

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

September 23, 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: Ian & Janet Culligan

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song #87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Worship Psalm 96:7-10

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Congregation: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”

Leader: The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#66 To God Be the Glory

#105 Beautiful Savior

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Scripture Reading:

John 1:19-34

Lynn Critchlow

Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Messiah.” They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. He is the

one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Look: The Lamb of God”

Closing Hymn #281 Lamb of 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

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. The congregation is invited to a turkey dinner on **October 20, 2018, 5:30 PM**, at the New Maryland Centre. There will be a sign up sheet in the church entry. A freewill offering basket will be provided on the night of the dinner to help cover the cost.

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 23 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 6:30 PM | Global Christianity Seminar |
| Wednesday, September 26 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study at the Church |
| Friday, September 28 | 5:30 PM | Potluck at Kohlers' |
| Sunday, September 30 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 PM | Congregational Meeting |



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