

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
December 29, 2024 8:15 & 10:45 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Tim Graves

Pastor: We waited.

All: And imagined a savior.

Pastor: We imagined power.

All: One like the world but stronger and on our side.

Pastor: We imagined a king on a white horse wielding a sword.

All: We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

Pastor: We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.

All: We receive a baby who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.

Pastor: Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.

All: Praise to the wisdom of love. Amen!

SONG

Once In Royal David's City

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Assist: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Epiphany, Tim Anderson Visit

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Sherry & Boyd Morgan

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Reader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition...Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

THANK OFFERING

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Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING SONG

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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OFFERING PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 4

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 4

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 4

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Virgin’s Slumber Song

Max Reger

Jan Wilson, solo; Andrei Zimbalist, piano

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. We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Go Tell It on the Mountain

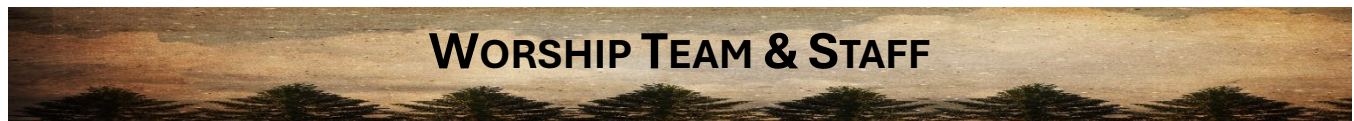
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COMMISSIONING

Assist: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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
Altar Steward	8:15 – Elnora & Ken McDonald
	10:45 – Jennifer & Richard Arndt

Communion Bread

Communion Servers 8:15 –

10:45 –

Food For Fellowship Anne & Jerry McDonald, Linda Roesle

Hosts/Tellers 8:15 –

10:45 –

Prayer Ministry 8:15 –

10:45 –

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry	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
- Lydia Perkunas
- Dana Dertien

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
- Winnie and Brad Nelson, sister and nephew of Mary Macaulay
- Taylor Schobey, daughter of Deanna Schobey
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson

God of love, we give you thanks for the marriage of John Turman and Danny Ramirez. Bless their life together, as they witness to your love and faithfulness.

O God, we thank you for our ministry partnerships, both local and global. We lift up ILAG in Guatemala, especially our sister congregation in Aurora, and Charis ministry in Haiti. We also pray for the ministries of Upbring, especially New Life and BeReal. Bless our mission together in sharing your love with all people.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially James Dunn Russell, Sr., and Kae Self. We commend them 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. Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*



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