

# ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”  
Advent 1 - December 3, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus  
Christy Boyd, Pianist

**Greeters at Entrance:** Ian & Janet Culligan

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introduction to the Advent Season**

**Hymn** #154 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 80 (selections)

**Leader:** Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

**Congregation:** Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

**Leader:** Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

**Congregation:** Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

**Leader:** Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. (NIV®)

## **Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

## **Hymns of Praise**

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
#501 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

## **Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Jean Ford

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye

has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people. (NIV®)

## **A Message for the Children**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “Between Two Comings”

**Communion Hymn** #690 We Remember You

## **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

## **Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

## **Postlude**

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We welcome you to Worship at Gentle Shepherd Community Church this morning. We’re glad you came! Please plan to join us following the service for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs. If you are a visitor today, please sign our Guest Book in the foyer as you leave as a lasting reminder of your visit. We hope you feel as welcome as you are as part of the Gentle Shepherd family.

\*\*Please note: Instead of collecting our offerings during the worship service, there is now an offering box at the back of the church. Our church family is invited to share in giving in this way.

## Weekly Announcements

**Missions and Outreach Team Challenge:** Our December Food Bank (Greener Village) challenge is to provide canned goods that can be part of a Christmas meal, such as canned vegetables, fruit and cranberries. Although needed in this season for Christmas food boxes, these items are always in demand at Greener Village. As usual, your donations can be left in the box in the foyer of the church.

**Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign:** We have again been invited to participate in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. Our dates are November 25 and December 8. We will be in the same location as last year – outside Lawton’s Pharmacy in the Regent Mall. This is a great Christmas activity for both individuals and families. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer.

Donations have been made to Gentle Shepherd Community Church in memory of Ron Fletcher by Helen Dunnett and Paula Dunnett.

**GSW:** We are having a Christmas potluck at the home of Barb MacMullin on **Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 PM.** All women welcome.

**Date to Remember:** On **December 22, 5:30 PM,** a congregational Christmas potluck will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Regent Street.

### Weekly Activities

Sunday, December 3	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School – Advent I Worship Service
Wednesday, December 6	10:00 AM 7:00 PM  6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Study at the Church Bible Study at the home of Connie & Kevin Storr Christianity Explored Potluck Christianity Explored at the Church
Friday, December 8	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers’
Sunday, December 10	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service— Advent II Baptism of Chris Grant



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