THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – November 29

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 - December 1

9:30 am	**Staff Meeting**

Wednesday – December 2

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

Thursday – December 3

7:00 pm	**Bible in a Year, Zoom**
	Cantata Rehearsal and Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
	KidKare, Upper Ed

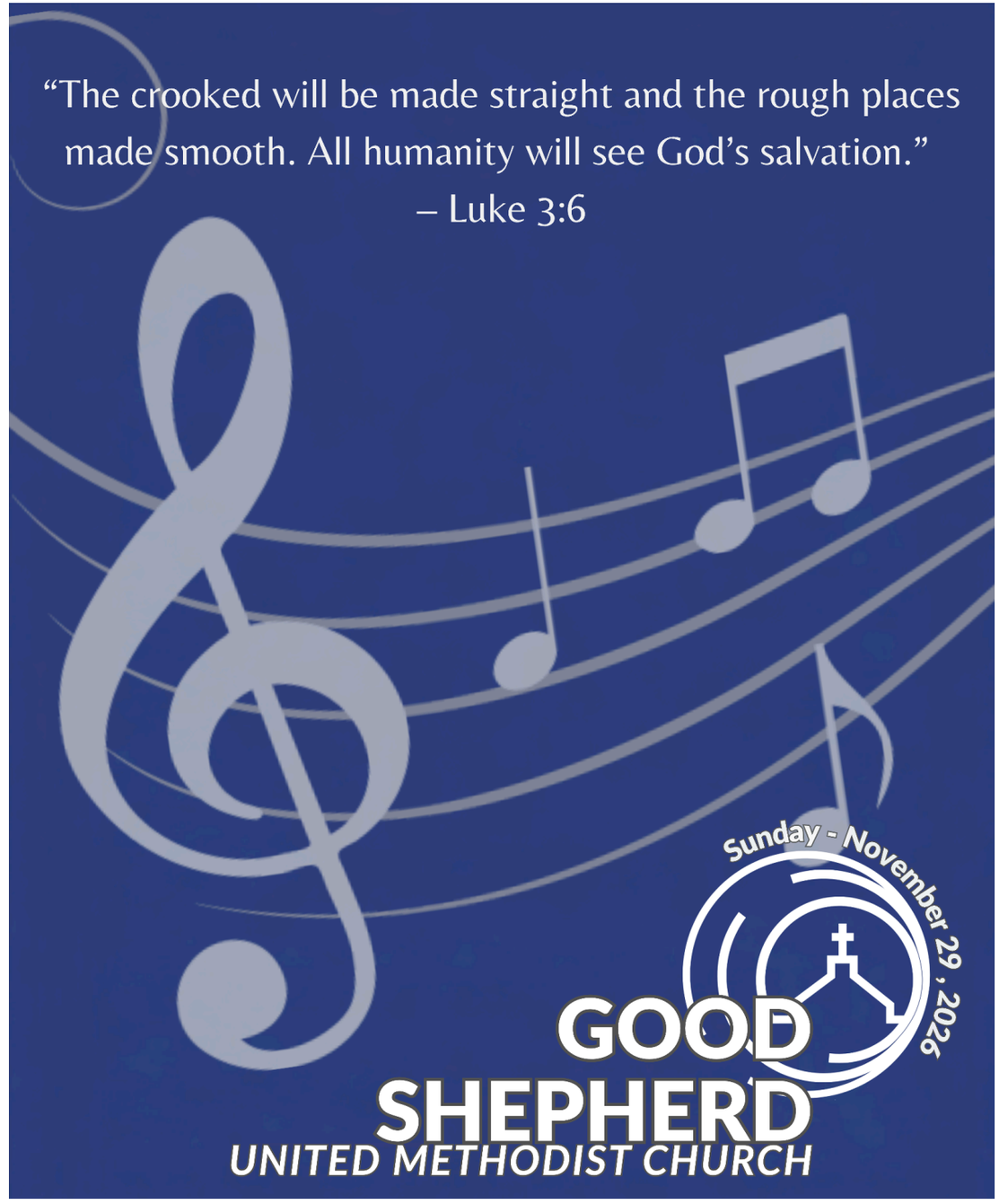
Friday – December 4 - Office Closed

7:00 pm	AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – December 5

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

November 22, 2026 In-Person Worship - 124 Online Worship - 37 Small Groups - 69 General Fund Giving - $3,882.43 Other General Fund Giving- $550	To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.



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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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
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.

Do you need contact information for someone in our GSUMC family? It is readily available to you via our church directory and Breeze app! A link to our continually updated directory is provided weekly in our E-newsletter. Printed copies are available on the Bulletin Board by the office. If you do not want your information listed in the directory, please contact adminassist@gsumc.net.

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

Nov 29th:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13	Nov 30th:	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:28
Dec 1st:	2 Thessalonians 1:1-3:18	Dec 2nd:	1 Timothy 1:1-3:16
Dec 3rd:	1 Timothy 4:1-6:21	Dec 4th:	2 Timothy 1:1-2:26
Dec 5th:	2 Timothy 3:1-4:22	Dec 6th:	Titus 1:1-3:15

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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.

God of hope, peace, joy, and love, we give you thanks for meeting us again in this season of waiting. As we sing the songs of Advent and Christmas, open our hearts to the promise of Christ coming among us. When the world feels weary or divided, help us hold on to hope and make room for one another. Shape Good Shepherd into a church where all God's children know they belong, where our differences are received as gifts, and where our life together reflects your love. May the songs we sing become the way we live. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared ministry and mission at Good Shepherd. We are grateful to the 47 households who committed to prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness for 2027. Because your financial commitments help us plan for the year, we want to share:

- 46 households have collectively committed $379,584.00, which is 73% of our approved 2027 budget of $526,431.00.
- This is a decrease of $30,616.00 in commitments compared to last year.
- However, with our recently announced staff changes, our 2027 budget is currently 6% less than 2026's budget. Once we hire lay staff to serve our children/youth/young adults/family, we anticipate the 2027 budget will have a near-zero increase/decrease from 2026.

We know not everyone has had a chance to submit their annual Commitment Cards. It's not too late! The Commitment Brochures with Cards are available outside the sanctuary doors, from the church office, or online. You can place them in the offering bag or return them to the office. We extend our appreciation to all, not only those who have made commitments, for your continued support of the vital ministry of Good Shepherd.

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.

ACTS Food Pantry: As the holidays are upon us, we have an opportunity to help make a festive table for all! Suggested items to bring are stuffing mix, yams, gravy packets, evaporated milk, pie filling, cookie mix, cooking oil (small bottles) and turkey or chicken broth. They are always in need of cereal and canned vegetables too!

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second 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 ***People Look East*** UMH 202

*Words of Welcome

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath Will and MK DeBord

Lift your voices in praise to the Composer of our lives.
We sing for Peace!
Blend your tune in harmony with all people.
We sing for Peace!
Hang your note on the music staff of all creation.
We sing for Peace!
May this light bring peace to those who feel unrest.
We sing for Peace!

*Hymn ***Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called***

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music

*Doxology

Children's Time Pastor MiRhang

Thanksgiving for Ginger Scott's Ministry

Prayer for Understanding Barbara Chiles

Christ of our way, we come to you today needing the peace you promise. Come to us and level the peaks and valleys of our fear, helping us to trust in your love and grace. Let the music of peace fill and heal our hearts. Let us free ourselves from the chains of regret. Let our voices be soothing to all those for whom peace seems impossible. We pray this in the name of the Coming Christ, who forgives and uplifts us with melodies of grace. Amen.

Scripture Luke 3:2b-6 N.T. 56

Message Pastor Lisa

Hymn ***Prepare the Way of the Lord*** UMH 207
Sung twice in unison, sung twice in round.

Prayers of the People

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance
God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace. When we lose our way, and forget the reason and purpose of this season, carry us back to you. Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" In your holy name, we pray. Amen.
"Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. You have served your term. Your penalty is paid. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion
Gracious God, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In this meal you have made us new, and fashioned us as living promises of the world to come. Send us into the world to prepare a way for you in love and justice. May we be the way you enter the world, in the power of your Spirit and the loving presence of the Beloved, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn ***Blessed Be the God of Israel*** UMH 209

*Benediction

Postlude ***My Soul Gives Glory to My God*** (Winter)

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

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Communion Prayers from Rev. Steven Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.com.

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 22, 2026)

Chris Evatt - in rehab
Irish Scott - death of her mother, Barbara Scott
Janae - Lori, death of 38 year old son
Jimmy Reed Jr. - health concerns
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problems; Sandy Carter, cancer
Julie Martinez Ortega - For our sister-in-law Alice Martinez who will undergo transplant surgery on Nov. 24th, and for her daughter who will be her Living Donor.
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!
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, tough knee replacement; Mrs. Wheeler, life changing move; Fred, crushing foot and leg injury; Cousin Frank, fall recovery; 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
Tom and Mary Smith - Remy, stroke
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!