

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Commissioning

God Is So Good

No. 658

\*Benediction

Postlude

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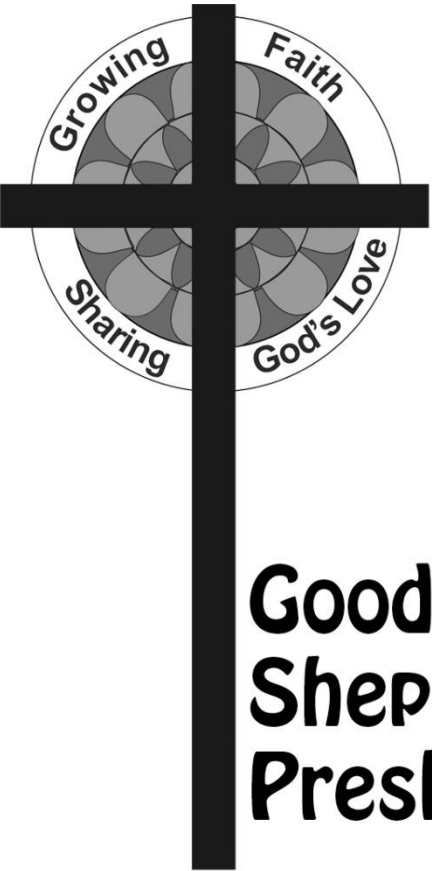
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Sunday Order of Worship  
11:00 am

Good  
Shepherd  
Presbyterian

We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship  
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

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\* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Lord of all, in Jesus You have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ’s community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshippers. **For sight impaired worshippers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshippers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

\*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in His holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

\*Hymn of Praise

We Gather Together

No. 321

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. **On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.** —based on Daniel 9:4-19

\*Assurance of God’s Grace

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. —Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:25-32

Pew Bible page 725

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 15:1-20

Pew Bible page 783

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sermon

Amendments for the Council Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn of the Day

What Shall I Render to the Lord

No. 655

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Owen Harris

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.