



GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Service for the Lord's Day  
February 20, 2022 ~ 10:00 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Large Print Edition*

10785 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80234

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*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 for the Day

*Living God be known among us. Help us to perceive your presence as near as breath, yet hidden. Help us to seek you as you are seeking us. Speak your word of love. Amen*

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

\*Call to Worship

Norm Rasmussen

Leader: Where can we go from God's spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

**All: There is no place we can go where God cannot find us.**

Leader: If we stray so far from God's path we cannot find our way back.

**All: Even there, God's hand shall lead us and keep us safe.**

Leader: Even if darkness covers us and we can see no light, the night is as bright as day, for God is the light of the world.

**All: Come, let us worship our God.**

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.

\*Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

Norm Rasmussen

**We give thanks for the light of hope – unrelenting and inexplicable.**

**We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.**

**We give thanks for the light of joy – persistent and unpredictable.**

**We give thanks for the light of love – hot and holy.**

**Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will,  
inviting the day to come. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #346

*For the Healing of the Nations*

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

**Loving God, we confess that we put up walls and barriers. We refuse to forgive though others have forgiven us. We refuse to help though we have been helped. We want things our way, and cannot see outside of the box that there may be other ways. Forgive our short-sightedness and when we become stumbling blocks for others, call us into your way to love others as you love us. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen**

\*Assurance of God's Love (unison)

**Great is God's faithfulness. God makes room for us when we have walked away. God leads us back when we are lost. We are forgiven, we are loved, and we are restored to Christ. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise #581

*Glory be to the Father*

**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)

Norm Rasmussen

**Be light to our path,**

**Be hope to our world.**

**Be born in our hearts again this year. Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Norm Rasmussen

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

*The Servant Song*

Sara Love & Jeremy Kurn

Words and Music by Richard Gillard

Second Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon *What Can We Say About Forgiveness?*

Moment of Silent Reflection



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Norm Rasmussen

I believe in God the great knitter, who weaves us together in community, collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging. I believe in Jesus Christ, who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard anyone as scrap. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who hems us in before and behind, catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative. I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics, she is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation, and I believe that when life unravels, God is there to stitch my wounds together, to hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love, and to invite me into a new journey. Amen

Call to Prayer

Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

\*Hymn #410

*God is Calling Through the Whisper*

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

\*Doxology

Hymn #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 (unison)

**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**

Closing Hymn #756

*O God of Every Nation*

## SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response

*Surely the Presence*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn

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## *Opportunities This Week*

**Monday** - Men's Shed 10 am - noon  
Office Closed for President's Day

**Tuesday** - ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday** - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:15 pm

**Thursday** - ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm

## GOOD SHEPHERD OFFERS **FREE** BASIC SPANISH LESSONS FOR FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

*Become a basic phrases "bilingual" volunteer at the Food Bank  
Sundays: March 6, 13 & 20 at 11:30 a.m.*

We hope you will join us in learning some basic Spanish phrases and skills to communicate with many of our Food Bank clients and community members. Pastor Sheri's son Patrick Fry is a high school Spanish teacher and will teach the class on Sunday's at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall for three weeks. Please contact the church office at 303-452-5478 or [gspcoffice10785@gmail.com](mailto:gspcoffice10785@gmail.com) to register.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE NORTHGLENN WINTER HOUSING PROGRAM - Meals for Shelter Guests

*The Good Shepherd community has three opportunities to help our siblings in Christ who shelter at the Northglenn Winter Shelter.*

**1. Items needed for adult men and women (25 guests are housed). If you are interested in contributing any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in basket in the narthex or in the basket on the fellowship hall table near the kitchen.**

- Toiletries (travel size): shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, combs, deodorant, emery boards, nail clippers, razors, Q-tips
- Sleep masks, ear plugs or ear buds to listen to music
- Warm gear: scarves, beanies, gloves, hand warmers
- Socks, underwear, and thermals
- Paper products: paper plates, plastic utensils, water cups, coffee cups, napkins, brown bag lunch sacks, aluminum foil, Ziplock bags
- Food that DOES NOT need refrigeration or cooking: coffee, sugar packets, creamer, bagels, muffins, fruit cups, individually wrapped healthy snack items (these can go in breakfast bags)

**2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity is to join Pastor Sheri in providing breakfast bags to go on Tuesday, March 1.**

*We need breakfast to-go bags for 15 people filled with things like:*

- granola bars.
- protein breakfast bars
- oatmeal cups
- mini muffins - store-bought or homemade.
- fruit cups
- squeezable applesauce or yogurt.
- fruit leather

- packaged baked goods, cinnamon rolls, donuts, etc.
- drink - juice box, chocolate milk, etc.

*Please bring to the church and place in marked baskets.*

### 3. On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> , help prepare and serve dinner to 12-15 guests from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Please let Pastor Sheri know if you are interested in serving with her. We will plan the menu and the serving plan together.

## *Your Church at Work*



**FOOD  
BANK**

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm.

Need donations of toilet paper, bar soap, and dry pet food.



### *Thank You!*

GSPC frequently receives "thank you letters" from the missions that we contribute to. We want you to know that in the past several months we have heard from the ZMP, the Guatemala Mission Partnership, Highlands Camp, and the Presbyterian Giving Agency. All of these missions greatly appreciated our support!

### Joys and Concerns



Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Donna; Fran; Allen; Marion H.; Jane; Haylee; Jason; Tammy Vaugh; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for the Seibel family; Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; and 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.

# SERMON MUSINGS

Luke 6:27-38

At first glance, today's Gospel could look as if Jesus is asking his disciples to become doormats...turning the other cheek or handing over a tunic when someone asks for a cloak.

However, Jesus was not a doormat and it is very unlikely that he intended his disciples to be.



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Rather he is offering a way of life in which the poor and powerless can act from a position of strength - to take an initiative which confronts their opponent, and which leaves the wrong where it belongs. Their dignity does not depend on how others treat them.

He does not suggest that this is an easy option but a radical alternative - something beyond what "even sinners" do. It is very easy to be kind to those who are nice to us and to love those who love us. The challenge for Christians is to go further.

Christian communities are never uniform. People hold different political views, have strong opinions, belong to different social groups and so on. And yet, week by week, we gather to worship God and, hopefully, to build up the Body of Christ in our own community and the locality in which we live.

To do this, we have to employ much of the teaching in today's Gospel, cultivating qualities of compassion, forbearance and forgiveness. We have to go beyond what might be expected in a club or other organizations...being willing to sacrifice something of our own self-interest in order to create harmony.

Such a community is a powerful witness to the world and will attract others to us. Yes, we may find ourselves exploited from time to time but, as Jesus says, God is never outdone in generosity, and what we give we will receive back in even greater abundance.