Upcoming Church Events!

- Sept. 27th - District Mission Area Hymn Sing & Dinner, Temple City UMC 3:30 pm
- Oct. 4th - BBQ Lunch, Youth Bake Sale, and Church Council and Trustees
- Oct. 18th & 25th - Crafter's Fair
- Oct. 25th - Laity Celebration and Stewardship Kick-Off Luncheon
- Oct. 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat (Saturday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)

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.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday After Pentecost
Youth Choir and Youth Bells
Retirement Recognition for Children's Choir Director, Diane Lucas
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

September 27, 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 "A Million Dreams" by B. Pasek & J. Paul, arr. Catherine Wilson
William Shen, Guitar; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "This is the Day" arr. J.L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 95)* *Nicholas Ng and Hannah Ng, Lay Readers*

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Come, let us enter with thanksgiving;
People: let us sing our songs of praise!

Leader: Come, let us shout to the Lord;
People: for the Lord is great, and above all gods.

Leader: Come, let us be his sons and daughters.
People: Living as the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

***Opening Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS #**2008**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Children's Message *Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

Special Music "Ring Little Bells" arr. Hollander
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Retirement Recognition of Diane Lucas

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 "Glory to God Forever" by Steve Fee & Vicky Beeching
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Scripture Lesson *Nicholas Ng and Hannah Ng, Lay Readers*

Psalm 67:1-4

*Luke 12:1-3

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "As the Deer" *(2 times)* TFWS #**2025**

Sermon "The Meaning of Praise: To Be Taught by the Holy Spirit" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" *(vs. 1,2,5)* TFWS #**2122**

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

***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 the 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 "Concerto in A Minor O. 3, No. 6, 1st. Mvt." by A. Vivaldi
Isabelle Chan

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Flowers this morning are in celebration and honor of the amazing Diane Lucas and her retirement from over 30 years as CGS Children's Choir Director (of all age groups over time) and are given with love and appreciation by the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Music Directors.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Shepherds Fellowship is planning a social outing for **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm** to enjoy an evening at Pasadena's **A Noise Within Theater** for the performance of ***Come From Away.*** This is based on the true story of the folks in Gander, Newfoundland who opened their community to care for the thousands of Americans stranded in the aftermath of 9/11. Ticket purchases on your own. To coordinate seating and/or join a group of us for dinner at El Torito, or need a ride, contact Margaret Blair.

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. Kim Reynolds is teaching on the Book of James.

Save the date! Saturday, October 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm is our annual Trunk or Treat event! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come for a fun, safe celebration of Halloween. One way to participate is by parking in our line-up in the west parking lot, decorating your vehicle and handing out treats to the trick-or-treaters. It's not too early to reserve your space. Spread the word! Contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker vlwhit@sbcglobal.net.

Crafters meets every **Wednesday afternoon** from **2-4:00 pm in the church Library.** Bring your skills and projects and fellowship together. We are creating items for our Fall Boutique.

Remember that the newsletter is now published every two weeks. Upcoming dates are: October 5th and 19th; November 2nd and 16th; and December 1st and 14th.

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.