

# ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

February 18, 2018 – 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:** Ian & Janet Culligan

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** #86 The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

**Call to Worship** Psalm 6 (selections)

**Leader:** Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

**Congregation:** Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.

**Leader:** My soul is in deep anguish. How long, Lord, how long? Turn, Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

**Congregation:** I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.

**Leader:** Away from me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping. The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.

**Congregation:** All my enemies will be overwhelmed with shame and anguish; they will turn back and suddenly be put to shame. (NIV®)

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

## **Hymns of Praise**

#110 We Come, O Christ, to You

#96 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:31-39 Carol Scott

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of

God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV®)

## **A Message for the Children**

Jon Sensinger

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “The Lord Will See To It” (Genesis 22:1-18)

**Closing Hymn** #507 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## **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 challenge for January/February is to supply the ingredients for a pasta meal, including the pasta, tomato sauce, canned mushrooms, and maybe even the spices or the Parmesan cheese. If you would like to donate, you can leave your food in the box in the foyer of the church on any Sunday in January or February.

Come and see what the Lord is doing through ISMC (International Student Ministries Canada) -global missions done locally! Seth and Brittany Bevans will be holding the first Fredericton ISMC introductory volunteer meeting and comprehensive overview on **Sunday, February 25, 3:00 – 5:00 PM**, at Gentle Shepherd Community Church. An RSVP flyer will be given next Sunday, February 18, for childcare and food purposes. Questions? Email [seth.bevans@ismc.ca](mailto:seth.bevans@ismc.ca).

Any prayer requests can be sent to Don Kerstens at [djkerstens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, February 18	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Friday, February 23	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, February 25	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 – 5:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service ISMC Volunteer Meeting



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