

GSBC Worship

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Good Shepherd Baptist Church is to be a supportive, open, growing Christian community that reaches out to all in a spirit of unconditional love.

Our Statement of Core Values

We value and support:

- ▶ A variety of viewpoints, biblical interpretations, and Christian expression
- ▶ The dignity of each individual as an unduplicated child of God
 - ▶ Following the way of Jesus and absolute love

We respectfully acknowledge that our services are being held on the traditional lands of the Snohomish and other Coast Salish Tribes.

HYMN #CH 293 “Out of Need and Out of Custom” (1, 2)

- ▶ Out of need and out of custom, we have gathered here again; to the gathering we are bringing love and laughter, grief and pain. Some believing, some rejoicing, some afraid, and some in doubt, come we now our questions voicing, we would search these matters out.
- ▶ Come we now our masks displaying, fearing that we shall be known, foolish games forever playing, feeling meanwhile so alone. Let pretension’s power be broken, to be human let us dare; let the truth in love be spoken, let us now the questing share.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 89

- ▶ LEADER: Remember, LORD, how short life is;
- ▶ PEOPLE: How frail you have made all flesh.
- ▶ LEADER: Who can live and not see death?
- ▶ PEOPLE: Who can save themselves from the power of the grave?
- ▶ LEADER: Where, LORD, are your loving-kindnesses of old?
- ▶ PEOPLE: Which you promised David in your faithfulness.
- ▶ LEADER: Remember, LORD, how your servant is mocked;
- ▶ PEOPLE: How I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,
- ▶ LEADER: The taunts your enemies have hurled, O Lord,
- ▶ PEOPLE: Which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.
- ▶ LEADER: Blessed be the LORD forever more!
- ▶ PEOPLE: Amen, I say, Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

HYMN #CH 628 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (1, 2)

- ▶ Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand,
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn; Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
- ▶ When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
When my light is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Receiving Of Our Offerings

- ▶ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Whose constant love and grace we know.
Bless now, O God, these gifts we give
That others may in your peace live. Amen.*

HYMN #CH487 “Help Us Accept Each Other” (1, 2, 3)

- ▶ Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- ▶ Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.
- ▶ Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love, to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Scripture & Message “Spirit Not Flesh”

- ▶ Galatians 5:13-24
- ▶ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

HYMN “The Fruit of the Spirit”

- ▶ The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing,
It's joy in the gospel that we have from you.
It's peace that we live out with courage and daring;
It's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.
It's kindness in all things and generous giving;
Its faithfulness seeking to follow your way.
It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living;
Now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

Tune: ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D (“Let All Things Now Living”)

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Shalom Circle

- ▶ Shalom, my friend; Shalom, my friend;
Shalom, Shalom. We'll see you again; We'll
see you again; Shalom, Shalom.