

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**  
**Candlelight Communion Service**  
**December 24, 2017**  
**7:30 pm**

PRELUDE	Gesu Bambino Micheal Stevens, solo	P. Yon
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES	O Holy Night Taylor Scott, solo	A. Adam
LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLES		
• CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	We gather in the darkness of evening to celebrate the newborn Light.	
People:	With family and friends we worship and adore the Christ-child.	
Leader:	With Mary we will ponder these things in our hearts.	
People:	With Joseph we will give thanks to the Lord for God’s steadfast love.	
Leader:	Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving, for a child, the Child, has been born!	
People:	We gather to worship him and welcome his peaceful kingdom.	
Leader:	His name will be blessed among all the earth;	
All:	His reign shall have no end! Come, our wait is finished! Let us worship the newborn King!	
• HYMN	O Come, All Ye Faithful	No. 41
CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		
HYMN	O Little Town of Bethlehem	No. 44
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Grant Us Your Peace	F. Mendelssohn
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-14	
MEDITATION	Christmas Gift	Rev. Dale P. Scott

- congregation may stand

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

#### HYMN

Silent Night

No. 60

#### LITANY OF LIGHT

- Leader: The people that walk in darkness will see a great light; those who dwell in deep darkness, on them light will shine.
- People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is upon you.**
- Leader: I am the Light of the World, said Jesus. All who follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- People: While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may be children of light.**
- Leader: You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. Neither do people light a candle and put it under a basket, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- People: Having drawn near to Christ in communion, we are illuminated. Having lit our candles, we have symbolized our readiness. Now we are sent to be the light and hope of Christ in the world.**
- Leader: As we extinguish our candles, may the flame of Christ's love kindle in our hearts.
- All: Let your light so shine that people may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven. Amen.**

#### • HYMN

Joy to the World!

No. 40

#### • BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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#### POSTLUDE

Silent Night

*Go into the world carrying the light of Christ with you!*

**JAN 1**  
**10:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Casual service**  
**with brunch**

No Sunday School

### **Service Notes**

Candle lighters: Bob & Mary Shell, Jim Chamblee, Deb Wrich

Ushers: Jim & Sue Welch, Robert Kelly

Media: Deb Davis

**The communion chalices** used this evening were purchased by Rev. Scott in Bethlehem, Israel and depict, in relief, the classic Leonardo da Vinci painting of "The Last Supper."

**Holiday Closings** The church building will be closed December 25 and January 1.

### **How Do I Become Part of Good Shepherd?**

Good Shepherd Church offers the Introduction to Good Shepherd Seminar to enable you to learn more about the core values that unite us, and the vision that inspires us. Participating in the seminar is the normal route by which guests become members of the congregation. This one afternoon seminar is also an excellent way for long time members to understand the values and commitments that drive Good Shepherd.

### ***The poinsettias adorning the sanctuary are lovingly given by...***

#### ***Dwight & Margaret Boesiger***

#### ***Jim & Peggy Clark***

*· in honor of our families*

#### ***Dr. Gary Funk, David Koble & Ms. Ruth J. Rowbottom***

*· in memory of Vicki Funk Noble*

*· in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George N. Funk*

#### ***Linda & Tim, Anne & Loretta Johnson***

*· in memory of Delbert & Pearl Anderson & Walter & Phoebe Johnson*

#### ***Priscilla Snow***

*· in memory of M. Lockwood & Ruth Porter*

#### ***Joan Oelenberger***

*· in memory of Carl Oelenberger*

#### ***Peabody & Beeghly Families***

*· in gratefulness for God's blessings*

#### ***Dale & Kim Scott***

*· in memory of Jerry, Jean, & Nick Bohigian & Zoe Scott*

#### ***Barbara Hoffman***

*· in memory of Al & sister, Betty Hoffman*

*· in honor of Sarah Hoffman*

Thank you for contributing to the beautiful holiday decor of our church. Please take your poinsettia home with you this evening.

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