

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

September 9, 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 #9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Congregation: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Congregation: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

Leader: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Congregation: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.
(NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#21 This is My Father’s World

#18 The Name of the Lord

Reckless Love

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1-13

Fred MacMullin

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,

so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Jesus for Everyone”

Closing Hymn 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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.

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, September 9	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, September 12	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, September 14	5:30 PM	Potluck at Kohlers’
Sunday, September 16	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:30 PM	Global Christianity Seminar



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