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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, November 5th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday and Communion Sunday

Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews.
Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

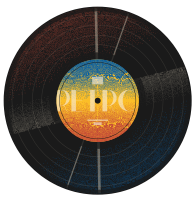
Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 6:8-18
Sermon: "A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude on "Middlebury"" arr. Peter Stearns
Postlude: "God of Grace and Glory" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"; "A City Called Heaven" by Josephine Poelinitz;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Youth Choir Cabaret Preview: "We Are the World" by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

The October 29th Chancel Flowers were given: in celebration of family birthdays, especially Jack Hallin's 90th by Marian Hallin; and in memory of Pauline and Jack Poindexter's birthdays by the Raymond and Poindexter families.

Join us this Sunday for the 24th Annual SSP Cabaret!



It's time for the 24th Annual SSP Cabaret - Billboard's #1 Hits! Please join the Youth Choir for an evening of song, dance, and refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken to help support our UMYF in going to Sierra Service Project next summer. So, come hear the hits on Sunday, November 5. Shows will be presented in Jordan Hall at both 5 and 7pm.



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.**

Time Change This Sunday



On Saturday, November 4th, remember to change your clocks back one hour when you go to bed. And when you come to church on Sunday, participate in TIME CHANGE SUNDAY. It's easy. Just drop your change into the yellow buckets held by United Women in Faith (formerly known as UMW). Your change will be used to provide services to women, children, youth, and families locally, nationally, and internationally. Be a part of our outreach.

United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle has donated funds for a 6 ft. tall, bronze statue to be placed in the Garden of Healing in front of the Chapel at Arcadia USC Hospital. The statue depicts an angel lovingly cradling an infant and is in honor of those parents who have lost a child to miscarriage or other infant death.



We will donate the funds from this year's "Time for Change" offering to a dedication plaque for the statue which will list the donors, including "Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia." We encourage everyone to give generously to this plaque. (See picture of the statue on the right).

Watch for details of the Angel Statue dedication ceremony in the Word.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 5th
10:00am WORSHIP

This Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. All persons related to this congregation who have passed away in the last year will be honored. The following are the names of those who have gone on to be with God during the last year (November 2022 to present).

The Saints Who Passed This Year: Shirley Hasseler, Channing Lushbough, and Dean Sansui.

If we have inadvertently omitted a member of your household or other member friend, notify the church office (626-447-2181) by Friday 10am so they can be included in the service on Nov. 5th and recognized in next week's newsletter.

Halloween at Good Shepherd



Join us this **Tuesday, October 31st, 6:30pm-8:00pm** for our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. In addition to our festivities, we will once again be blessed with a puppet show performance from Kevin Noonchester. You are invited to participate in one or all of these ways: 1) spread the word! 2) come with your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends, etc. 3) come with your car decorated to pass out candy or trinkets to the kids.

Please email Lynne and Vern Whitaker (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or call the Church Office if you'd like to add your car to the line up. If you can't make it to Trunk or Treat, consider bringing in individually wrapped candy or other little goodies to the Church Office for us to handout to the children.



Durkovic Performance- November 3rd, 7:00pm

Please join us for a special concert on Friday, November 3rd as we welcome back Timothy Durkovic (piano) with John Walz and Andrew Sords performing piano trios by Shostakovich and Brahms. The concert, made possible in part by the Pauline Poindexter Memorial Fund, begins at 7:0pm. A free will offering will be taken to support the music program at CGS.
We hope to see you there!

Shepherds November 14th Meeting

Shepherds will have our traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our November meeting on the 14th in Jordan Hall at 6:00pm. There will be a $10 charge per person for the turkey. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by the 8th only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she can give you one. You will need dishes. Water will be served. Our program is "Giving Thanks." Opportunities will be given to tell personal stories about giving thanks and Thanksgiving.

A Report from the Finance Chairman

Fall is definitely in the air! And with it comes the prospect of the holidays and the end of 2023. As we prepare to enter the final two months of the year with all the preparations and anticipation, please keep your other home, your church home, in mind. We enter the final two months of the year slightly behind budget. Third quarter pledge statements will be sent soon, and we home that everyone will take the time to review their giving history and if not current, to be current by year end. If your circumstances have changed, please contact Jenny Lee at the Church Office at jennylee323@gmail.com to make her aware. We base our budget on our pledges and if the pledge numbers change, we need to adjust our spending.

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From July 1st District Superintendent: Rev. MoonYoung Lee

open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 19th is COMMITTMENT SUNDAY!
Pledge Cards will be submitted, New Members will be received,
and a Fellowship Lunch will follow the Worship Service!

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.