

# 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

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

# Come Down, O Love Divine

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1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,  
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

# CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 143

- ▶ LEADER: let the morning bring me word of unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift my Soul.
- ▶ LEADER: Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Teach me your way to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- ▶ LEADER: For your name's sake, O Lord preserve my life; in your Righteousness, bring me out of trouble.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** In your unfailing Love, silence my enemies, destroy all my foes for I am your servant.

# HYMN #CH 499 “When Love is found.” (1,2, 3,5)

- ▶ When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our Maker’s joy.
- ▶ When love has flower’d in trust and care build both each day that love may dare to reach beyond home’s warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
- ▶ When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange, till ease returns and love grows wise through list'ning ears and opened eyes.
- ▶ Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

# 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 #CH 526 “The Gift of Love”

- ▶ Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- ▶ Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- ▶ Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

# Scriptures & Sermon “How Shall We Live in Love”

## ▶ **1John 4:7-21**

- ▶ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
- ▶ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
- ▶ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



# HYMN #CH 517 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (1,2,3)

- ▶ Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- ▶ Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- ▶ Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

# Shalom Circle

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