# The Offering

# **Dedication of Pledges**

# 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.

# \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Commissioning Saved, Saved, Saved (see insert)

\*Benediction

### Postlude

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November 9, 2025

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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November 9, 2025 Worship Service 11:00 am

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

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, You pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers**: Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers**: We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission Angel Tree Roxanne Lau

\*Greeting One Another in Love

#### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude Victor Holton

**Call to Worship (Responsive)** 

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is He who made us and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His

name.

People: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

-Psalm 100, NIV

\*Hymn of Praise A Mighty Fortress is Our God

No. 275

# \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name.

#### \*Assurance of God's Grace

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

—Romans 5:8-9, NIV

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson John 7:37-38 Pew Bible page 757

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 Pew Bible pages 647,650

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Anthem

Sermon When the Rituals Become Empty Rev. Russ Weekley

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD** 

\*Hymn of the Day Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart No. 688

#### \*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

Cindy Hurst

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, forever. Amen.