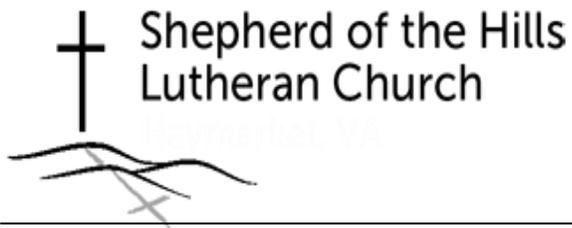




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Sharing Christ's Love... By Welcoming All, Loving All, And Serving All!

PRELUDE *“Adagio from Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13, L. van Beethoven”* **Trio**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* **Trio**

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray,

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

P: We give thanks for this good earth, your gift to us and our home, and we pray for wisdom and gentleness to care for your creation, O God.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

P: We gather with grateful hearts, remembering your mercy and strength, your justice and your compassion, your goodness and your grace.

C: Know that the Lord is God.

P: May we live what we know of you and strive for what you seek, O God.

C: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

P: In humility we pray for the entire human family, remembering those in need, and all who are alone, dishonored or excluded. We pray especially for... In response to your mercy help us to show compassion and mercy to others.

C: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

P: Move us through thanksgiving and praise to action. Use us to heal wherever there is violence and harm.

C: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

P: May we embrace your just purpose, O God, and offer ourselves in prophetic witness.

C: For the Lord is good;

P: We pray for your goodness to flow outward, flooding this world with love.

C: God's steadfast love endures forever,

P: We pray for your loving purpose in every life this day and into the days to come.

C: And God's faithfulness to all generations.

PEACE

P: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The assembly passes the peace to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome the following households as members of Shepherd of the Hills

Nancy Griffin-Bonnaire and Julia Bonnaire

Jack Dodd and Diane Gray

Paul, Bentley and Lee Dorn

Eric, Rita, Genevieve and James Nejfelt

Kay Skelton

Lueanne White

P: Today we welcome formally to join this congregation, Shepherd of the Hills, in its life and mission... As such, you become partners with us committed to "Sharing Christ's love by welcoming all, loving all, and serving all."

New Members, do you covenant with us and our God to join with us in our common mission to be a blessing to each other and the world? If yes, please respond, "Yes, by the help of God."

R: *Yes, by the help of God.*

P: Will you join with us in worshipping God, hear His Word and share His Supper, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, answer "Yes, by the help of God."

R: *Yes, by the help of God.*

P: Congregation, do you promise to support these individuals and households as they join our common mission.

C: We do.

P: And, Shepherd of the Hills Congregation, will you pray for our new members and partners in ministry, befriend them, grow with them, and encourage them in their lives in Christ and service to others?

C: We will.

Pastor shares a blessing.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Darcy Percy

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Largo, from Opera Zerxes, G.F. Handel”*

Trio

SERMON

Pastor Darcy Percy

LITANY

P: Today, we gather for worship even though we face a global pandemic and other illnesses that leave us broken in body and spirit. Because you are our divine healer,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we express gratitude for medical professionals and scientists and the promise of a vaccine. Because you are the source of all wisdom,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we come before you as a country struggling to understand one another and live well together. Because of your gift of love incarnate, Jesus Christ,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we give thanks that you have given us this good land as our heritage. Because we have freedom,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we welcome new members into the community of Shepherd of the Hills. Because of these new workers in our shared mission,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we know that many are afraid and uncertain about the future, worried about basic needs and employment. Because we have a Father who tells us “do not be afraid”,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we acknowledge the blessings of family and friendship, marvelous gifts from a loving God. Because of this gift of human fellowship,

C: This is a day of grace.

P: Today, we gather to worship because of all the saints who have gone before us as witnesses to the risen Christ. Because of the truth of the resurrection,

C: All days are days of grace!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Bourree, from the 3rd Violin Cello Suite, J.S. Bach"*

Trio

TRIO: Violin, Kregg Stovner; Cello, Rachel Myers; Piano, D. Bradee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crossroads Food Drive

Crossroads will be holding a 'Drive Thru' Food donation at Heritage Hunt's Marsh Mansion on **Monday, November 23rd from 10:00 - 2:00**. Donors will drive up, volunteers will unpack donations and load vehicles which will bring donations to the church for storage.



We are looking for volunteers to help load vehicles at Marsh Mansion and unload at the church. If you have questions, contact Jim Allmon (allmonjoy@gmail.com) or Jill McCutcheon (jillz1@comcast.net).



PACE WEST Angel Tree

For many of us, the Christmas season brings feelings of joy, hope and yes, the anticipation of presents under the tree! Many students at the PACE West School may not receive presents on Christmas morning. However, through the annual Angel Tree Program, you can provide a small gift to a student at PACE. This year we have the opportunity to provide gifts to 21 families. Whether you attend service in-person or via Zoom there are ways

you can participate!

- During services on Sunday the Angel Tree will be set-up near the picnic tables and Cards for Haiti display. Simply pick a tag (tag provides the child's age, sex and gift request) and sign the spreadsheet (so that we can track the tags).
- Sign-up via the Sign-up Genius Angel Tree by clicking [HERE](#). Simply pick an entry (entry provides the child's age, sex and gift request), sign up providing your name, email address, and phone number (so we can track the entries).

Return all **WRAPPED** gifts by **December 6th** either to the church or to Liz and Keith Anderson at 5242 Canyon Creek Way Haymarket (that's in Regency at Dominion Valley). There will be a box on their porch. Please be sure to add a tag to your gift with the "name" you selected (i.e. BOY10A, GIRL10C, etc.) to identify the recipient. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at admin@sothva.org.

A Christmas Tea for All!

The 11th Annual Tea won't be held in person this year, so all the entire family is joyfully invited to view a video of peaceful music and devotions to usher in the Christmas Season. Pastor Darcy and Pastor Qualley will also bring special messages. A Constant Contact with the link to the tea video will be sent to everyone on Wednesday, December 2.



As is our custom, we will be supporting the Village of Hope in Haiti. To this purpose, our Arts and Artisans are offering raffle tickets for a double-bed sized hand-knit afghan (\$2 each or 3 for \$5). Donations will also be accepted to help feed the children. One suggestion is to give what you would have spent for your potluck contribution. Please mail checks (payable to SOTH) for raffle tickets or donations by Nov. 30 to Lee Ann Walsh at 4812 Executive Drive, Gainesville 20155, if you aren't at church on Sundays. Include your phone number so that we can be sure to let you know if you win. The winning afghan ticket will be drawn on December 6th. We will make sure the winner receives the afghan in a timely manner.

Plan to grab a cup of tea and a snack and sit down with your loved ones for some holiday fellowship. We wish you heavenly peace this Advent and Christmas Season!