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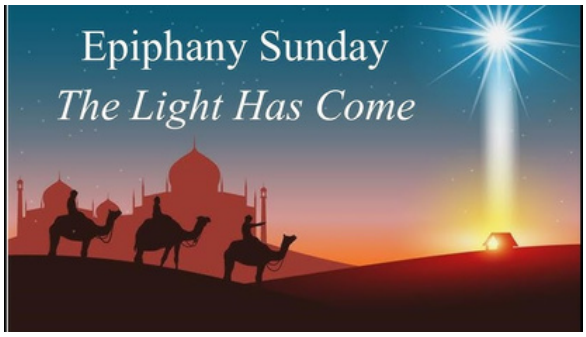
The Word

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 the Sanctuary

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offering Box and 2026 Pledge Packets are in the Sanctuary entryway.



Sunday, January 4th, 2026
Epiphany Sunday and Holy Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: “Light of the World”
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: “Jol” by Pau Figueres; Postlude: “This Little Light of Mine”
Introit: “O Come All Ye Faithful/Gesú Bambino”
Anthem: “What Child Is This”
Guest Musicians: Maya Proulx and John Proulx



This Sunday, January 4th After Worship

Volunteers are needed to help bring down, pack up, and store away the Advent & Christmas decorations. First, enjoy drinks and refreshments during fellowship time after worship. Then, meet in the Sanctuary to help undeck the halls.

Save the Date: Jan. 11th, Epiphany Celebration that includes a Potluck Dinner and an Outreach Project (need Nail Clipper donations)- see Flyer on next page.

All newsletter 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 Joy of Epiphany!

Greater San Gabriel Mission Area Gathering
January 11, 2026 (Sunday 4:00-6:00pm)
Let us gather together and celebrate the guiding light that brings hope, wisdom, and new beginnings!
Program with a Reflection by DS Rev. Lee
Assemble UMCOR Hygiene Kits;
Potluck Soup & Salad Dinner
and music by The Rhythm Ducks
w/Stephanie Lan on Piano
at Sierra Madre UMC
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., S.M., CA 91024



Churches have been assigned potluck items and UMCOR Hygiene kit materials to bring. Please RSVP to your church Pastor or church mission area representative by January 9, 2026.

POTLUCK ASSIGNMENTS

Alhambra FUMC(Desserts & Dessert Plates)
Alhambra SGPUMC(Bowls, Cutlery, Napkins)
Arcadia CGSUMC (Soup- Vegetarian Chili)
Monterey Park SOTHUMC (Soup- Beef Veg.)
Sierra Madre UMC (Drinks and Cups)
Temple City Faith UMC (Salads)
Temple City First UMC (Breads & Dinner Plates)

UMCOR HYGIENE KIT ASSIGNMENTS-goal 100*

Alhambra FUMC (Band Aids)
Alhambra SGPUMC(Hand Towels)
Arcadia CGSUMC (Nail Clippers and Soaps)
Monterey Park SOTHUMC (Gall. Zip Lock Bags)
Sierra Madre UMC (Wash Cloths)
Temple City Faith UMC (Combs)
Temple City First UMC (Toothbrushes)

*We will also take a free will offering to cover any missing items and any shipping costs that may occur.

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown



LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER IN THE NEW YEAR!

Join us on Sundays for 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary. The first Sunday of the new year, January 4th, is Heritage and Communion Sunday. Plus enrich your faith with other Sunday offerings:

- (9:00am) Adult Bible Study in the Library
- (8:30 or 9:00am) Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- (10:15am) Sunday School for Children and Youth
- (11:15am) Fellowship Time with Coffee and Refreshments
- Also Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir after worship

*Nursery Care for Infants and Toddlers available at 9:30am

Lord In Our Prayers We Lift Up....

- The family of Jack Hallin, who passed away on Dec. 2nd. Marian and family will set a Celebration of Life Service at Good Shepherd at a later to be set date.
- For the health of church members: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hassler, Norma Link, and Richard Vethamani.

Send prayer requests to: **cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com** (note that this is a new email).

From the Family of Frances Syverson, longtime member of the church and the choir, who passed to eternal life on November 28, 2025. A Celebration of Life for Fran will be held at Westminster Gardens, where she lived the final 16 years of her life. Anyone who knew her is invited to attend (1420 Santo Domingo Avenue, Duarte) at 1:00pm Sunday, January 11.

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.