Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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 "Meditation on How Great Thou Art" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "When Morning Gilds the Sky" by Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Elaine Drew, Lay Reader*
(adapted from R. Duck's "Touch of Holiness: Resources for Worship" pg. 38)

Leader: We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people.
People: We gather, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call.
Leader: You reach out to us in Jesus Christ, and have touched us with your Spirit.
People: We turn to you, seeking to love as we have been loved.
Leader**:** We call upon your holy name, empower us to worship you.
People: And may we serve you through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Come Down, O Love Divine" Red UM Hymnal #**475**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "New Beginnings, Everlasting Praise" by Mallory
CGS Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future."
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!
(Jeremiah 29:11, II Corinthians 5:17)

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 "In Jesus We Grow" by Lee Dangler
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Elaine Drew, Lay Reader*
Isaiah 6:1-3
*Luke 4:16-21
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Wonderful Words of Life" Red UM Hymnal #**600**

Sermon "Gathering at His Home Town" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Warrior" by Demi Lovato and Lindy Robbins
Stella Maldonado and Amarie Velarde, Soloists

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We Meet You, O Christ" Red UM Hymnal #**257**

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

***Benediction Response** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS #**2281**

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

***Postlude** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The LA Fire Aid Donation Drive is being held today from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the west parking lot This one-time event is being led by church youth to gather much needed items for our neighbors who have lost homes and businesses resulting from the devastating SoCal fires.

We can also continue to help via:

Target Gift Cards

We are collecting Target gift cards for clothing and other immediate needs items. Please send gift cards of any denomination to the conference office for distribution: Denyse Barnes, c/o California-Pacific Annual Conference, P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena, CA 91102-6006.

Monetary Donations

We have set up a special fund – the Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund – where you can contribute directly towards relief and recovery from the effects of the winds and firestorms this week: www.calpacumc.org/donate.

Check donations payable to the California-Pacific Conference can be mailed to California-Pacific Conference, Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund, P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena CA 91102.

Sarah Circle/UWIF's next meeting is February 6th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We're having a painting party! Mary Archibald is teaching us how to paint flowers. Join us for this fun evening. Please bring $5 for supplies. We will have a short meeting preceding the program and refreshments will be served.

Shepherds Fellowship invites you and your friends to a presentation in Fellowship Hall given by the **Arcadia Police Department K-9 Program on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm.** Please arrive by 6:15 pm. The program will cover how dogs are chosen, trained and assigned to specific tasks. There will be baskets available to donate (cash or check) to the Arcadia Police Foundation which helps support the K-9 unit and other non-budgeted items.

Family Promise Hosting will be February 15th through the 23rd. Volunteers are needed for set up crew, dinners, overnighters, etc. See the article in The Word for details. We will also be hosting again May 18th through the 25th.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received. please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. t:o **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

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Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
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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.