

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

January 7, 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: Barry & Martha Andrews

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song # 656 Open the Eyes of My Heart

Call to Worship Psalm 72:1-4, 17-19

Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Congregation: May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

Leader: May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

Congregation: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#236 As With Gladness

#562 We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Caleb Horton

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together

in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Received and Passed On” (Matthew 2:1-12)

Communion Hymn # 665 Break Now the Bread of Life

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

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. 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 7	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, January 10	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, January 12	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, January 14	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service



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