



**GATHERING MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Though we could be resentful,

**All: We come to give thanks.**

Pastor: Though we could be complaining,

**All: We come to offer appreciation.**

Pastor: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

**All: We come in gratitude for what we have.**

Pastor: We enter now into this time of worship

**All: Carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.**

*Based on Psalm 126. Written by Joanna Harader*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**All: We confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**All: Amen.**

**SONG**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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## PRAYER

Assist: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Assist: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## WELCOME

Announcements: Advent Mid-Week, Advent Devotionals, Bread Loaves

## SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:21-27

Reader: Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: [Jesus said,] “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?”

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Ryan Dockery

**SONG**

For Everyone Born

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition...* Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**THANK OFFERING**

Offerings given this evening go to Meals on Wheels to support their continued work of much needed human connection and safety checks. To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/GIVE](http://shephills.org/GIVE). By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746.

*Passing of the plates.*

**OFFERING SONG**

We Are an Offering

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Assist: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

**All: Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW Setting 3

**PREFACE**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 3

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Hear these words: "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you." Prayer Station: As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers for the burdens and ills you carry.*

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW Setting 3

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

*Choir*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

Assist: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: And may almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel*

## SONG

Let All Things Now Living

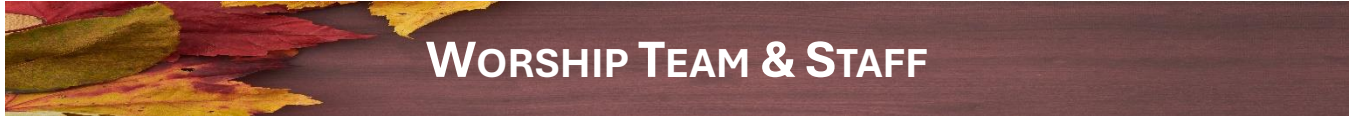
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## COMMISSIONING

Assist: Our lives are filled with God's gifts, and as we go out into the world, we share the love of Christ with others!

All: **Thanks be to God. And WE WILL!**

## POSTLUDE



### WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	Cindy Nelson
Reader	Pam Petterson
Acolyte	Jonathan Davies
Altar Steward	Diane Peterson
Communion Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	Cindy Nelson, Pam Petterson, Jonathan Davies
Hosts/Tellers	Dee Jackson
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Officer	Hilary Russell
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Digital Media & IT	Dave Wegner
Sound & Video	Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Devin Schueppert, Vince Yokubaitis, Will Coulson, Bjorn Martinsson



## PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Lydia Perkunas

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson
- Tom Rieger, father of Tommy Rieger

God, you provide for our every need, and you fill us with good things. Bless the ministry of Meals on Wheels as they deliver and serve our neighbors with nourishing meals. May we never tire of your calling to feed the hungry. Bless also the food collected for Bread for All, that it might nourish bodies, build community, and be a sign of your abundant love in action.

Generous God, your intention for us is salvation and joy, found in your greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. As we ponder your good gifts to us, providing for our every need and more, guide our own intentions in giving of our selves, our time, and our treasures. May we hold more tightly to you than to our money. May our whole lives reflect your goodness.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Charlie Wikelius, brother of Larry Wikelius. We commend Charlie to your never-ending love as we trust in the promise of resurrection life in Christ.

*\*To add a prayer request, email [sheep@shephills.org](mailto:sheep@shephills.org). Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*



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