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The Word

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 23rd - Christ the King Sunday

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offering box and Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are in the Sanctuary entryway.

Scripture: Psalm 46: 1-11 and Colossians 1: 11-20
Sermon: "A Hymn to Christ, Firstborn of All Creation"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Give Thanks" by H. Smith, arr. Y. Kim
Postlude: "All Hail King Jesus" by David Mo
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Youth Bells: "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Lamb
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver; "A Canon of Praise" by Natalie Sleeth; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

The November 16th Altar Flowers were given in memory of Dean Sansui's birthday (November 16th) by Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan; in memory of Florence Kovacic on her birthday by Gary and Barb Kovacic and her loving family.



THANKSGIVING CHAPEL SERVICE
Will be on a **Monday, Nov. 24th** at 7:00pm this year with Communion, Music, Scriptures, and a Reflection.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING INVITATION: As we near Thanksgiving day, the church is grateful for each of you and the unique blessings you bring to the church. We invite you to attend the ***Thanksgiving Chapel Service*** (see above) and to also give a special ***Thanksgiving Offering*** to support the church and its ministries. The Thanksgiving offering envelopes are in the Sanctuary entryway and pews and can be placed in the offering box. Contact the church office (626) 447-2181 if you prefer to have one sent to you. Or give online at www.cgsum.org via the GIVE tab on the homepage.

All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Family Promise Ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS) has been one o fthe hosting congregations for Family Promise San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV). Since 2014, CGS has hosted 53 families with a total of 106 children.

However, in 2025 FPSGV transitioned to a long-term housing model as the best way to help those families who need assistance rather than have the families move every week to a new host church. Therefore, CGS will no longer host families at our church. Our FP outreach minstry will help support FPSGV through various fund-raising programs at CGS. Your continuing support will be essential for this indispensable ministry.

FPCGS Family Promise greatly appreciates ALL the members and groups who supported our hosting of the 53 families. The welcoming of our guest families, the meals, the sleeping overnight at church, the preparation and take-down of the sleeping area for our guests, the prayers, the playing with the children, the supplying needs for the families, and the showing god's love to those in need! Grateful thanks!

Diane Lucas
CGS Family Promise Coordinator

Time Change Sunday Update

Thank you! United Women in Faith and Sarah Circle thanks everyone who contributed to the Yellow Buckets on Time Change Sunday. Thanks to your generosity, we collected $366.66 which United Women in Faith rounded up to $400 to the Chaplaincy program of the Spiritual Care Department at USC Arcadia Hospital.



This Sunday, November 23rd after Worship- Volunteers are Needed to Help Deck the Halls!

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the church for the Advent Season. Stay after Coffee Fellowship and help us to decorate the Sanctuary, Chapel, Hall, and other spaces. Hot Cocoa will be provided for the volunteers.

The Book Group

Save the Date! Wednesday, December 10th
Book Group Potluck and Book Exchange. More details at our meeting.
Please note Book Group will not meet on November 26th.



Welcome to the New Members Recieved on Commitment Sunday!

On Sunday we celebrated our commitments of pledges, prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. It was also a joy to receive 12 new members through profession of faith, transfer, or associate membership.

New Members pictured from left to right: Richard Orozco (seated in front pew), Julie Sy, Charlie & Bethany Contreras, Lynn & Dian Loufek, Karen Dollard, Priscilla Nanong, Nellie Jew, and Connor Tatraphol. Members not able to attend: Deanna and Brandon Tantraphol.



2026 Pledge Update

- 84 Pledges were received last year
- 46 Pledges have been received this year as of Nov. 16th
- Help us reach our goal of increasing the number of pledges from last year!
- Pledge Cards are available in the church office or Sanctuary
- Return them to the Sanctuary offering box or to the office



Advent Events at Good Shepherd

- **Nov. 30th** 1st Sunday of Advent with *Cookie Decorating and Hot Cocoa* after Worship!
- **Dec. 7th** Hanging of the Greens Service & Communion and Alternative Christmas Market- more details to come
- **Dec. 14th** Chancel Choir's Lessons and Carols Service and Alternative Christmas Market- more details to come
- **Dec. 21st** Trek to the Tree Service
- **Dec. 24th** Christmas Eve Services (5pm, 9pm, 11pm)



Adopt an Angel this Holiday Season

Foothill Unity's Angel cards have arrived. Pick one or 2 or more up from the office or Santuary entryway. Purchase new toys, books, gift cards (Amazon or Target) and place in the large collection box in the Sanctuary or drop off to the church by Friday December 5th before the Foothill Unity pick up.

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Time: 4pm to close

Location: Islands Pasadena

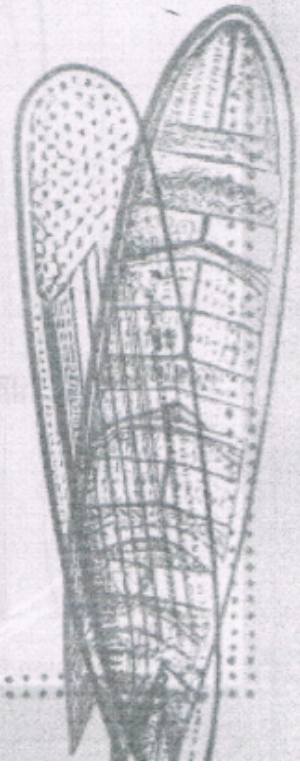
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It's Time to Order Pointsettias!

Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar and chancel area with beautiful pointsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red pointsettias for $22 each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 14th.



Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Chirstmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th. The remaining plants will be donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members.

To order, visit our table after Church services on November 23rd and November 30th, or fill out this order form and drop it off with your payment at the Church Office (400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007).

Pointsettia Order Form

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

The number of plants to be ordered: _____ x $22/plant = _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Will you pick up your plants on Wednesday, Dec. 24th after the 9pm service? _____

Will you donate your plant/s? _____

Are you able to assist with the delivery of plants to our home-bound members? _____

Your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $22 per plant. Write "pointsettia" on the memo line. **The last day to order is Sunday, November 30th.**

If you wish to be on our volunteer delivering team, let the Church Office know! We'd love to have you!

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November Save the Dates

- 11/23 Deck the Halls after Worship
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Chapel Service **(MONDAY at 7:00pm)**
- 11/30 1st Sunday of Advent and Cookie Decorating
- 12/7 Hanging of the Greens Service and Communion (Alternative Market after worship)
- 12/14 Lessons and Carols Service (Alternative Market after worship)
- 12/21 Trek to the Tree Service
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship Services (5pm, 9pm, and 11pm)
- 12/28 Hymn Sing Service

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.