



Shepherd of the Hills

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The mission of Shepherd of the Hills is to join God's work in our neighborhood to share Christ's light and hope and to demonstrate His love and mercy. We follow Christ's example of coming not to be served, but to serve, and in that way, we strive to live out our beliefs.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING THE GENERATIONS

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

***WORSHIP IN SONG**

Here I Am (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)
Noel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Noel (Chorus)

OFFERTORY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Gloria Patri

SERMON

Pastor Matt Syrdal

"God Meets Us In Our Fear"

Luke 1:26-38

When the angel Gabriel comes to Mary, she is perplexed and confused—and no doubt, afraid. And yet, the angel's news is: "Do not be afraid." Do not be afraid. We hear this refrain all throughout the Christmas story and remember it is the most common phrase in all the bible. From generation to generation, God shows up in the midst of our fear and uncertainty and confusion. From generation to generation, faithful people have said "yes" despite apprehension. From generation to generation, our ancestors in faith have accepted the invitation. The prophecy in Isaiah paints a vision of what we work toward when we say "yes": righteousness and equity reign, the wolf lives with the lamb, no harm or hurt shall destroy the earth, a child shall lead the way.

***WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Of the Father's Love Begotten*

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- ◆ **NURSERY CARE** is provided today.
- ◆ **KIDS' CONNECTION/SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Kids will join us for the first part of worship and be dismissed to the library for advent activities.
- ◆ **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** today after worship in the Library.

UPCOMING

- ◆ **CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSAL** Wednesday
December 11 at 6:15pm for Bells and 7:15pm for Choir.
New members are welcome anytime.
- ◆ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT** Thursday December 12 at
either 10:30am or 7:00pm. Both are on Zoom.
- ◆ **GREEN MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR
CONCERT** December 12 and 13 at 6:30pm in the
Sanctuary. Admission is \$10 at the door.
- ◆ **BLUE CHRISTMAS** For those who are struggling to
find joy this season due to loss or grief, we invite you to
our Blue Christmas Service on December 17 at 3:30 PM,
a special time of comfort and reflection.
- ◆ **THIS IS CHRISTMAS** Instrumentalists and vocalists
will join together on December 22 to present a cantata
called *This Is Christmas* during the worship service at
9:30 AM.
- ◆ **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
Tuesday December 24 at 5pm and 7pm. The 5 PM
service is designed for families while the 7 PM service
will be a more traditional celebration. Both services will
have candle lighting during the singing of Silent Night.

Flowers this morning are provided by
Karen Hagaman in memory of her sister Donna
Phipps.



Join us for
Blue Christmas

December 17 3:30PM

A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE
STRUGGLING TO FIND JOY IN THE SEASON.

This is Christmas

A Cantata Celebrating the Heart of Christmas

December 22

9:30am

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

5PM Family

7PM Traditional

Fellowship treats are provided by Girl Scout Troop
2522 in appreciation of the use of Shepherd of the
Hills for their weekly meeting.



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

"We Can Choose A Better Way"

Matthew 1:18-25 | Isaiah 35:1-10

Matt Syrdal, preaching

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

"This Is Christmas" - A Cantata For Christmas

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 | Luke 1:46-55

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY, 9AM TO 1PM

CLOSED FRIDAYS

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25-JAN 1

Pastor Matt Syrdal is in the office M 8am-5pm, T-W 8am-1pm,
F 8am-2pm

Pastor Heather Cameron is in the office M-Th 9:30am-3:30pm

Sandy Safford is in the office T, Th 9:30am-3pm

Holly Meiklejohn is in the office M, T, Th 10am-3pm

Arwen Pond is in the office M, T, Th 8:30am to 12:30pm,
W 8:30 to 1pm and F 8:30am to 12pm

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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