Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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25th Sunday after Pentecost and Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 2023 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.

Prelude "Amazing Grace" Traditional, arr. Chris Nole
Franklyn Shen

The Chimes

Introit "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (GNJ Worship Resources Nov. 2020) *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

One: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future, our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.

Many: We join together in worship and praise, to show love and faith for a true and faithful God.

One: So, let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our hope and our salvation!

Many: We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done, all that you are, and all that you have promised.

All: Let us worship together now, in praise and with thanksgiving!

***Opening Hymn** "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" Red UM Hymnal #**694**

Special Music "I Will Give Thanks" by Michael Jothen
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Good and gracious God, thank you for being the faithful God that you are. Thank you for always providing our needs. Thank you for always watching over us. You are in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights. Though the year has been trying, we still have much to be thankful for. So may our worship today echo our gratitude and our steadfast love and faith in you. In Christ we pray.

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.

Stewardship Sharing *Sandy Jelinek*

Anthem "A Hymn of Praise to the Creator" by Eric H. Thiman
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director; Franklyn Shen, Guest Accompanist

Scripture Lessons *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*
Romans 10:1-13
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "We Gather Together" Red UM Hymnal #**131**

Sermon Message "To the Most High" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Count Your Blessings" by Irving Berlin
Susan Holder, Soloist

Receiving of Pledge Vows and Offering Prayer ***Unison***

God of our salvation, we ar grateful that we can bring our fears, uncertainty, and suffering to you in relationship, leaning on your strength to carry us through. In this season of Thanksgiving, we offer up our fits to you in a spirit of gratitude and hope. We earnestly make this commitment of our finances so we may be stewards of your church. We trust that you will use them and us to bring healing and restoration to our world. In your son Jesu' name, Amen.

***The Doxology** Red UM Hymnal #**95**

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*
***Closing Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" Red UM Hymnal #**87**

***Benediction**

***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 "Come Thou Fount" Traditional, arr. Sharon Wilson
Franklyn Shen

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel Flowers this morning are given in celebration of Florence Kovacic's 101st Birthday by her family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The 2023 Contribution Letters were emailed out or mailed to those without emails. Please review the letter to make sure you are up to date on your 2023 Pledge Commitment. Also remember to turn in your 2024 Pledge Cards, as this is greatly appreciated and needed for setting the most accurate budget for next year.

Commitment Sunday. Join us in the fellowship time following the service. There is lunch catered by Poppy Cakes (Turkey Noodle Soup, Butternut Squash Soup, Harvest Salad, Cesar Salad, homemade rolls), drinks and desserts. Plus, CGS and UMC event updates and news

Poinsettias are available to order today through December 3rd. These 6" potted beauties are priced at $17 and will adorn our sanctuary for holiday services. Take your plant home after the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service. Volunteers will take the remaining plants to our home-bound members. Order at our table after worship.

Foothill Unity Center's Holiday Food Drive has begun. Food may be brought to Jordan Hall and gift cards to the church office (or deposited in the mail slot). A list of desired donations is in this week's Word.

Angels from **Foothill Unity Center** are here. Pick an Angel and bring your gifts to Jordan Hall by Sunday, December 10th. Details in The Word.

The **Arcadia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on Monday November 20th is being held at Holy Angels Catholic Church (Holly Avenue and Huntington Drive) at 7:00 pm. The theme is Stone Soup and each church will narrate one part of the story. Please see Pastor Eva if you would like to help in the acting out of the story.

Wednesday, November 22nd is the CGS Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm. It will be held in our Chapel and led by Pastor Eva and the Youth Choir.

The Sunday, November 26th worship service will feature special guest speaker and past CGS member, Cathy Raymond Wilson, delivering the Message. All CGS UMYF alum are invited to attend this service that includes Cathy's faith sharing and favorite familiar hymns as well!

Please join us on December 2nd from 3:30-5:30pm for the decorating of the Sanctuary and Hall for Advent! Volunteers are needed to help decorate the large Christmas trees, trim the rails with greens, place bows on the pews, adorn the doorways and much more as we prepare for the Greening of the Sanctuary Service on December 3rd!

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, enter your information on the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office. Cost is **$60** (check, cash, or online).

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

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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.