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10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary!!

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday
Worship at 10:00 a.m. in both the
Sanctuary and Jordan Hall (see The Gathering article below)
Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
You may now enter the Sanctuary worship through the
double doors off the parking lot and check-in is not needed.
Attendance pads are now back in the pews.
Guest Preacher Rev. Richard Garner
Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 23:33-43
Sermon: "Jesus, Remember Me"
Prelude: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" by Charles C. Converse
Postlude: "All Hail King Jesus" by Dave Moody
Franklyn Shen, Piano
Introit: "Day by Day" by Arthur H. Biggs
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director
Anthem: "Thank You, Lord, for Everything" by Sanko
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Piano
Anthem #2: "Now Thank We All Our God" by J.S, Bach
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director
Special Music: Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine #166"; "Hope of the World #178"; and "Rise, Shine, You People #187"

Chancel Choir rehearsal this morning is at 8:30.

Children's Choir rehearsal is at 11:15-11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room.



The Gathering, in Jordan Hall, this Sunday, November 20

CGS is trying something new! In addition to the 10am Sanctuary Service, we will also offer a casual worship service in Jordan Hall with music videos, Children's Choir, and faith stories. Coffee, Cider, and snacks will be available with seating at round tables. Nursery Care and Children's Activities will be offered.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship in the Chapel

Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm the ***Thanksgiving Eve Chapel Service*** is back! Pastor Eva will provide a brief message and the youth choir will provide music for this evening service in the chapel.

Arcadia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.



It is Church of Good Shepherd's honor to host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service! We hope our church members and friends will attend this special service of the various faith traditions of Arcadia. They will share their expressions of Thanksgiving through music, prayers, the Word, and praise. Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Chancel Choir Director Kirk Averitt, Pianist Franklyn Shen, and Rev. Stephen Wilson will participate in the service. And our women's Sarah Circle group will provide refreshments after the service (see article below about donating cookies). **There will also be a box for canned food donations for Foothill Unity Center.**

Cookies Needed!

Church of the Good Shepherd will host the Community Interfaith Council's annual Thanksgiving service on Monday, November 21 at 7 PM. We will have a social gathering in Jordan Hall following the service and are in need of cookies to serve to our guests. For those who would like to participate, please bring 2-3 dozen homemade or purchased cookies to the church kitchen by 3 PM on Monday, November 21.

FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET DRIVE



This year the center has a revised list to fill their holiday baskets. Please leave donations in Jordan Hall. Here is what they request: canned yams, canned sweet potatoes, mini marshmallows, gravy packets, cake mixes, corn muffin mix, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, pudding, stuffing mix. The following items should be TAKEN TO THE CENTER: Cornish hens, chickens, pies, $20-$25 grocery gift cards, turkey gift cards. When you shop for your family remember those who can be blessed by your help! Donations accepted through December 18th.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for supporting the Youth and Operation Christmas Child! We were able to fill 80 shoeboxes to ship to children around the world. We will definitely do this again next year!





ANGELS ARE COMING!



This year Foothill Unity Center's Christmas Angels will be flying into Jordan Hall. The angels will be different from years past as they are not specific to a certain child. The center is still on a Covid protocol of drive through service and was not able to obtain specific information from each family. The angels will have varying requests on them so come to see the ways you can help the children of the clients of the center. Return your Angel gifts by December 4th.

Thank You from Our Crafters

The Crafters wish to thank everyone who shopped at our Craft Boutique in October. Due to your support, we earned over $1,800 which will be donated to various missions and outreach charities, such as Foothill Unity Center, David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, and the chaplaincy program at USC Arcadia Hospital. Thank you so much for your support. Happy Holidays!



Christmas Is Coming!

We need animals, shepherds, wisemen, and angels for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00PM. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one Rehearsal for the Pageant on Sunday, December 18th from 11:15AM – 12:30PM (we will not have lunch). If you are not able to attend the rehearsal, please let Franklyn know and we'll save a costume for you! All children, youth, young adults, and adults ages 2-105 are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or fnjshen@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Women's Book Study



Next week we finish the Personal Librarian. We will ***not*** meet the day before Thanksgiving as well as Dec. 21 and 28. Our next book, The 12 Topsy Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas will be read as follows: Nov. 30. Ch. 1-36; Dec. 7. Finish book. On December 14, we will have a "hearty appetizer" potluck and our annual gift book exchange. Please call Penny to RSVP. (Or see her at Book Group) Thank you, Penny, for organizing this.

A Note from Pastor Eva

The word Commitment has been on my mind this past week. I was recently excused from jury duty that would have involved a 3-week murder trial. I can only imagine the commitment the jury members must make to be an important part of our country's justice system. Speaking of our country, it was humbling to see the Veterans of our church stand up in worship Sunday morning as we recognized them for their commitment and bravery of service. And how joyful it was to end the service with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the 2023 Pledge Cards that have been submitted.

Thinking of these examples of great commitment, I know it is the individual person who decides to make the personal commitment. Whether it is to report for jury duty, to serve in the military, or to give financially to the church. But as I stated in Sunday's message, things are only successful if all are committed together. All 12 of the jurors must agree on a verdict. We never send 1 soldier alone into battle. Church ministries rely on the financial support of many donations and not one single giver. As Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 reminds us, there is strength in numbers: ***"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up their companion."*** Each financial gift is treasured and part of our commitment to the church and its ministries. Thank you to those who have already submitted your 2023 pledge card. For those who have not been able to do so yet, there is still time. Please return them (by mail or in person drop off) any time before the end of the year. 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and lift one another up in faith!

Sincerely, ***Pastor Eva***

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open minds,
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And on our website CGSUM.ORG.

In-Person Worship Service at 10 am in our Sanctuary and
The Gathering in Jordan Hall this Sunday at 10 am

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
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.