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# The Word
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# Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
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## *Sunday, December 1st - First Sunday in Advent Heritage, Communion, Pledge Commitment and Hanging of the Greens Service*

*Please remember to bring your 2025 pledge cards this Sunday. These cards and the ones already turned in will be presented at the altar during the Pledge Commitment Prayer.*

**Scripture Lesson:**
**Prelude: "The First Noel" arr. Cherwien**
**Postlude: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Lani Smith**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**
**Youth Bells: "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Lamb**
**Youth Choir: "The Holly and the Ivy" Traditional; arr. J.L. Clark**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**
**Chancel Choir: "We'll Dress the House" by Afred Burt; "Wexford Carol" arr. Spevacek;**
**Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist**
**Carillon Ringers: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr. McChesney;**
**Carolyn Noonchester, Director**
**Choirs and Congregation: "Peace, Peace"**

*The Nov. 24th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of the birthday of Ed Lucas by Craig Lucas and in loving memory of Michael Sullivan and our anniversary by Lynne Rivera.*



## Advent Decorating- this Saturday!

Calling all volunteers! Decorating the Church for the holiday season will take place on Saturday, November 30th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Join us as we deck the halls and the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season! Hot cocoa & cookies will be served.

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.**

## Christmas Eve Family Pageant



The 5:00pm Family Christmas Pageant will be here before we know it! We invite all children ages 3 and up to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Tuesday, December 24th, 2024. WE will have one rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd from 11:15am - 1:00pm (lunch will be included), and all members of the Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. We would also like to accomodate children and youth coming from out of town after Decemeber 22nd for Christmas. If you let us know, you can still by participate by coming at 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 24th. You will need to wear the color of what you would like to be (white for angels, brown for shepherds, black or grey for animals.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen via email (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, December 15th so we can include your name in the worship bulletin.

## The Book Group

The Book Group has planned a potluck on December 11 for our final meeting of 2024. Please RSVP to Penny Hoover.

We will not meet again until January 5th when we will discuss The God of the Woods.

## It's Time to Order Poinsettias!

Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar and chancel area with beautiful poinsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red poinsettias for $18 each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 15th.

Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, 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 on December 1st. your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $18 per plant. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. The last day to order is Sunday, December 1st.

If you would like to be on our volunteer delivering team, let us know! It's a great opportunity to be in the Christmas spirit and give the spirit to someone else!

## Alternative Market 2024

Do your Christmias shopping at our market filled with meaningful gifts that will touch lives around the world and honor your recipients! Our market will feature Heavenly Treasures, beautiful crafts, Habitat for Humanity, Union Station, Heifer Project, Family Promise, and Church World Service. This year, Church World Service has timely gifts for Ukrainian refugees (a 2 week emergency food package) and gifts for the beleaguered people of Haiti (school supplies for 24 students and 200 mango seeds for farmers trying to make a living).

Your gifts can be purchased the first three Sundays in December. Your dedicated gifts come with a gift card and an insert. Start making your list and make Christmas a blessing for your family and friends and people around the globe.



## Foothill Unity Center's Angels

Foothill Unity Center's Christmas Angels will be generic. No specific names or ages will be on the angels. We will put up the Angel Tree and it will simply have the wish list printed on the back. You do not need an Angel to donate a gift. Simply bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Jordan Hall. If you donate a gift card please drop it off in the Church Office. Thank you for sharing and caring!



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

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Dec. 1st (10:00am) Hanging of the Greens Service
- Dec. 15th (10:00am) Lessons and Carols Service
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship Services: 5pm Family Nativity, 9pm Sanctuary Traditional with Candlelight Closing, 11pm Chapel with Candlelight Closing in the Courtyard
- Dec. 29th (10:00am) Christmas 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.***