THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – November 22

9:15 am	**Prayer Gathering**
10:00 am	**Worship, Sanctuary**
11:15 am	**Advent Study, Sanctuary**
	Children's Sunday School, Room 2
	Youth – Joining Advent Study, Sanctuary
12:15 pm	**Cantata Rehearsal and Gospel Choir, Sanctuary**
3:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Tuesday - November 24

9:30 am	**Staff Meeting**

Wednesday – November 25

9:45 am	**Women's Bible Study, Room 1**
6:30 pm	Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – November 26 - Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday – November 27 - Office Closed

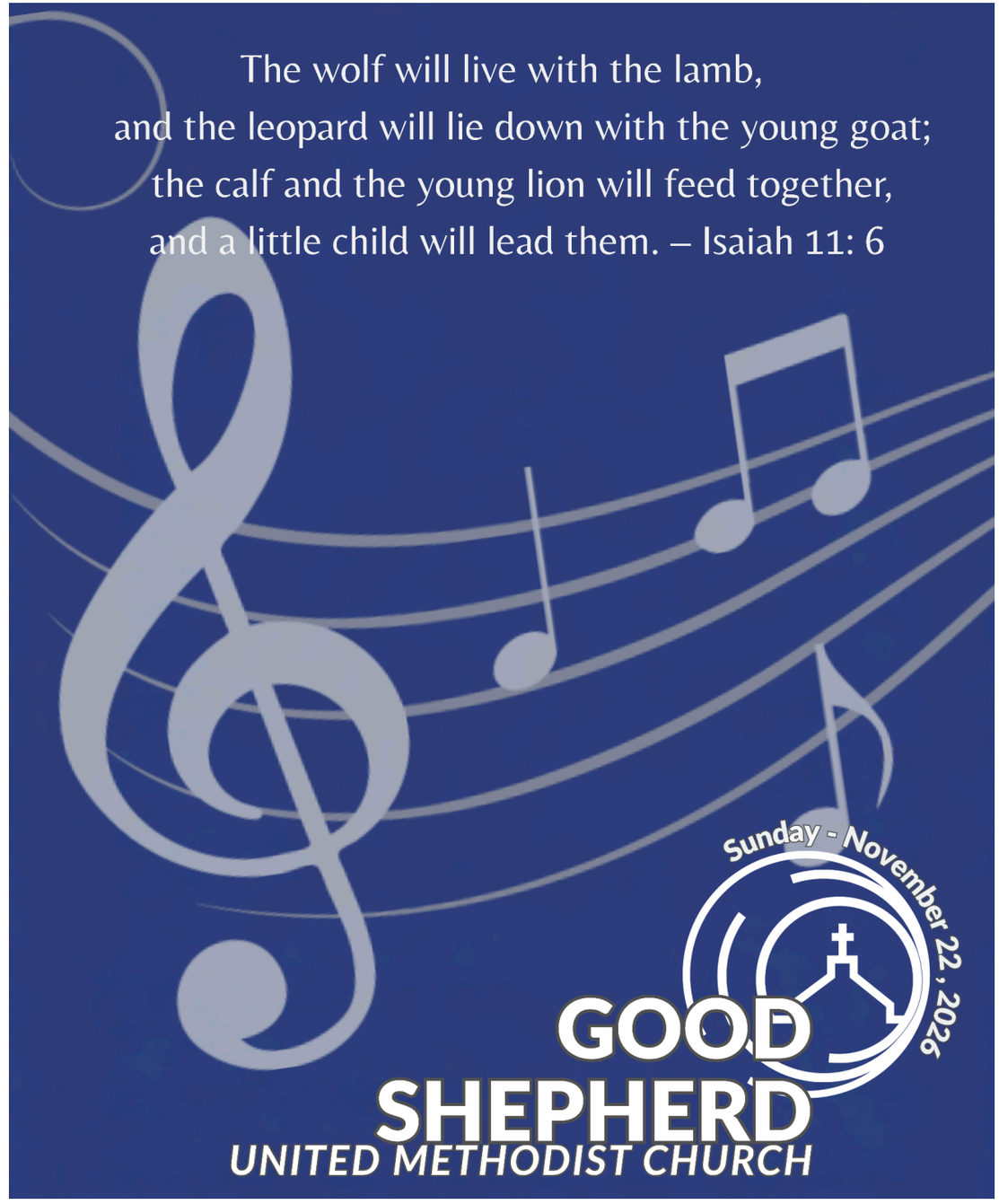
7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – November 28

7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

November 15, 2026 In-Person Worship - 100 Online Worship - 42 Small Groups - 26 General Fund Giving - $4,104	To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.

The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
the calf and the young lion will feed together,
and a little child will lead them. – Isaiah 11: 6



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We Are a Church for All God's Children

Our Mission: To be a community where all can experience and share Christ's love.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of Christ's love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

Our Values: Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

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9 am-2 pm

Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

We love children! There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.
Our Family Worship Space offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available. An adult worship-table helper is present to gently guide and encourage children in worship, and parents/caregivers are still encouraged to sit near their children.
Childcare is available for infants through age *5* during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

Name Tags
Let's be a place where everyone knows your name! Preprinted name tags for regular worshippers are in the Gathering Space. Guests are invited to create one. If you can't find your printed name tag or need a new one, please check the "need a name tag" box on the Connect Card.

Are you getting our weekly e-newsletter? Each week on Thursday, we send out an e-newsletter highlighting the worship series, upcoming events, expressions of thanks and care, pictures of various groups and events and MORE! To sign up visit www.gsumc.net or email the church office at adminassist@gsumc.net

Love being part of Good Shepherd? Let the online world know! We're working to grow our online presence, and your voice can make a big impact. A quick Google review helps us show up when someone in Dale City searches for a church — and it only takes a minute! The more reviews we have, the easier it is for new people to discover us!
Here's how:

1. Search **"Good Shepherd UMC"** on Google.
2. Click on our listing under "Places."
3. Tap **"Rate and Review on Google"**

Even a short, heartfelt message goes a long way. Thanks for helping us shine brighter in our community!

This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:

Nov 22nd:	Ephesians 1:1-2:22	Nov 23rd:	Ephesians 3:1-4:32
Nov 24th:	Ephesians 5:1-6:24	Nov 25th:	Philippians 1:1-2:30
Nov 26th:	Philippians 3:1-4:23	Nov 27th:	Colossians 1:1-2:23
Nov 28th:	Colossians 3:1-4:18	Nov 29th:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13

There will be no Zoom Bible Study this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

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GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

Monthly Prayer for Our Church

Join us by including this in your daily prayer time and at all church gatherings.

Gracious Giver of All, in this season of thanks, remind us that everything we have comes from you. Free us from the myth of self-sufficiency and from the belief that we must earn your grace. By your Spirit, ground us in the truth that our identity is found in you, not in our successes or possessions. You have created us as your beloved and called us to be co-creators and co-repairers with you - formed for justice, kindness, humility, and good works. Bind us together in your love, that we, the people of Good Shepherd, may be a witness and a blessing to others. Create in us generous hearts, so that in our sharing we may join in your extraordinary work in the world. In Christ's name, Amen.

Thank you for participating and making Christ's ministry possible through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Last Sunday's Commitment Sunday and Open House was a blessed morning. Thank you to all who lent a hand to make it possible, and for all those who stayed to learn more about engagement in ministry at GSUMC. If you were unable to return your Commitment Card, additional cards are available or you may use the QR code for the electronic version. May God continue using our congregation to transform lives in the months and years ahead.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who gave their time and ENERGY! on Friday night for the Parents Night Out. Big shout-out to Hannah Barbery, who is taking leadership on these events while sharing gifts and talents. The children had so much fun with the Marshmallow Madness theme. Parents from the community truly feel blessed by this outpouring of love. Won't you consider sharing yourself at the next event to share in the love and joy?

Advent Study with Pastor Lisa begins TODAY. Join her in the sanctuary after worship as we journey through Rev. Matt Rawle's "Experiencing Christmas". Books are available on Amazon, including as an E-book.

Add to our Family Christmas Tree. The tree in the Gathering Space is a shared tree for everyone to add an ornament from home. If you didn't have a chance last year (or took yours home), please consider adding an ornament over the next few weeks.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Advent
Carols for the Coming Christ

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.
Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song — ***We, Thy People, Praise Thee*** — UMH 67

*Words of Welcome

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath — Keith and Judy Cox

Lift your voices in praise to the Composer of our lives.
We sing for Hope!
Blend your tune in harmony with all people.
We sing for Hope!
Hang your note on the music staff of all creation.
We sing for Hope!
May this light bring hope to those feeling hopeless.
We sing for Hope!

*Hymn — ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** — UMH 211

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music — ***Waiting for Our Lord*** (Redner)

*Doxology

Children's Time — Pastor Lisa

Prayer for Understanding — Ruth Herndon

Christ of many names, we come to you today needing the hope you promise. Come to us, abide with us, and help us to rejoice even in the midst of uncertainty. Let the music of hope fill and heal our hearts. Let us free ourselves from the chains of regret. Let our rejoicing lead to action on behalf of the hopeless. We pray this in the name of the Coming Christ, who forgives and uplifts us with melodies of grace. Amen.

Scripture — Isaiah 11:1-5 — O.T. 602

Message — Pastor MiRhang

Anthem — ***Advent Psalm*** (Fettke)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn — ***Hail to the Lord's Anointed*** — UMH 203

*Benediction

Postlude — ***Many Gifts, One Spirit*** (Katherine)

The Altar Flowers are given today by Pam McInturff in memory of her husband Keith, who died November 20, 2025.

Votive Candle Stand. Our votive candle stand invites contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

Worship Resources Used: *Carols for the Coming Christ*, a Worship Design Studio Series.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.

Remember in Prayer (as of November 15, 2026)

Chris Evatt - in rehab
Janae - Lori, death of 38-year-old son
Jimmy Reed Jr. - health concerns
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem; Sandy Carter, cancer
Julie Loftis - loss of Uncle Bill Motzer and prayers for Julie's Aunt Bea as she grieves
Larry and Vicki Cook - Vicki's mom, recovery from fall and broken hip
Lisa Barbery - her grandmother, Dorothy
Lula Pitts - Praise brother Charles is cancer-free!
Nan Presley Mitchem - Nan's brother, Charles Presley, heart catheterization
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Pam Buchenauer - Frank, continued recovery; Ron, continued stroke recovery; Chris & Joe, move to CO and Joe's Parkinson's; Mary Ann, knee replacement; Mrs. Wheeler, life-changing move; Fred, crushing foot and leg injury; Cousin Frank, fall recovery; Fred, recovery from crushed foot; Chris, loss of her dad.
Raquel Robinson - Mother-in-law Marilyn Robinson, grieving loss of husband, Samuel Robinson; Melanie Herndon, grieving loss of Grandpa Frank Logan
Tamara Kanouff - Michael, Katy, Natalia, Olga, William, Vitalic, Egor, Sean
Teresa Osnoe - loss of her father, David
Uni Samura - rehab at home, continued paralysis
Will DeBord - surgery on Nov. 13th
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Our country and our nation's leaders
For all places experiencing natural disasters, storm recovery, and wildfires
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.
All are welcome!