

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY - JANUARY 3, 2016

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1 - 2 ~ 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 Leader	Carissa Mebane
Opening Prayer	Walter Burtin, Jr.
Songs of Praise (standing)	<i>Here I am to Worship</i> <i>Blessed Assurance</i>
Intercessory Prayer	Associate Pastor Dolphus Williamson
Church Life	Ministry Updates
Special Music	Januel and Sara English <i>TBA</i>
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-9
Scripture Reader	Barbara Croom
Message	“An Appointment with the King”
Sermon Speaker	Pastor Willard High
Read in Unison	Shepherd's Mission Statement
The Giving of Our Offering	Offertory Team
Offertory Prayer	
Song of Praise (standing)	<i>I'm Forever Grateful</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	



Wedding Anniversaries

There are no known wedding anniversaries to announce at this time.

TODAY'S SERMON

Today's sermon given by Pastor Willard High is entitled, “An Appointment with the King.”

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

Next Sunday's sermon, given by Associate Pastor Eugene Dumas is entitled, “Jesus Baptized?” The key scripture is Luke 3:21-22.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Board of Elder's Meeting – Wednesday, January 6th at 10:00 am

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016!

God bless you in the New Year! We are creatures of habit so pause before signing checks and other correspondence to be sure you have written 2016 not the old year. As you make your way through the New Year remember the one sure way to make this year even better than the last is to keep God at the center of your life.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY!!

Today teachers (in non-teen classes) will introduce a different format. It is a new two year curriculum called KID CONNECTION that will expand to 4 years for our classes because we meet 2 of 4 Sundays for 9 months. To avoid gaps in learning, we are hopeful that parents will help their children attend classes every 1st & 3rd Sundays. With that said, classes for all young people (including teens) will meet today immediately after 'special music.' ~ Christian Education Teachers.

VISIT OF JEFF MCSWAIN NEXT SUNDAY

We are honored to have Jeff McSwain as our guest next Sunday. Jeff is founder of Reality Ministries, a community-based, inter-church outreach in Durham, North Carolina and author of the book, *Movements of Grace: The Dynamic Christo-Realism of Barth, Bonhoeffer, and the Torrances*. Jeff is also the National Coordinator for the Grace Communion International Intern Program.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I would like to thank the congregation for participating in our Angel Tree project. The gifts were truly appreciated. We are now looking forward to the New Year. We currently have two interesting objectives we are considering.

1) We are collecting pocket change. Quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.

We would appreciate the congregations involvement as well. A container will be placed by the information table. We are looking for pocket change only.

2) We are planning a Spring Women's Retreat and we would like your input. A questionnaire is forth coming.

We are asking for the women of Shepherds Community to join us in our endeavors.

Let's grow together. Lastly, a Women's Ministry meeting is scheduled for today!

~ Vanessa Burtin

CHANGE IN WEEKLY WORSHIP FORMAT

We will no longer feature the presentation of Church Bulletin announcements in verbal form as a regular part of our worship format. Therefore, It is more important than ever for you to read the Church Bulletin to avoid missing meetings and important details. Special thanks to the presenters who have given us the verbal announcements in the past.

TITHES & OFFERINGS - TAXABLE YEAR 2015

Thank you for your donations during the year. All financial gifts given to The Shepherd's Community Church are tax deductible. We will provide a receipt detailing your offerings soon.

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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Bulletin Items

Andrea Saunders alsizel2@yahoo.com (The deadline for submitting bulletin items is Monday)

Announcement Bulletin

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The Shepherd's Community Church

10 W. 150th Street

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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 January 3, 2016

10:30AM