

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

September 16, 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 67:1-4

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

Congregation: so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

Congregation: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#653 I Will Call Upon the Lord

#670 O Word of God Incarnate

Scripture Reading: John 1:14-18 Jean Ford

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me

because he was before me.’”) Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Jesus the Revealer”

Closing Hymn #97 Meekness and Majesty

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: Although school is out for the summer, our **Food Bank Challenge** for the summer months (**July, August and September**) is to prepare for the return to class in September by collecting school supplies and healthy snack/lunch items. Some suggestions for school supplies include pens, pencils, coloured pencils, glue sticks, two-inch binders, pocket folders, wide-lined paper, backpacks, and insulated lunch bags. Suggested lunch items are juice boxes, individual snacks, fruit cups, puddings, and nut-free granola bars. If you can help, please leave your donations in the box in the foyer of the church on Sunday morning.

Join us for three Sunday evenings in September as Tyler and Christiane Horton lead a six-part seminar (each evening will contain two 45 minute parts) about Christianity around the world, called “**It is too small a thing**”: **An Introduction to Global Christianity** - September 9th, 16th and 23rd, 6:30 PM.

Turkey Dinner. There will be a turkey dinner on **October 20, 2018** at the New Maryland Centre. Details 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

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| Sunday, September 16 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 PM | Welcome Back Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Global Christianity Seminar |
| Wednesday, September 19 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study at the Church |
| Friday, September 21 | 5:30 PM | Potluck at Kohlers’ |
| Saturday, September 22 | 5:30 PM | International Student Dinner |
| Sunday, September 23 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 6:30 PM | Global Christianity Seminar |



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