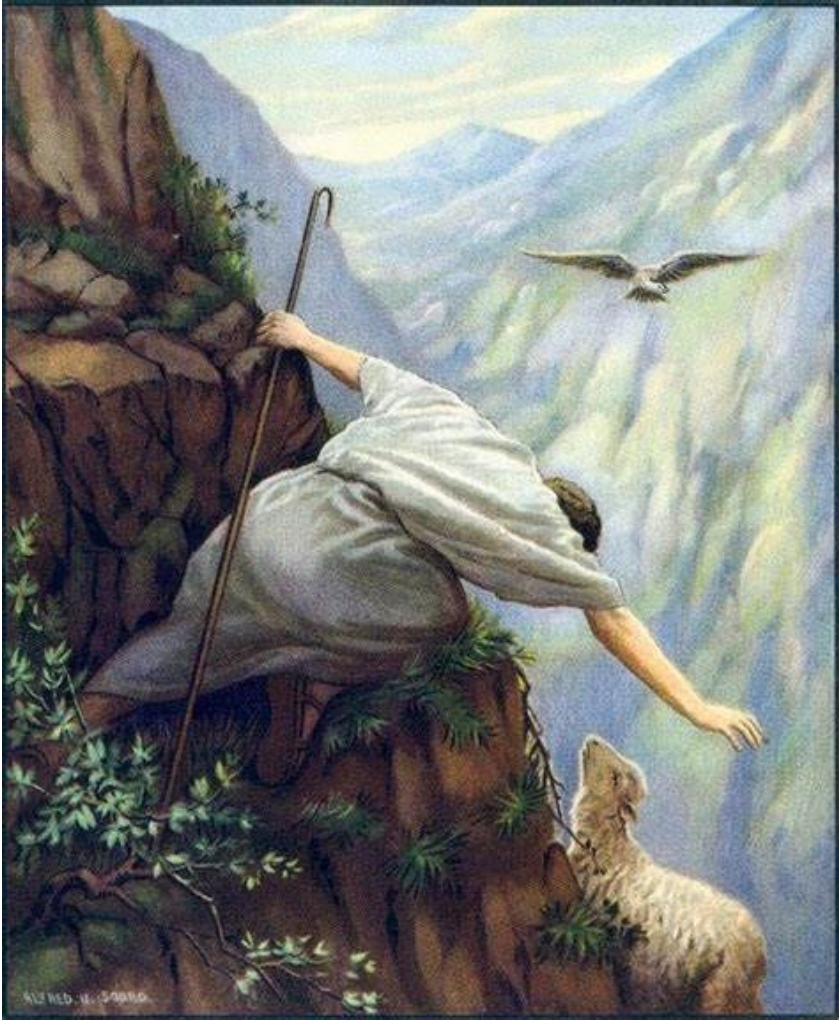


January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:
A welcoming, Christ-centered, community.**



**Welcome to Good Shepherd
Presbyterian Church**

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Celebration of Worship

Jesus prayed that His Father in Heaven forgive those who nailed Him to the cross AS they were pounding the nails into Him! That graciousness disappears when it comes to those who would harm children by leading them away from salvation in Jesus. In fact, Jesus says it would be BETTER for them to be cast in the sea with a large stone tied to their necks! Jesus has a special place in His heart for small children, because in them He sees what we should all be like in relationship to God. We'll explore that idea today from
Matthew 18.

Prelude.....Pianist April Barnes

*Call to Worship (based on **Matthew 18:1-12**)

.....Liturgist Shealyn Warrick

Leader: Jesus was asked an all too human question, for we want to establish a pecking order, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"



People: Jesus responded by calling a small child over, a child receptive to the call of Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

People: We enter God's kingdom only with the heart of a child, humble and receptive.

Leader: Jesus then reminded us of the value of each person in God's eyes.

People: Like the shepherd who spends the day searching for one lost sheep, God values each one of us.

Leader: Come, let us worship together and learn from the teachings of Christ.



**Good Shepherd Sings! pgs. 65-66*

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Life of the Congregation

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Good Shepherd Sings! pg. 30

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" (vss. 1 & 4)



Children's Message.....Joani Szudlo



"A Prayer for Our Children" FreeBridge Media

Prayers of the People..... Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Response Purple Hymnal #175 **"Seek Ye First"**

Anthem **"All Good Gifts"** GSPC Choir

Prayer for Illumination.....Liturgist Shealyn Warrick

Scripture: **Matthew 18:1-12** (Pew Bible pg. 1625)



Sermon **"You Can't Get Here from There"**



*Purple Hymnal #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

*Benediction.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Response **"Good Shepherd Sings!"** pgs. 61-62

"Go Now in Peace"

Postlude.....Pianist April Barnes

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Carson Mousel

Greeters.....Norma Cummings & Dorothy Megrue

Ushers.....Adam Martinez, Chris Hartley, Ed Hartley

Offering Counters.....Lyle Bender & Ed Schnabel

Your monetary offerings to the Lord may be placed in the collection box at the back of the sanctuary.

"The generous soul will be made rich, and the one who waters will also be watered." - **Proverbs 11:25**

Thank you for your generosity!



WANTED: Welcome Center Volunteers Applicants must have a big smile, be friendly, and willing to meet new people. Good Shepherd has a very welcoming church family. Help us show that to new people! Contact Dianne Mota or Carole in the church office to volunteer.

Snow, Snow, When Will You Go?

Let's have a little fun with the snow. When do you think the last bit of snow will melt and disappear from the church grounds? There is a calendar at the back of the sanctuary, place your name on the date of your guess, whoever is closest will win a prize from Pastor Jeff. This is pastor Jeff we are talking about, so it will involve chocolate!



The family of Don Calkins would like to honor him with a card shower in celebration of his 90th birthday, February 6. Birthday wishes may be sent to Don Calkins, 4947 S. 78th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Thank you for your kindness in remembering Dad on his special day. Vonnie and Paul Wood and family, Kenny and Kelly Calkins and family, Tim and Joni Calkins and family.



Super Bowl LVIII Watch Party at GSPC!

Come watch the Big Game on the big screen!

Please bring a snack to share and your preferred beverages. Pizza will be served. Invite your friends to join us. You don't like to watch the game? Feel free to bring games to play.

Let's get together starting at 5:00 PM. Cheer on your favorite team or just come for the food and fellowship.

Please RSVP to the church or Dee.



INTERESTED, PERHAPS, IN MEMBERSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD?

Pastor Jeff is scheduling a new members' orientation to meet before worship services from 9:10-10:10 a.m. (dates to be determined). During these sessions, we will

cover some history of Good Shepherd as well as what we are up to for the Lord right now (including our vision and mission statement). There will be opportunities to hear from the chairs of our various ministry teams. This is an excellent chance to get a lot of information in a relatively short time about the church so you can make an informed decision about membership. Already a member and just want to sit in? Go ahead and sign up! - Sign-up located on the table at back of sanctuary.

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

Please turn in the 2023 Annual Reports from Session Chairs, Deacons Moderator & Treasurer, Foundation Chair & Treasurer, Youth Ministry Director, Presbyterian Women & Treasurer via email to the church office no later than February 17th.



The Annual Congregational Meeting to present the reports is scheduled Sunday, February 25th following the worship service.

Activity Time



Activity Time Restart

Activity time is kicking off again starting next Sunday February 4th following the children's message a volunteer takes our 3-5 year olds who are interested to the lower level of the church for games and activities until the end of the worship service. Thank you so much to, for making this happen. Activity is safe, fun and spiritually enriching for your little ones

while you enjoy the worship service.

Praises & Prayer Requests

Deacon on Call (Jan. 21-Feb. 3 - Shannon Dickenson)

. . . . For those with cancer

Prayers for **Christine Read**, friend of **Gary & Karen Heusel**, has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. She is currently undergoing treatment and her prognosis is good.

* **Bill & Beth Rainey** wish to thank the deacons for the dinners they have brought over, others for acts of kindness and everyone for your prayers. As Bill battles liver cancer he has also struggled with general weakness, tiredness, and a sore throat due to thrush. He has an upcoming procedure on the 29th. Please keep the prayers coming.

Please continue to lift up **Lori Jones** in comfort and healing as she deals with a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for your prayers

. . . . For those with other health concerns

* Prayers for **Georgia Raecke** who has tested positive for COVID. She only has symptoms of a cold but appreciates your prayers.

Please pray for **Don Calkins** who was in the hospital over the weekend following an episode early Saturday. He is home and feeling well but we are awaiting further testing and the input of more doctors. **Tim & Joni Calkins and Family**

Thank you for all your prayers lifting **Logan** up. She got through her first test and the results showed she did not have any seizures. While we are so happy that she does not have those, the question still remains what might be happening. We are waiting for further guidance from the doctor. Thank you for your continued prayers.

....The Schuller & Szudlo Families

Thank you for the prayers for **Ron Hostetler**, brother-in-law of **Terry Hostetler** and uncle of **Heidi Schmal**, who is recovering at home.

Continued prayers for **Mike DeVries** as he deals with ALS progression. He uses a brace to support his neck when he drives and needs a ventilator at night while he sleeps. Thanks.

...Sally Docter

Thank you so much for dear Pastor Jeff's continuous support, our dear friend, Dee, for staying with us the first evening in the emergency room and then intensive care, with moral support and driving me to and from home to the hospital, the cards, prayers, phone calls, our dear friend, Doug, helping with removing the snow from the driveway, porch & steps of our house, Kim, Peg, Rhonda and others asking what they can do to help us, and gifts we've



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, January 28th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming

Monday, January 29th

6:30-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Lower Level Classroom 108)

Tuesday, January 30th

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, January 31st

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1st

6:00-8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 4th - Communion

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming

1:00 p.m. Communion to Homebound

