

# GOOD SHEPHERD

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

JANUARY 7, 2024

## Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of

years ago: God speaks and we respond.

Gospel that we proclaim.

the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.

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# A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families.
Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a *cry room* if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an *overflow room* with a livestream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.
Lastly, we have a *nursery* downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and

trained.

We do understand, however,

## Order of Worship

Preparation

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to

God.

prayerfully prepare to meet

with and worship the living

God's people come because he first calls them. We open

himself who is calling us into

\*Please stand if able

his presence this morning.

our services this way as a reminder that it is God

It is because of His humanity and His incarnation that Christ becomes

Preparatory Thought.....

sweet to us, and through Him God becomes sweet to us. Let us

therefore begin to ascend step by step from Christ's crying in His swaddling clothes up to His Passion. Then we shall easily see God. We should busy ourselves completely with treating, knowing, and

**Praise** 

considering this man. Then you will know that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. - Martin Luther 

Welcome and Announcements.....

Call to Worship\*......Psalm 105:1-5 **Leader**: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known

his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has

done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered Prayer of Adoration\*....

Hymn #100\*......Holy! Holy! Holy!

### Holy! Holy! Holy!



Renewal

continue the practice of God's people listening to the public Corporate Reading of Scripture......Mark 4:10-20 (p. 839)

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of

The Word of God is always

sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we

God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited

reading of scripture.

through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and

speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has

been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this

morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful

worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon......Romans 8:1-2

**Leader**: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who

are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ lesus from the law of sin and death.

Offering/Song......Before the Throne of God Above

Congregational Prayer.....

#### Before the Throne of God Above



### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



### **Proclamation**

Each week, we preach, verse

Bible so that we are

important.

by verse through books of the

instructed by the full counsel of God, rather than whatever

the preacher deems most

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every week trusting that our Lord is truly,

His people. If you are a member of a local church, have been baptized, and

with us.

spiritually present nourishing

believe that you are saved by grace through faith, then we welcome you to participate

\*\*To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon......Rev. Neil Ouinn "What Should I Do? - Repent" Acts 2:37-41 (p. 910)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper\*\*.....

Benediction\*....

Postlude.....

Response

### Sermon Outline

"What Should I Do? – Repent"

Acts 2:37–41 (p. 910)

Big Idea— One necessary response to the gospel is to repent.

Introduction: The Question We Should All Ask

What Prompts the Question?

#### The First Answer: Repent!

- 1. Repentance is sadness and joy, sickness and healing.
- 2. Repentance is changing direction.
- 3. Repentance is decisive and ongoing.
- 4. Repentance is a gift.

Conclusion: Preaching and Prayer

### Sermon Notes

#### Come to the Waters



WORDS: Revelation 22; James Montgomery Boice, 2000

11.10.11.10

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Bible and faith questions you may have. • Fellowship groups meet regularly. Contact Pastor

Ryan if you are interested in joining a group. • Seniors meet in the fellowship hall on the first Friday of each month from 12pm-2pm. Contact Larry Warner if you have any questions. • Young Adults meet every Wednesday for fellowship

Announcements

may contact Luann.

from 8-9:30am.

January 25 & 26.

information.

**Financials** 

Get Involved

 Our choir is asking congregants to consider joining the choir for the spring semester (January through June). Anyone with questions

Our next men's breakfast will be held on 1/20

• This spring semester, the women's bible study

will be studying the book of Jude. Meetings will be held on alternate Thursday evenings from

7:00 to 8:30 or alternate Friday mornings from

Friday morning study. Meetings begin on

on 2/4 after the morning service.

• Total Giving through Nov 2023 (\$284,617) • Total Expenses through Nov 2023 (\$278,044)

• Welcome Home Fund (\$49,019)

• Our next congregational meeting will be held

• Presbytery-wide retreats for our middle and high school students will be held in February.

announced when available. Please contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested in more

• Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time

where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other

More details and registration instructions will be

9:30 to 11:30. Childcare will be available for the

and a sermon discussion. • Men's Bible Study groups meet weekly in the morning and evening.

• Women's Bible Study meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm and on alternating Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the church Fellowship Hall. • The choir meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm.