

## The Apostles' Creed

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Offering

## Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. Craig Curry

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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

**\*Hymn of Commissioning**

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 136

**\*Benediction**

## Postlude

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### Special Thanks Today:

**Usher:** Ginger Stapley



*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church*

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**11:00AM**

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

Prayer of Preparation

O God, You pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and truth. 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

PreludePastoral Symphony/Away in a Mangerarr. G. F. Handel

Lighting of the Advent WreathThe Parham Family

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ’s coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

People: We light this candle in hope.  
We light this candle for peace.  
We light this candle in joy!

Leader: Rejoice! For our Lord is coming into the darkness of oppression’s exile to lead us home, as we hear in Isaiah 35:1-10:

Reader 1:  
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Reader 2:  
Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Reader 1:  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Reader 2:  
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Let us pray.  
O Lord, our Redeemer, You lead us from languishing in sorrow’s shadows into laughter’s joy over Your abundant restoration. Thank You that You are coming for us to lead us home along Your Way, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Worship (Unison)  
Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.  
~ James 5:8

HymnJoy to the WorldNo. 134

Christmas Spectacular - What A Wonderful Child

One Small Child

Calypso Lullaby

Mary Did You Know?  
Mike Thorpe-Soloist

Carol of the Bells  
Good Shepherd Women’s Chorus

Where Else Would a Lamb Be Born?  
Ray Jarvis-soloist

What Child is This  
Whitney Duncan and Amelia Gordon-Duet

The First Noel  
Sara Duncan and Caitlyn Chvatal-Duet

What You Gonna Call the Pretty Little Baby

What A Wonderful Child

Amen