

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Making a financial gift makes Good Shepherd's programs and ministries possible, including this worship service. You are invited to give at www.thegoodshepherd.org or by placing your offering in the offering plates stationed at the front of the sanctuary. *If you have your pledge card with you, please place it in the offering plate along with your offering. Pledges along with weekly offerings, visitor welcome cards and prayer requests are dedicated together.*

Offertory

Doxology #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Sheri Fry

One: Receive these gifts, O God.

All: We offer to you, O God, these gifts in humble thanks for the creating love you give to us.

One: Receive these pledges, O God.

All: We offer to you, O God, these pledges in unassuming thanks for the redeeming love you give to us.

One: Receive these commitments, O God.

All: We offer to you, O God, these commitments in grateful thanks for the sustaining love you give to us. May our eyes, our minds and our hearts be opened this year. May we experience new life in our church and in our ministry together. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Charge and Benediction

Pastor Sheri Fry

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn



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A Service for the Lord's Day
October 24, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
New Members & Stewardship

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.

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

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of each other and of community. Help us to see and welcome you in all people and to dare to reach out to others no matter what the cost. Teach us to live in harmony with all people, greeting your image within them and sharing their joys and sorrows. Weave us together into your pattern of love. Amen

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

*Call to Worship

Liturgist Jay Dee Conrad

One: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

All: We have been blessed by God!

One: We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

All: We are being blessed by God!

One: We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

All: We will continue to be blessed by God!

One: God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us. We are called to give back.

All: We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, (continued)

of our talents, and of our treasure.

One: Let us give thanks to our God of Blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

All: Let us give thanks to God! Let us proclaim our faith in God! Let us worship God!

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

Jay Dee Conrad

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 #697

Take My Life

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

God of blessings, you shower our world and our lives with your presence, with your love and with your guidance. Yet so often we do not see you. We focus on the things that are seen and not the things that are unseen. We allow ourselves to be consumed by little annoyances and frustrating encounters. Help us to pause, O God. Open our eyes to see the bright and beautiful blessings that surround us. Open our hearts to receive those blessings. And open our minds to discern how we can be a blessing to those around us. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

Rev. Sheri Fry

*Response of Praise

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)

Jay Dee Conrad

Holy Wisdom, we ask that your Spirit would guide us in meditation on your word, that we might be led more deeply into knowledge of you and love for all your creatures and creations. In Christ we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

Jay Dee Conrad

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

All: Thanks be to God.



Anthem	Cannon of Praise	Chancel Choir
Adapted by Hal H. Hopson from Pachelbel's Canon		
Second Lesson	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14	Rev. Sheri Fry
Sermon	Fearless Living	Rev. Sheri Fry
Moment of Silent Reflection		

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Reception of New Members

Reaffirmation of Faith

Darlene Cate, Kathy Cate, Steve Vanderburg, Sue Vanderburg, Becky Van Dyke

*Creed (unison)

Jay Dee Conrad

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the Giver and Renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. (excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Unison Prayer

O God, our Creator, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number sisters and brothers in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Jeremy Kurn

Chancel Choir, Wednesdays @ 7:00.

We welcome all vaccinated singers of any ability level. Please contact Sara Love, our Director of Music, at 303-408-9815 for additional information.

Handbells, Mondays @ 6:10 pm

Handbells have resumed! Join us on Monday nights in the sanctuary. Please contact Sara Love, our Director of Music, at 303-408-9815 for additional information.



Join Us for Online Worship

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 am. Go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNorthglenn>

Here's What's Happening

October 25 - Men's Shed 10 - 12

October 27 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:10 pm (if needed), No Choir Rehearsal

October 26 & 28 - ESL class 6 - 7:30 pm

Good Shepherd Staff

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Accompanist: Jeremy Kurn

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Chancel Choir

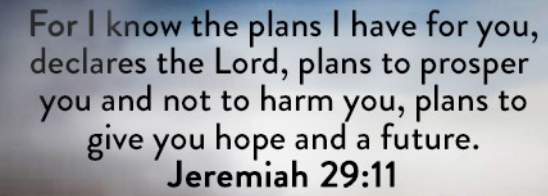
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SERMON MUSINGS



For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

The prophet's letter to the exiles in Jeremiah 29, which has travelled across a vast distance in order to bring comfort and much needed advice to those who find themselves under imperial rule and a long way from home, emerges as a powerful testimony to resilience and survival.

These verses speak of the desire to pick up the pieces of the community's lives and to start living again...building houses, planting vineyards, and celebrating weddings. It serves as a powerful testimony to resilience. The exiles are encouraged by Jeremiah's letter to make the best of their current situation and to build a life.

I believe that God doesn't plan our future; *God walks into it with us*, hoping for us as fervently as human parents hope when they launch their children into the world. God doesn't hover over Creation with a giant planner in God's hands, ticking off events as they occur; God experiences reality on the ground, just as we do. Determined to accompany us, God rounds every bend, gasping at each glorious landscape, celebrating every mile we conquer, and mourning the weary aches and broken ankles we suffer along the way. I know that I will encounter demons along the way. Demons of panic, doubt and pain. But I also believe that God will face the demons with me, ever desiring courage, stamina, and victory for me until I reach my journey's end.

-Pastor Sheri

Fearless Generosity

Thank you for your generous contributions to Good Shepherd in 2021. Thank you for your stewardship commitment of not only your treasure, but your time in prayer, mission and attending worship...both in person and online!



Year to date through September, our income is \$146,998.
Our expenses are \$157,209.
Our shortfall year to date is \$10,211.

A Snapshot of Expenses

Facilities	\$38,497
Worship & Music	\$16,909
Personnel	\$85,809
Business/Finance	\$11,481
Additional	\$ 4,800

We know that supporters like you are faithful in their stewardship and remain optimistic that we will benefit from your continued contributions. We are grateful for your steadfast support.



The Food Bank needs donations of holiday meal items such as cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and yams, stuffing mix, gravy mix. Donations can be placed in the box in narthex or taken downstairs to the food bank.



Joys and Concerns

Please also pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Maxine K; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Julie K.'s family; ; Sue H.'s family; Sue C.'s family; the Burress' family; Barb W.'s family; and for Burton K., who is in memory care; 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.

Welcome New Members ...

Sunday, October 24 is a special day at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church as we receive into membership Kathy Cate, Darlene Cate, Steve and Sue Vanderburg, and Becky Van Dyke.

We welcome them into our family of faith! Please take time to get to know them and add your personal welcome.

Thank you Good Shepherd for the beautiful flowers and the certificate of appreciation! It touched my heart and I feel so blessed to be in this faith community and on this journey with all of you.

Thank you
& Blessings
~ Sheri



Holiday Stockings for our Food Bank Clients

*The holidays can be such a difficult time for food and housing insecure families and individuals. **Would you be willing to help? The Mission Committee would like to invite you to assist our Food Bank clients by filling stockings for them. Please choose an age group and fill up a stocking or two for your chosen recipient.***

Stockings are Due by November 21st

Please turn in with the tag provided on the display in the narthex. Thank you for sharing during this season of LOVE and HOPE!

Holiday Stocking Ideas for Food Bank Recipients:

*We will add small toothpastes to stockings. **We have about 75 children** and many senior citizens.*

Age 0-2

- Safe toys (no choking hazards)
- Wash cloths
- Small books
- Wet wipes
- Diapers
- Onesies
- Baby blankets

Age 3-5

- Small books (no choking hazards)
- Toys
- Socks
- Clothes
- Shampoo for children
- Small brushes or combs
- Mittens and hats



Age 6 - 10

- Books
- School supplies, e.g. crayons, colored pencils
- Nail polish
- Jewelry for children
- Socks
- Mittens or hat
- Clothes
- Shampoo for Children
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant
- Target or Wal-Mart gift card

Age 11-17

- Books
- Makeup
- Jewelry
- Socks
- Gloves, hat, scarf
- Full size shampoo/conditioner
- Clothes
- Wash cloth
- Comb or brush
- Target or Wal-Mart gift card
- AMC movie tickets or gift card

Adult (18+) (Female or identifying as female)

- Full-size shampoo, body wash, conditioner
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- Socks
- Hand warmers
- Hot cocoa packets or tea
- Makeup
- Deodorant
- Target or Wal-Mart gift card
- AMC movie tickets or gift card

Adult (18+) (Male or identifying as male)

- Dental floss
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- Socks
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- Playing cards
- Hot cocoa
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