

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6, 2015

“A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:3 ~ NIV

Out of respect for God's House and in courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones and pagers.

Musical Prelude	Don Gibson
Worship Leaders	Shared Leadership
Opening Prayer	Juanita Dumas
Songs of Praise (standing)	<i>Praise the Name of Jesus</i> <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>
Announcements	Nodee McNeal
Intercessory Prayer	Associate Pastor Jesse Bellamy
Church Life	Member Testimonies
Special Music	Eugene Dumas
Selection	TBA
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11
Scripture Reader	Katherine Hill
Message	“Preparing the Way of the Lord”
Sermon Speaker	Pastor Willard High
Read in Unison	Shepherd's Mission Statement
The Giving of Our Offering	Offertory Team
Offertory Prayer	
Songs of Praise (standing)	<i>Glory to His Name</i>
Benediction	



Wedding Anniversaries

Marsilean & William Davis - 45 years - December 6th
Andrea & Michael Saunders - 13 years - December 9th

TODAY'S SERMON

Today's sermon given by Pastor Willard High is entitled, “Preparing the Way of the Lord.”

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

Next Sunday's sermon, given by Pastor Willard High is entitled, “In Anticipation of Emmanuel.” The key scripture is Luke 1:39-55.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Christmas Program & Meal – Sunday, December 20th
- Holy Communion – Sunday, December 27th

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

Christian Education Classes will be held today. All young people are asked to exit the Sanctuary immediately after special music. ~ Christian Education Teachers

WOMENS MINISTRY

There will be a Womens' Ministry meeting today at 12:30 in the Solomon Board Room. Please be prompt. ~ Vanessa Burtin

MEANING OF ADVENT

In the Gospels, Jesus calls himself the Light of the World. The four Sundays prior to Christmas are known in the Church as the Season of Advent. Advent means “to come to” or roughly defined a “to appear”. These Sundays are sometimes celebrated by lighting four red candles in succession and a final white candle at the end of the season, representing Jesus. God has always used symbolism to impress upon our minds the deeper spiritual lessons he is teaching, therefore, let us rejoice in the Advent Season.

AMENDED 4TH QUARTER 2015 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

If you serve in any area of the Worship Team, you should have received an amended worship schedule for the last four Sundays of 2015. Worship participants - see Pastor High if you need a printed version of the schedule.

TITHES & OFFERINGS - TAXABLE YEAR 2015
Thank you for your donations during the year. As the end of the year approaches a reminder all gifts for the tax year 2015 must be given or postmarked by December 31, 2015. All financial gifts given to The Shepherd's Community Church are tax deductible. We will provide a receipt detailing your offerings in January 2016.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & MEAL
On Sunday, December 20th during worship we will thank God in song, music, dance and drama for the gift of his only begotten Son, Jesus. Worship will be followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. We recommend a donation of \$5.00/adult to help offset the price of the meal. If you cannot afford it, we waive the fee, we want all to attend and rejoice in what God has done for all mankind. You can help us plan for the meal by having each head of household complete the survey included in your bulletin.

SNACK DONATION SCHEDULE
1st Sunday Donations by families last names beginning (A-L)
2nd Sunday anyone may donate cookies and drinks
3rd Sunday Donations by families last names beginning (M-Z)
4th Sunday anyone may donate cookies and drinks
"If many will give just a little, we will have more than enough."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

We will update you on giving during future town hall meetings.

YOUR CHURCH ELDERS ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU...

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*Our mission statement -
"We strive to be a spiritually sound, friendly and nurturing fellowship;
using our gifts to serve our neighbor, proclaim the gospel
and promote reconciliation."*

Sunday December 6, 2015

10:30AM