

## ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

February 4, 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:** Ivan & Jean Ford

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** # 655 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

**Call to Worship** Psalm 51:10-15

**Leader:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Congregation:** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Leader:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Congregation:** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

**Leader:** Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

**Congregation:** Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. (NIV®)

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

#### **Hymns of Praise**

#97 Meekness and Majesty

#547 We Are God’s People

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 8:26-40 Debbie Dunnett

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants?”

For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. (NIV®)

**Congregational Hymn** #559 Here I Am, Lord

### **A Message for the Children**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “God’s Work in Us and in Me”

**Communion Hymn** #255 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

### **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 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.

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 4	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 – 5:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Games Fellowship
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, February 9	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, February 11	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 13	6:00 PM	Pancake Supper



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