

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church is a Christian community committed to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ through both word and deed: through the preaching and teaching of the Bible and through the transformed lives of those who profess His name. We believe that the central message of the Bible is the person and work of Jesus Christ who is in all things pre-eminent. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America and are committed to the historic and reformed Christian faith.

TO OUR VISITORS

We are thankful for your visit and warmly welcome you to the worship service today. You are invited to stay afterwards for refreshments and conversation. We would appreciate your signing the guest book in the narthex.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! The following activities are also available for the children:

Nursery is available during the worship service for infants.

Church's Wi-Fi:

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*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

*Day by Day
One Day He's Coming*

arr. Jantz
arr. Mincy

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 22:1-5

*Hymn of Praise

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious -
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
fled. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 6:1-13

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we have no one else to turn to but you. We confess that our ways are far from blameless and that our steps have wandered from your law. Forgive us, for we have brought shame this week to ourselves and to the witness we have proclaimed. Forgive us, O Lord, for the sin that we commit each day and for the sin we cling tightly to in our hearts. Help us to know the forgiveness that we have, only in your son Jesus, and may we know the freedom of a life lived for you. Remove from us the scorn and contempt that we sometimes feel for you and for others, and may we meditate on your decrees this week. That your promises to us are always 'yes' and 'amen' in Jesus Christ; comfort us now through these glorious promises. We pray them now, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn—for he has done it.

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all – a healing stream – flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

**REFRAIN: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. **REFRAIN**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. **REFRAIN**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **REFRAIN**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 59-60

Q. 59 Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 60 How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Prayer of Intercession

Reception of New Members

John Campbell & Craig & Deanna Curtis

***Hymn of Preparation**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 334

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with Thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Sermon

Discipleship 102

Luke 8:4-15

Sermon Outline

1. The Original Audience

2. The Human Heart

3. Bearing Fruit

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Do you prepare for worship? How can you improve?
2. What do you desire most in life? How does that impact and influence the routine of your daily life? Are there things that you need to change?
3. Why is, “follow your heart” a bad philosophy? What do Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; and Prov. 3:5 tell you about your heart?
4. What happens to good soil if it’s not frequently plowed? What are some ways that you can cultivate the soil of your heart so that you can bear fruit?

***Hymn of Response**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

***Postlude**

The Sending, Lord, Springs

arr. Larson

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Tenor Saxophone

Leam Armstrong

French Horn

Becky Schoon

Organ & Piano

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/2	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)
SUN 8/9	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	8/2	8/9	8/16
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Schoon	Gretzinger

Announcements

- **Vacation:** Pastor Gretzinger will be on vacation from August 3 through August 17. If a need should arise, please contact your shepherding Elder or leave a message at the church office.
- **Guest Pastor:** Next Sunday, August 9, we will welcome retired Reverend Ted Gray to the pulpit. Reverend Gray served as pastor of the United Reformed Church and currently resides in Crown Point.
- **Offering:** Since the offering plate is not being passed at this time, please place your tithe in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter for worship. If you forget before the service, the plate will remain for a short time after the service. Otherwise, your deposit may take a week or so to process. You may also mail your tithe to the church.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Copies of the annual reports and the minutes from the meeting were emailed as a PDF to all members, and paper copies are still available in the narthex. Please remember to sign up for a ministry team. Paper copies are also still available in the narthex and can be returned to the table where the bulletins are located, or you can sign up online on the church's website. A PDF of the ministry team sign-up form was also emailed which could be mailed back to the church. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you serve His church. Additionally, if you would like some assistance from your brothers and sisters in Christ, you may also indicate that on the form as well. Please return these forms at your earliest convenience so that ministry teams and volunteer schedules may be updated.