SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

SHEPHERD of the HILLS

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!

DIGITAL BULLETIN AND ORDER OF WORSHIP







VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs of Worship Prayer Requests

Good News Mystery Box

Children's Message

Announcements
Message
Closing Worship

Message Series:



MESSAGE: DON'T BE TOO BUSY TO BOTHER **SPEAKER:** Pastor Collin Monger

8:00 AM Service Worship

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #271

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #251

Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus #244

Closing Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem #250

9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Led by Legacy Worship

Sing to the King

Let Us Exalt His Name

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sing to the King (Reprise)

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4

SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS



SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AMAcoustic Service





9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 & 11 AM Contemporary Service

Upcoming Events

Offering Agape drop-boxes are available around the lot during our outdoor service. Please note we will not take a formal offering during services. You can also give electronically here:

www.soth.church/giving

Cookie & Soup Mix Sale: Available in the Foyer, purchase a premade soup or cookie mix and help support our Preschool! \$7 per jar.

LAST CALL! Christmas Poinsettia Orders: to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve may be ordered until December 12th. Order here online or at Chronicles Christian Books.

Wednesday Verse-By-Verse Bible Study: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary & Youth Club Fall Semester

Congregational Meeting, Sunday Dec. 19th 12:15 PM

Join us for a brief congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday December 19th at 12:15 PM to approve the 2022 Budget and vote on an Elder nomination.

Christmas Card Corner! If you have a Christmas card you would like to share with the church, bring it in and we will display it in the main hallway.

Christmas Eve Services, Friday December 24th

Join us here at Shepherd of the Hills for Christmas Eve, Friday December 24th. At 7:00 PM our children & youth will lead our Christmas Children's Program. At 9:00 PM join us for our traditional Christmas Eve Service.

A Parent's legacy: Parenting Class, Starting January 9th

Meeting during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30, this class is for parents committed to implementing biblical parenting principles and is geared towards parents with children aged 2-12 years old. One book will be provided per couple. Sign-up online or at the welcome desk.

As a reminder, please do not park in the front circle driveway at the church entrance. This area will be designated as a Fire Lane, per request of the township. Loading and unloading is still permitted.



Get last week's message and message notes <u>online here</u>, or through our <u>SOTH Church Mobile app</u>.

THE HOLY BIBLE

Critical to the Christian Faith, there is no other book that can compare to the Word of God. For the entire month of December, the Bible is our Book of the Month. We want to make sure that God's Word is available to all. All Bibles, including Children's Bibles, compact Bibles, and Study Bibles are on sale during December.

Get 10% off any new Bible at Chronicles Christian Books today!









Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Sing To The King CCLI #4010902 | Billy Foote and Charles Silvester Horne

Verse 1

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

Verse 2

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus

Chorus

Let Us Exalt His Name Jonathan Grove | Jennifer Vogelezang

Verse 1

The Earth Bows Down, the angels sing We cry out to you our King With one voice we proclaim The glories of your precious name

Chorus 1

Let us exalt His Name
Let us bow down before
The king of Kings, the Lord of Lords, The Great I Am
Let us cry out with praise
Let us go seek His face
The Holy one, the Prince of Peace, the Son of God.

Verse 2

The star of light was beaming bright It hailed the child, of love and life. The wise man came, with royal gifts Bowing down before the king

Chorus 1

Bridge

We bow down,
We give our Crowns,
To the one who has given new life
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

We will exalt His Name
We will bow down before,
The king of Kings, the Lord of Lords, The Great I Am
We will cry out His praise
We will go seek His face
The Holy one, the Prince of Peace, the Son of God

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Come Thou Fount Come Thou King CCLI #4775010 | Thomas Miller, Robert Robinson, and John Wyeth

Verse 1

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

Chorus

Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus CCLI #31999 | Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

VOLUNTEER CORNER

The ministry of Shepherd of the Hills Church is not possible without the help of many volunteers who give their time and talents to serve in various areas of the church.

Scheduled Today 12/12

Usher Captains: Mark F.

Greeters: Gordie & Sandy M. / Uwe & Mary

B. / Marie M. Deacon: Paul L.

Offering Counters: Edo & Norma J. / Peg K.

Welcome Desk: Mary S.

Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Judy W. / Debbie E. Pre-K Room: Francesca P.

Children's Church: Karen & John S.

A/V Team:

Sound: Dolly K. / Brad S. Video: Kristen G. / Gail A.

Hospitality Team

Marie M & Tina G. / Marie M.

Scheduled Next Week 12/19

Usher Captains: Vaughn M. & Dan M. Greeters: Terry & Gail L. / Gary & Judy W.

Deacon: Jeanette K.

Offering Counters: Sharon S. / Patti W.

Welcome Desk: Margaret F.

Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Rachael K.

Pre-K Room: Joyce H. & Katie L.

Children's Church: Crystal O. & Isabella B.

A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Ken N. Video: Paul Y. / Will E.

Hospitality Team

Karla O. / John C. / Judy M.

SOTH Church mobile app



Stay connected with Shepherd of the Hills by downloading our Mobile App Today!

Our mobile app allows you to get instant updates and events about the church, as well as download and listen to messages, study God's Word, give Online, and more!

VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

Are you interested in serving here at Shepherd of the Hills? Here are just a few areas that have an active need.

Video Operator Volunteers: We are looking for a few people to join our Sunday morning Video Projection team for our 9:30 AM / 11:00 AM services. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Charles. Training will be provided.

Multimedia Team: We're looking for people to join our multimedia team on Sunday mornings. You would be helping with video and audio production, sound mixing, and other tech-related areas of the Sunday service. If you're interested in helping, let us know! Experience not needed and we will provide all the training you need. Email pastor Jon at media@soth.church

Sunday School & Children's Church Teacher: We are looking for volunteers to lead one of our Sunday School classes as well, either 1st - 3rd grade or $4\text{th} - 6^{\text{th}}$, as our Children's Church offering. Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM and Children's church starts at 11:00 AM. Please contact Renee Miller at mmiller@soth.church if interested in helping. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed.

Connect Group Leader: We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be (or willing to become) a member of SOTH, be a believer, be able to host a group of between 7 and 10 other people twice per month and be able to coordinate the group's meetings. This person ideally will have a spiritual giftedness of a pastor, teacher, administrator, host, or other relevant gift. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Charles Rowdon at crowdon@soth.church.



HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

You can give financial support to our Missions projects through our regular giving envelopes by check or cash. You can also give *Electronically* using our **Online Giving Portal** or through our **Mobile App**.

You can also support our missionaries by sending a SOTH Missions **Postcard** at Chronicles Books. You can write an encouraging message to our commitment missionary of the month and we will mail the card for you.

December Missions

The Stoke family lives in the mountains of Papua Indonesia amongst a people group named the "Dem." They are an isolated people group that have no written form of their language, never had any western influences and are completely remote. The only way in or out if by using a small missionary plane or their feet.

They have completed the translation of the Bible into the native language and have taught their first round of over 80 lessons of the Gospel. They have experienced several hundred native Dem coming to listen each day.

Where they live there is no power company, no water company, no roads or corner mini mart. They live off solar panels, water from a stream and the trip to the grocery store is a plane landing with a couple months' worth of food.

Jeremiah & Briana Stokes are our Missions Commitment focus for the month of December. The Stokes serve in the mountains of Papua Indonesia as missionaries to the "Dem" tribe.

"We are Jeremiah & Briana Stokes. We have 3 children Eden Jericho and Noelle and we are missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Indonesia.

We moved overseas July 4, 2010. We are both from Pennsylvania but opposite sides of the state. Briana is from eastern Pa and Jeremiah is from Pittsburgh. We both grew up in Christian homes but when we were in our first year of college, we were confronted with the fact that there are unreached tribal people groups that have no access to the Bible."





Vision Project

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The Mustard Seed Communities organization is our Missions Vision Project for the month of December.

Mustard Seed Communities is a non-profit organization that provides aid and education to children with special needs and disabilities.

Mustard Seed Communities core purpose is to advance the well being of children with disabilities. MSC also shares the Gospel with the children and their families.

MSC ministers all over the globe. Our focus for December is the ministry provided in the Republic of Malawi, southeast Africa.



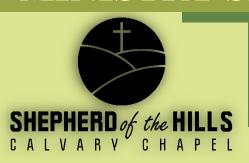
MEMBERSHIP AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Nothing about the Christian faith is by accident, it all requires being intentional about your relationship with God. Membership allows us to extend that intentional approach to our church connection. At Shepherd of the Hills being a member is a way of saying "I'm committed to growing in my faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ." Membership also allows the church to commit to you by pledging to help you in any way possible.

Every second Sunday at 12:15 PM we offer a membership class for those wishing to join our congregation.

If you would like to attend a membership class, please sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer or email Pastor Collin at cmonger@soth.church to be added to the list.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Elders

According to the New Testament, elders are responsible for the spiritual leadership and oversight of a church. We read in 1st Timothy 3:2-3 and Titus 1:7-9 some of the qualifications of an elder; they must be above reproach, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

It is the duty of the Elders to guard the church against heresy, provide for the spiritual teaching in the congregation, and to seek and lead in "He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

Titus 1:9

pursuing God's will for SOTH. Additionally, Elders must approve Deacon candidates, approve staffing, and other administrative tasks. The Elders possess the final human authority in the church.

Here at Shepherd of the Hills we have been blessed with a group of elders who exemplify these characteristics and are committed to the spiritual wellbeing of the church.

The Elders of the church hold monthly meetings to discuss important spiritual issues and discern God's will for the congregation. Their primary responsibilities, according to scripture, are to teach sound doctrine, lead through service, model the Christian life-style, and pray for the congregation. We can summarize the responsibilities of an elder this way: they seek to shepherd the congregation as Jesus shepherded his disciples.





Our ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills Church allow us to carry out our mission by addressing a specific area of need in our community. To learn more about a ministry, tap on a logo below.



