

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

December 31, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus

Christy Boyd, Pianist

Greeters at Entrance: Mel Spires & David Crawford

Greeters at Entrance: Tyler, Caleb, Sophie, and Sam Horton

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song # 179 Joy to the World

Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-2, 13-14

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Congregation: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Congregation: And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord. (NIV®).

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Go, Tell it On the Mountain

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes

seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (NIV®)

Pastoral Prayer

Message “An Undivided Heart”

Closing Hymn #190 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

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

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.

Any prayer requests can be sent to Don Kerstens at djkerstens@gmail.com. If anyone would like their name included in the Prayer Chain, Please contact Don.

Do you have announcements for the bulletin? Please send submissions to Connie Crawford at conniecrawford259@gmail.com by Tuesday morning.

NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE: A number of people in our church family have allergic reactions to scents. Please be sensitive to those needs when preparing to attend worship.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, December 31	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Friday, January 5	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, January 7	10:30 AM	Worship Service



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