

continent; Matzot, the unleavened bread of freedom, made holy by the memory of the Jewish people; Tortillas, likewise unleavened, made holy by the struggles for injustice in this hemisphere.

People: With our daily breads: may there be enough for all earth’s peoples; May there be enough for all earth’s children. With these breads: may we be made holy by sharing in the labors, toils and struggles of the many around the globe. May we be made holy by the sharing of our substance and substances with our sisters and brothers who circle the earth. May we be one!

Leader: In joining our hearts together, we find Your love is satisfied and our way is clear.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *(unison)*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will share the Sacrament of Communion with our prefilled prepackaged communion cups which contain both the juice and communion wafer in a single two-part container. Communion participants peel back on seal to remove the wafer and then a second seal for the juice. The Presbyterian tradition does not include a specific rite for first communion. Our parents decide when their children are ready to participate.

Communion Music

Jeremy Kurn

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples, so that our daily living may reflect your presence among us, and our love be your love, reaching out into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING IN GOD’S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #710

We Lift Our Voices (We are an Offering)

*Charge and Benediction

Pastor Sheri Fry

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison. Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.



We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

MATTHEW 25

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

God who walks with us in the adventure of community, remind us of your constant presence.

When we are full give us the strength to bring light to others.

When we are empty comfort and renew us. When we need a challenge teach and stretch us.

And when we need rest, provide a stopping place on the way.

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

*Call to Worship (unison)

Liturgist Ruth Vazquez

One: Today we gather around a bountiful table to celebrate the freedom of God.
People: From all around the world we come, to rekindle our spirits and receive strength for our common tasks.
One: Bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, they are gifts to us of God’s presence.
People: Let us be bound in love, walk together in truth, and be united in purpose. For the earth and all its fullness belong not to us, but to the Lord.

*Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

We light this candle as a sign of God’s Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

*Opening Hymn #529

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

Mother of mercy, Father of grace, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And we are hungry, too. Lord have mercy upon us. Forgive us. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as your servants, by the power of Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love

Rev. Sheri Fry

*Response of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Ruth Vazquez

God of all creation, send your Holy Spirit among us this day that the seed of your Word might take root in our hearts and bear the fruits of peace, love and justice for all. Amen

First Lesson

Psalm 90:12-17

Ruth Vazquez

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

And We Remember

Chancel Choir

by Charlotte Lee and Douglas E. Wagner

Second Lesson

Mark 10:17-27

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon

Money is Like Nuclear Power - Fearless Living

Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection



RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

A Moment for Fearless Living

Brian Pendleton

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

Jeremy Kurn

*Response

The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Pastor Sheri Fry

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Sharing of the Breads

Leader: The bread we share this day is sacred. Grain, gift of the earth, gives life.

People: The friendship we share this day is sacred. All gatherings, when people meet and touch, celebrate life.

Leader: The laughter we share this day is sacred.

Joy and sorrow that rise from love are springs of life.

People: The stillness we share this day is sacred. In this peace is a haven for the spirit, which nurtures life.

Leader: For bread, for friends, for joy and sorrow, for the comfort of quietness— let us be ever grateful and caring.

People: Behold these breads from the earth’s many grains, from the hands of many peoples:

Leader: Loaves of barley grains, made holy by the toil and the soil of the earth in Egypt, Africa, and the Middle East. Cakes of rice, made holy by the toil of the people and the soil and waters of the earth throughout Asia; Breads of corn made holy by the toil of the people and the soil of this continent’s indigenous peoples; Wheat and white bread, made holy by the toil of the people and the soil of Europe’s

DID YOUR CHILD COME WITH A MANUAL? MINE DIDN'T!!

TheFAMILYTREE.org is partnering with GSPC (Good Shepherd Presby. Church) to offer an introductory 1-hour program on **MONDAY, OCT. 18, 2021, 6 - 7 p.m.** to parents and caretakers of young children. This class will focus on child care, training, discipline, and nurturing, while also informing of other services offered by that organization. Presentation will be in both English and Spanish.

The hope is that those who come will want further sessions which can be offered at GSPC on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of November. GSPC will offer light snacks for adults and any children who are registered for child care.

Anyone interested in being part of the Hospitality Team and/or Child Care for this program, please contact Ruth Vazquez vazquezsr@comcast.net or 303-457-2434 (leave message).

The Family Tree was established in 1976, is headquartered in Lakewood, covers seven counties, offers multiple kinds of resources. "100% of youth who engaged with Family Tree Community Family Resource Team last year were diverted from further child welfare system involvement. 81% of households exiting [their] Homelessness Program moved into safe and stable housing last year."



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SUNDAY MUSINGS

A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will give up our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.
– Jan Richardson

May this be your invitation to Christ's Table.
Pastor Sheri



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About World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is always celebrated the first Sunday in October and has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God’s earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.



World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical Church. Celebration of World Wide Communion was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it was not until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language. *Text partially adapted from resources available at www.pcusa.org/worship.*

Meet Jeremy Kurn, our new Accompanist



Raised in a disciplined classical world, Jeremy Kurn became a lifelong student of composition, improvisation, jazz, classical and musical theater. He took an unconventional journey to find authentic musical inspiration sourced by years of travel, spiritual practices, experimental music, mountain climbing and martial arts. Jeremy now works as a professional composer, arranger, producer and music director. He has completed three original musicals that debuted locally and abroad, his arrangements have been played by orchestras and big bands throughout the country, and he has worked locally with the DCPA, Town Hall Arts Center, DL Parsons Theater, Aurora Fox Theater, and others.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane Seid.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Maxine K; for Norma, Teddie’s mom, now in rehab; for Burton K., and for Jim McCarron’s sister, Sue Donovan, who has started treatment for brain and lung cancer. For all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Julie K.’s family; ; Sue H.’s family; Sue C.’s family; the Burress’ family; Barb W.’s family. Steve Wilson passed away on Monday September 20th. Please keep his friends, family, his wife Megan, their three children as well as Megan’s mother, Nancy, in your thoughts and prayers. for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Here’s What’s Happening

October 4 - Bell Choir Practice 7 - 8:15 pm

October 6 - Choir Practice 7 - 8:15 pm

Congregational Life Committee Meeting 2 pm

Guatemala Mission Partnership at the Denver Presbytery

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, First of Englewood, St. Andrew, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian are partners with Living Waters for the World to provide safe drinking water, health and spiritual education, and micro business training to communities of greatest physical, economic and social need.

Since its founding in 2013, this Denver Presbytery Partnership has installed one water purification system per year in towns and rural Mayan villages.

This group is dedicated to building long term, authentic, and enduring relationships with the pastors and families in these communities.

Marsha Morton and Fred Finke have been the representatives to the GMP from Good Shepherd through zoom meetings this past year. Sadly, Marsha and Fred need to step down from this partnership and we are now hoping one or two interested people would be willing to represent Good Shepherd at these partnership meetings.

If there are people who would like to further this important mission, Fred and Marsha would be more than happy to talk to them about what it has meant to us. Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry at revmo25@gmail.com with your interest.

FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES. (ESL)

Tuesdays & Thursdays Starting October 12th 6-7:30pm

Good Shepherd will be hosting free ESL classes beginning Tuesday, October 12 from 6:00-7:30pm. This class is open to beginning and intermediate English speakers. Certified teacher Catherine Schyling will teach the class. To register, call 720-207-3328 or sign up at the Food Bank.



Vecinos "Neighbors" Program ~ Oct. 13 & 27 and Nov. 10 & 17

The Interfaith Immigration Network and the Denver Presbytery is offering an opportunity to participate in an 4 part educational series on ZOOM to provide education, outreach, & support for faith communities to catalyze their engagement with immigrant lives & immigrant rights.

Pod One: *Faith Based immigration practices:* what in our collective faiths compels us to welcome the stranger; *history of immigration: how has the path of immigration into the US shaped our policies;* *Immigrant Voices:* How do the stories from today's immigrants inform our beliefs & practices

Pod Two: *How to be an ally:* how can we learn to walk with our new immigrant neighbors; *Intro to immigrant status and resources:* what are the community resources & legal avenues available; *Resources & Actions for Allies:* what avenues for action and engagement are available in our area for allies

Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry at Revmo25@gmail.com if you would like to register for this zoom opportunity.

? Interested in Exploring Membership at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church?

October 10, 2021 immediately following worship.



Whether you are new to the Presbyterian Church, or you are considering a transfer, those interested in becoming members of Good Shepherd are invited to attend an **Inquirers' Class**.

About the Inquirers' Class

This class provides an opportunity to explore becoming a member of Good Shepherd. It includes some time to get to know one another, think about our own faith journeys and consider what led us to Good Shepherd. The class concludes with a Q&A period, during which we can provide further details for those who decide to join.

This interactive, informative class is designed to help visitors and inquirers get to know people at Good Shepherd, learn about our programs, and discover ways to worship, study, serve, and grow with us.

The Inquirers' class is 2 hours in length and lunch is provided.

"Membership Sunday" generally takes place two weeks after the "Exploring" class. New members may join by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Letter of Transfer. Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry at Revmo25@gmail.com or 303-475-3883 with your questions and to sign up.

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Get ready for Stewardship 2022

Fearless Generosity



“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around, but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (the Message)

Stewardship is how we use our God-given gifts; it is how we use our talents, our time, and our resources. These all are holy gifts. They are symbols of love and signs of grace that are offered out of joy and devotion. These gifts are not dues to be paid or entrance fees to be offered. They are gifts of love. These gifts that we offer to God are symbols of our covenant of love with Christ, made in response to our understanding of Christ’s great love, which is offered for us.

The encouraging words from the apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:20-21 are words of blessing. God is able to do far more abundantly than anything we are able to ask or even think about asking for. And perhaps even more amazingly, God chooses to partner with us to accomplish more than we can imagine.

We are going to spend the next 4 weeks on *Fearless Generosity*. We are going to explore what it means to practice: fearless living, fearless service, fearless sowing and fearless living. Partnering with us, God through the Spirit...the power at work within us...is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine.

May Paul’s prayer for the church at Ephesus be our prayer as we begin this time of exploring how God is calling us to be fearless givers and fearless stewards...as individuals and as a community of faith.

Open your heart to focus on people and mission by:

- Hearing stories of people touched by Good Shepherd’s ministries
- Seeing the church budget in a way that you can understand
- Passionately helping Good Shepherd carry out Christ’s mission in the world