

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

October 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 in Foyer: Arnold & Ruth Acton

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song # 359 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the

Lord has done for us." (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Call to Worship Psalm 62:1, 5-8

Leader: Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Congregation: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Leader: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Congregation: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#136 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

#117 There is a Redeemer

#358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:6-11; 5:11-14

Chris Grant

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.” Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall

down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying, “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Many Thanks in One Direction”

Communion Hymn #357 Knowing You

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 Food Bank Challenge for **October** will be to provide items from the Fredericton Food Bank's current wish list. These are food items needed for their weekly food hampers to their clients – Elbow Macaroni (500 g); Pudding Cups/Fruit Cups; Canned Tomatoes; Juice (1 L); Canned Tuna; Jars of Baby Food.

Turkey Dinner. The congregation is invited to a turkey dinner on **October 20, 2018, 5:30 PM**, at the New Maryland Centre. There is 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

Sunday, October 7	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday, October 9	5:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday, October 10	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, October 12	5:30 PM	Potluck at Kohlers'
Saturday, October 13	5:30 PM	International Student Dinner
Sunday, October 14	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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