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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens

Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.Attendance pads are in the pews.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64: 1-4 and Mark 13: 24-37
Sermon: "A Shocking Hope", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "The First Noel" arr. Cherwien,
Postlude: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Lani Smith;
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Children's Choir: "Advent Celebration" by Mark Patterson;
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Choir: "O Christmas Tree" Traditional, arr. J.L. Clark;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Bells: "I Wander as I Wonder"; "Let All Mortal Flesh be Silent"
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Chancel Choir: "My Lord He is a Comin' Soon" by Laura Winnen
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The Nov 26th Chancel Flowers were given: in memory of Dick Van Kirk by Doug and Sharon Van Kirk; and in memory of Ed Lucas' birthday by Craig Lucas.

Much appreciation to Cathy Raymond Wilson for her faith sharing message last Sunday, and thank you to Worship Leader Lynn Sansui and Scripture Reader Chris Zessau!



Join Us for Advent Decorating this Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 3:30pm!

The Worship Committee invites you to help prepare the Sanctuary, Hall, and Courtyard for the Advent Season. Join us this Saturday at 3:30 for a fun time of decorating our spaces with Christmas Trees, bows, holly, wreaths, and banners. Cookies and hot drinks 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.**



The CSArts School of Music will hold their annual Holiday Festivus concert in the CGS Sanctuary on Friday, December 15th and Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Join us for holiday favorites presented by Vocal Arts Conservatory choirs and Instrumental Music orchestra, as well as performance by the jazz combo at the holiday market during intermission.

CGS Members are invited to use the code 20offHFC23 for 20% off admission! Visit https://boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net/ for tickets. Feel free to ask Kirk about the show or tickets if you have any questions!

2023 Christmas Pageant



Christmas is coming! We need animals, shepherds, magi, and angels for the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 24th. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one rehearsal for the Pageant on Sunday, December 17th from 11:15am-1:00pm. Lunch will be served. If you are not able to attend the rehearsal, please let Cindy Ostry (childcenter@cgsum.org) or Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) know and we'll save a costume for you! All children, youth, young adults, and adults are welcome to participate.

Alternative Market Coming this Sunday!

Ever consider why we put so much pressure on ourselves to find and give the perfect gift? Church World Services offers gifts that are priceless treasures making a difference in the lives of others...it's food for the hungry, water for the thirsty...It's kindness and compassion that offers hope, love, joy, and peace. CWS blankets offer warmth for the homeless, refugees, and those in natural disasters. For the first time we are allowing CWS to offer four chickens for a family to raise. You can get your chickens through the Heifer Project or CWS. Both organizations have lovely cards and inserts to offer as meaningful Christmas gifts! **Shop at the market for the first three Sundays in December!**

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 $17, each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 17th.

Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Christmas Eve service on Sunday, 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 December 3rd, or fill out this order form and drop it off with your payment at the Church Office (400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA, 91007). If you wish to be on our volunteer delivering team, let Margaret know!

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

The number of plants to be ordered _____ x $17/plant = _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Will you pick up your plant/s on Sun, 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 $17 per plant.
Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. The last day to order is Sunday, December 3rd.

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open minds,
open doors

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.