

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

January 21, 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 in Foyer: Ross & Gloria Ingram

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song Across the Lands

Call to Worship Psalm 37:23-24, 39-40

Leader: The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

Congregation: though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Leader: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Congregation: The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#22 Let All Things Now Living

#117 There is a Redeemer

#668 Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:16-28 Don Kerstens

So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!” A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done

any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones. Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: “May you prosper greatly! “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. “For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.” So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children Dee Kohler

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Fearing God, Not Lions”

Closing Hymn # 72 Great is Thy Faithfulness

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 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.

Dates to Remember:

- (1) Annual Meeting – February 11 (following the Worship Service)
- (2) Annual Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 PM
- (3) Games Night – Early February (more information to follow)

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, January 21	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, January 24	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, January 26	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, January 28	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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