



November 23, 2022

12:00 and 7:00 PM

“From Scarcity to Abundance!”

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

**OPENING SONG #679**    *For the Fruit of All Creation*

## **THANKS-GIVING PRAYER**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Advent Begins and Advent Wednesday's

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PSALM OF THANKSGIVING...Psalm 136** The Message

Pastor:    Thank God! He deserves your thanks.

**All:            God's love never quits.**

Pastor:    Thank the miracle-working God,

**All:            God's love never quits.**

Pastor:    The God whose skill formed the cosmos,

**All:            God's love never quits.**

Pastor: The God who laid out earth on ocean foundations,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: The God who filled the skies with light,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: The sun to watch over the day,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: Moon and stars as guardians of the night,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: God remembered us when we were down,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: Rescued us from the trampling boot,  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: Takes care of everyone in time of need.  
**All: God's love never quits.**

Pastor: Thank God, who did it all!  
**All: God's love never quits!**

## **VIDEO...“Skit Guys”**

### **HOLY GOSPEL...Luke 14:7-14** NRSV

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor,

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in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to

you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

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But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

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For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

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But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**     *Sanctuary*

**REFLECTION** Pr. Tom Grevlos

***God's Abundant Thanks-Giving Table***

**SONG OF RESPONSE #641** vv1, 3, 5     ***All Are Welcome***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- Drop in secure offering boxes located by main Sanctuary doors.



## **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

This year's special Thanksgiving Offering will go towards Meals on Wheels and Bread For All.



**GENEROSITY IMPACT** Meals on Wheels

## **SONG OF GRATITUDE**

**#531 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing***

## **EUCCHARISTIC (GIVE THANKS) MEAL**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*Baked For You...One loaf of bread per family*

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;  
Wine/Grape Juice— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Bell Choir      ***Now Thank We All Our God***

## **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**COMMISSIONING HYMN #856** vv 1, 3, 4 ***How Great Thou Art***

## **COMMISSIONING**

Leader: We go in peace,  
nurtured by God's love,  
transformed by Jesus,  
open to the wind of the Spirit,  
taking only what we need,  
always open to the needs of others,  
living with generosity,  
striving for justice, reconciliation, and peace,  
mindful of those who will come after us,  
living in perpetual praise and thanksgiving!

**All: Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Shirley Murray, Marc Wissman,  
and Curtis Johnson.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:  
Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement  
at Mariposa

**We pray** for the family of Shirley Murray on her death this past Tuesday. Surround Karen and Dave and all here friends with comfort and peace. We thank you for her ministry with us at Shepherd of the Hills.

**We pray** for the families and communities impacted by the tragic shootings in Virginia and Colorado. May the senseless violence that infects our culture be transformed into acts of compassion and kindness.

**We pray** for the people of Ukraine caught in the middle of war and violence. Our hearts break when women and children are displaced and families torn apart by the evil actions of others. May you break open hearts so that swords may be beat into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

**We pray** for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

**We pray** that our faith community make a saintly difference that we may behold and courageous in our generosity. May the pledges we make be a sign of our gratitude and love. May we say Thank You with humble hearts and renewed commitment to being a beacon of hope in the world!

**We pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,  
unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pastors</b>                      | Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner                                                    |
| <b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>     | Kevin McClure                                                                             |
| <b>Trumpet</b>                      | (7:00) Bob Cannon                                                                         |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                      | (7:00) Jonathan Davies                                                                    |
| <b>AV</b>                           | Pete Forsberg, Peter Walsh, Jamie Nichols, Jonathan Wolff,<br>Bill Dawson and Dave Wegner |
| <b>Bread</b>                        | Kitt Richter                                                                              |
| <b>Host (12:00)</b>                 | Terrie Thomas                                                                             |
| <b>Admin Ministry Coordinator</b>   | Amanda Forsberg                                                                           |
| <b>Campus Operations</b>            | Dave Wegner                                                                               |
| <b>Communications Director</b>      | Dabney Gomes                                                                              |
| <b>Student Ministry Coordinator</b> | Joel Timmons                                                                              |
| <b>Executive Director</b>           | Bill Dawson                                                                               |
| <b>Finance Controller</b>           | Kevin Marlow                                                                              |

## ***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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