

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*Please note there are cameras at the rear of the Sanctuary. This worship service is being livestreamed to [Facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock).
Parents of small children: Children can and do encounter Jesus during worship. For your convenience, please know that our entryway and a nursery (Room 113) are equipped with an audio reception of the service. We also have activity bags available for their use during worship. Please see an usher for more information.*

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"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Savior of the Nations Come"

Thomas Eisnor

-J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME

ADVENT LIGHTING—WEEK 1: ISAIAH 2:1-5, PSALM 122

The Swinford Family

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

"People, Look East"

ELW #248 vs. 1

GREETING

Assembly responds, "And also with you."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray....*

Assembly responds, "Amen."

Sit

Word

PSALM 122 *(The Psalm will be chanted and the congregation will chant the even verses and refrain as indicated)*

Refrain



A I was glad when they¹ said to me,
"Let us go to the house¹ of the LORD."

C Now our¹ feet are standing
within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.

A Jerusalem is built¹ as a city
that is at unity¹ with itself;

C to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of
the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the
name¹ of the LORD. *Refrain*

A For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the¹ house of David.

C Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:
"May they pros-¹per who love you.

A Peace be with-¹ in your walls
and quietness with-¹ in your towers.

C For the sake of my kindred¹ and compan-
ions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.

A Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to¹ do you good." *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible pg. 1034

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg. 171

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible, page 903

☞ The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Tom Kenny

Stand

HYMN OF DAY

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

ELW #436

APOSTLES CREED *(located inside front cover of hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, "God, in your mercy," worshipers respond with the words, "hear our prayer.")

PEACE

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another with a verbal sign of Christ's peace.)

Sit

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning "

Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

Please sign and pass the "Who's Who in the Pew" attendance book down your pew row.

We encourage you to leave your gifts to the work of the Lord as the Spirit leads you. For those watching online, you may donate through many various ways detailed on our donation page of our website, gslutheran.org/donate. We also encourage you to sign-up for SIMPLY GIVING or online giving through the VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT app for consistent reoccurring gifts.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

DIALOGUE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER *(located in the front cover of the hymnal)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"

ELW #435

Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly responds, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assembly responds, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

BLESSING

Assembly responds, Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Fling Wide the Door"

ELW #259

DISMISSAL

Assembly responds, Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Thomas Eisnor

-- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



WELCOME BACK PASTOR KENNY
Pr. Tom Kenny retired in 2015, as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Johns Creek, Ga. He had served there, as pastor, for 27

years.

Prior to coming to Ga. Tom served as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran in Hialeah, Florida. That was a 10 year assignment.

Tom grew up in a Roman Catholic family in Co. Cork, Ireland. He was ordained to the Priesthood and immigrated to the US in 1967. Tom served a couple of parishes in Miami, notably, St. Louis Catholic in Kendall, Florida.

Tom joined the American Lutheran church in 1970 and married Barbara that same year. They have one daughter and two granddaughters who live in North Carolina.

Since retiring, Tom has enjoyed serving several Lutheran congregations in the Atlanta area. Churches served are Redeemer, Atl. St. Stephen and Messiah, Decatur.



"I love to tell the Story of Jesus and His Love."

Wednesday Advent Service Theme 2022

"Wait Upon the Lord"

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting; waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas.

In this worship series for Advent, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us.

Week 1 (Nov. 30) - Wait Upon the Lord with Faith

(Galatians 3:8): Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people.

Week 2 (Dec. 7) - Wait Upon the Lord with Hope

(Psalm 130:5): The prophet Isaiah declared the coming of the Lord, which gave the people of Israel hope for the future. We wait with hope for the future because we know what the future holds, a Savior.

Week 3 (Dec. 14) - Wait Upon the Lord with

Rejoicing (Isaiah 25:9): Elizabeth rejoiced as she waited for the coming of her son, John the Baptist. And Mary rejoiced as she waited for the birth of her son, Jesus. In the same manner we rejoice as we wait for the coming of the Son of God.

Week 4 (Dec. 21) - Wait Upon the Lord with

Gratitude (Psalm 9:1): Zechariah's waiting days for John the Baptist's birth were filled with great gratitude for the Lord's promise about to be fulfilled. In these remaining waiting days before our Savior's birth, we are ever more grateful for the arrival of the Promised One.

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Rosalina “Rosy” Rivera..... Pastor
Thomas Eisnor..... Director of Music Ministry
Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator

Melina Thurmond.... Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator
Open Office Coordinator
Donna Garges..... Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink..... Custodian

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30— 59 10:45 AM — 96
Sunday School—31 Online — 13
Pledges —90

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Vic and Linda Rowell .

Please sign our attendance book in each pew.
Please include the service time you are attending.
If you are online, click the link to sign-in for worship in the description section of the video you are viewing,

LIKE YOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME?
Please sign-up in the Administrative Hallway to help purchase refreshments for fellowship after the worship services. The cost is \$30/ Sunday.



Thank you to Linda and Vic Rowell for their contribution for fellowship this morning.

October YTD Budgeted Giving Summary *

Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Actual Income: \$42,995.30
Budgeted Income: \$ 42,719.38
Pledges Collected - 44
Behind: (\$ 275.92)

If you are behind with your current pledge/offering, we ask that you please catch up! The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! Thank you!

Look for the December Sunday Servants online—Check the Sunday Servant Schedules. A link is available on our [website](#) home page. *Please let the office know if you will be taking any time away so we accurately create schedules. Send your notice e-mail to office@gslutheran.org*

Advent Calendars are in the Entryway for you to use during the Advent season. Please take one per family. Use the instructions on the back of the calendar to create a manger scene on Christmas Day. We are also looking for families to light the Advent wreath during Sunday worship. Please sign up in the Entryway.



PRAYERS@GSLUTHERAN.ORG

is the e-mail address for you to submit prayer concerns. Prayers will be posted to the Prayer Circle, via e-mail, during normal business hours. You can also drop us an e-mail at this same e-mail.



Advent Services

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

The Fellowship Committee will be serving desserts and drinks prior to the service from 6:45 pm to 7:30 PM



Read your Sheep Buzz! It gets delivered to your e-mail inbox every Friday around 3 PM. Want to get a text when it gets sent? Join our Remind Text Notifications group. On your mobile device simply text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010.

Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall and today's bulletin. Cost is \$12. Place your order form and money in the slot outside the Office Coordinator's office. (Please note "Poinsettia" in memo line.) Last day to order will be December 4th.

BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK

Sunday School at 9:45 AM—Various classrooms

- + Spark lectionary based lessons (ages 0-12th grade).
- + Parent's Perspective: rm. 120
- + Coffee & Conversation: rm. 118
- + Faith Stories: rm. 117

A new study started last Sunday titled "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US". Book available on Amazon.

- + Men in Mission: rm. 116

Get all the details on our Sunday School page on our website, gslutheran.org/sunday-school.

Monday's Lunch and Learn: If you'd like to begin with lunch and fellowship come at noon, otherwise we will begin our study at 12:30 PM. We will be doing *Embracing Advent: Rediscovering Christmas in the Chaos*, by Jen Ludwig. Books available on Amazon. We will start Nov. 28th for 4 weeks, ending Dec. 19th. We will break for the Holidays.

Word on Wednesday: Lori Peters leads the group and will continue to meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Our study will be: *Truly Present, Practicing Prayer in the Liturgy* by Lisa E. Dahill.

Theology on Tap: We will break until January.

Thursday Bible Study— 10 AM with Pastor Rosy. We will begin *Underdogs and Outsiders*, by Tom Fuerst Dec. 1. Books available on Amazon. No Class this Thursday.

CARING FOR CREATION

We are now collecting used eyeglasses to be donated to the Lion's Club. There is now a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.



Many of you know that we have a Benevolence Fund. This fund allows us to assist people in our community with utilities, groceries and emergency fuel for vehicles. We currently have depleted most of these funds and would like to ask members to prayerfully consider giving funds specifically for benevolence. You can also purchase gift cards for gas or groceries and donate those too. If you are writing a check, please indicate in the memo line "Benevolence". Thank you to those who have already contributed to this fund.



Two-Can Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, December 4!

Bring in two canned food items and leave in our shopping cart labeled "Two-Can Sunday". Thank you for the support of our smaller local food initiatives.



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our weekly
Lamb Buzz

Looking for all the news for our Youth? Be sure to read your [Wednesday](#).

[Weekly Lamb Buzz](#) Email. Some exciting things are happening at GSLC for all ages of our youth. Access each week on our website under the Youth Tab or sign-up to be on the e-mail list.

A Blizzard of Blessings -WINTER VBS

Registration for winter VBS to be offered Monday, January 2—January 4, from 9 AM—1 PM is open at gslutheran.org.

Or use this QR code to register. Use Sign-up Central online to volunteer.



The Girl Scout Troup 7843 is hosting a craft festival beginning at 9 AM, here at GSLC on Dec. 3. Come out and support the Troup.



Support us when you shop this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com. You shop. Amazon donates.



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All you need to do is shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Woodstock Inc. as your designated charity and a percentage of your purchase is automatically sent to the church.

Cookie WALK
December 11th between services

Time to get your baking skills on! Join in on the fun and bake some holiday treats for our first annual Cookie Walk. Make some treats, bring them in, and fill up a box, as much or as little as you want, for \$5! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or online to bake a sweet treat.

All proceeds go towards the Youth Service Trips.

If you are interested in being a part of this year's Christmas pageant please contact Mel. This year our Family Service, which will include the Christmas pageant, will be on Dec. 18th at 10:30 AM.

