Pledge Cards are available by the Offering Box in the entryway.

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

"Souper" Bowl Sunday! Canned Soup Food Drive today. 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 and we'll see if our predictions are right. The cans collected will be donated to a local food pantry.

Shepherds Fellowship Potluck is this Tuesday**, February 10th at 6:00 pm.** Featured will be guest speaker, **Brenda Simonds.** Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker today.

♡♡**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.♡♡

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, there will be a service in the **Chapel at 7:00 pm.**

United Women in Faith is having a fundraiser at **Panera** in Monrovia on **February 19th from 4-8:00 pm,** dine in, take out, order in person or online. Proceeds will go to mission projects. See the insert for flyer.

The Women's Book Group meets Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Library. The current selection is The Listeners by Maggie Stiefvater.

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.

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.

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.