Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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December 31, 2023 IN PERSON WORSHIP ONLY 1st Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to Worship at Church of the Good Shepherd.
Please sign in your attendance in the attendance pad located in each pew.
Offering and donations may be placed in the offering box in the Sanctuary entrance.

Prelude "Sleep, Holy Child" by Franklin Ritter
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Call to Worship *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God!
People: We now prepare to welcome a new year, thankful that God has brought us through the past year.
Leader: With anticipation and excitement we wait to see what God has in store for us.
People: We join the generations who taught us to listen, notice, and discern God's love in the world.
Leader: We will be as excited as the shepherds were at the good news of the child.
People: And we will join the chorus of angels in celebrating the birth of Christ!

***Opening Hymn** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Red Hymnal #240

Time with Children *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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.

Scriptures Readings Psalm 148:1-6 & *Luke 2:25-32, 39-40 *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Sing We Now of Christmas" vs 1-3 Red Hymnal #237

The Message	"Good Habits"	*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
Anthem Response	"We Three Kings"	arr. Shackley
Announcements		
***Closing Hymn**	"Joy to the World"	Red Hymnal #246
***Benediction**		
***Benediction Response**	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	Red 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	"Rejoice! Our Redeemer is Born"	By Gerald Petersen

Stephen Cook, Director of Music

***Congregation standing, if able.*

Announcements!

Volunteers are needed today after worship to help take down the Christmas decorations. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served in the music room for the volunteers.

The Church office and the Good Shepherd Children's Center will be closed through the holidays and will both reopen on Monday, January 8, 2024. The next church newsletter will go to print on that day. In case of emergencies please call Pastor Eva directly or email PastorEva@cgsum.org.

Please visit the church website www.cgsum.org for more announcements!

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - Franklyn J. Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda M. Brown

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission: 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.