

# 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.*

# HYMN #HS31 “O Christmas Tree”

- ▶ O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With faithful leaves unchanging. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With faithful leaves unchanging. Not only green in summer’s heat, But also winter’s snow and sleet, O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With faithful leaves unchanging.
- ▶ O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Of all the trees most lovely. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Of all the trees most lovely. Each year you bring to me delight, Gleaming in the Christmas night. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Of all the trees most lovely.
- ▶ O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Your leaves will teach me also. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Your leaves will teach me also. That hope and love and faithfulness Are precious things I can possess. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Your leaves will teach me also.

# CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 98

- ▶ **LEADER:** Sing out to God a new song for all the wonders of creation.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** You made your love and devotion known to all people.
- ▶ **LEADER:** All reaches of the earth saw your salvation.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Shout out to God, all the earth! Break forth into joy and melody!
- ▶ **LEADER:** Make music to the Eternal with a harp; with a harp and a voice filled with song.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Let the sea thunder along with all that fills it, the earth and all who dwell on its land.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Rivers will clap their hands, rejoicing along with the mountains before the face of God.
- ▶ **ALL:** For God is coming! God will judge all people of the world justly, all nations with steadfast truth.

Adapted from  
*The Complete Psalms,*  
Pamela Greenberg

# HYMN #CH170 “How Great Our Joy!” (1,2,4)

- ▶ While by the sheep we watched at night, lo, there appeared an angel bright:
- ▶ Refrain:  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Glory to God who reigns on high! Glory to God who reigns on high!
- ▶ Born is the Child, in manger small, whom God has sent to save us all. [Refrain]
- ▶ Jesus, the gift from heav'n above fills all our hearts with joy and love. [Refrain]

# 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.*

# Scripture & Meditation “Incarnation”

## ▶ Galatians 4:4-7

▶ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

# CAROL #CH143 “Joy to the World”

- ▶ Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- ▶ Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- ▶ He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

# CAROL CH#144 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

- ▶ 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and  
fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.
- ▶ 2 For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth. Your voices raise to  
God in praise;  
and peace to all on earth;
- ▶ 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.  
No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

# CAROL # 145 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

- ▶ Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- ▶ Silent night, holy night. shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born!
- ▶ Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace: Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

# CAROL # 146 "From Heaven Above"

## 38 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come  
2 "To you this night is born a child  
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high,  
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow  
5 "These are the signs which you shall mark:

2  
To bear good news to ev' - ry home;  
Of Mar - y, cho - sen vir - gin mild;  
Who hears your sad and bit - ter cry,  
Pre - pared by God for all be - low,  
The swad - dling clothes and man - ger dark.

3  
Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring,  
This lit - tle child of low - ly birth  
He will him - self your Sav - ior be  
That in his king - dom, bright and fair,  
There you will find the in - fant laid

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Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, LM): Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder aufs neu gebessert*, Leipzig, 1539

# CAROL # 147 “Away in a Manger”

- ▶ Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- ▶ The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

# CAROL # 148 “O Come, All Ye Faithful

- ▶ 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him,  
born the King of angels:
- ▶ Refrain  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- ▶ 2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

# CAROL # 149 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

- ▶ 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
- ▶ Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.
- ▶ 4 Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
here among us shall appear: [Refrain]

# CAROL # 150 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

- ▶ 1 Hark! the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
- ▶ 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
- ▶ 3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

# CAROL # 151 (v. 1 & 2) “The First Noël”

- ▶ The first Noël, the angel did say; was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
- ▶ Refrain:  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
- ▶ They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night: [Refrain]

# CAROL # 153 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

- ▶ 1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all from heaven's all-gracious  
King!" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- ▶ 2 Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings  
unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary  
world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing;  
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.
- ▶ 3 And you beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending  
low, who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

# CAROL # 154 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

- ▶ 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the messenger of God came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
- ▶ 2 "Fear not," the angel said--for dread had seized their troubled mind, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of humankind, to all of humankind.
- ▶ 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:  
addressed their joyful song:
- ▶ 6 "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease, begin and never cease."

# CAROL # 155 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

- ▶ Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
- ▶ Refrain:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- ▶ Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]
- ▶ See within a manger laid, Christ, whom choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

# CAROL # 158 “Her Baby, Newly Breathing”

- ▶ 1 Her baby, newly breathing, with wailing needful cry,  
by Mary kissed and cradled, is lulled in lullaby.  
Long months of hope and waiting, the thrill and fear of birth,  
are crowned with exultation, and God is on the earth.
- ▶ 2 The eyes that gaze at Mary have yet to name or trace  
the world of shape and color, or recognize a face;  
yet Holiness Eternal is perfectly expressed  
in hands that clutch unthinking, and lips that tug the breast.

# CAROL # 159 “There's a Song in the Air!”

- ▶ 1 There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!
  
- ▶ 3 We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng,  
and we welcome the glorious gospel they bring,  
and we greet in the cradle our savior and king.

# CAROL # 160 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

- ▶ Lo, how a rose, e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung; it came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.
- ▶ Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.

# CAROL # 161 “I Wonder as I Wander”

- ▶ I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
- ▶ When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all. but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall.

# CAROL # 162 “What Child is This?”

- ▶ What child is this, who, laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?
- ▶ Refrain:  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud  
the babe, the son of Mary.
- ▶ Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading: [Refrain]

# CAROL # 163 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

- ▶ 1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle-stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
- ▶ 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;  
saw the glory, heard the story--tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you.

# CAROL # 163 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

- ▶ 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say: News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!
- ▶ 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you hear of endless bliss; Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

# CAROL # 165 “Once in Royal David's City”

- ▶ 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- ▶ 2 Christ came down to earth from heaven love incarnate for us all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

# CAROL # 166 “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

- ▶ ‘Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim and wand’ring hunters heard the hymn: Peace on earth, Christ is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.
- ▶ Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round; but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: Peace on earth, Christ is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

# CAROL # 167 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

- ▶ Refrain:  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.
- ▶ 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens,  
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]
- ▶ 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth: [Refrain]

# CAROL # 168 “Down to Earth”

- ▶ 1 Down to earth, as a dove, came to light holy love;  
Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation,  
meant for every nation.
- ▶ Refrain:  
Let us sing, sing, sing, dance and spring, spring, spring.  
Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis.
- ▶ 2 This is love come to light, now is fear put to flight.  
God defeats evil's blight; giving for our sorrows  
hope of new tomorrows. [Refrain]

# CAROL # 169 “O Thou Joyful (¡Oh Santísimo!)”

- ▶ 1 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful grace revealing Christmastide!  
Jesus came to win us from all sin within us; glorify the holy child!
- ▶ 2 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful love revealing Christmastide!  
Loud hosannas singing, and all praises bringing, may thy love with us  
abide!
- ▶ 1 ¡Oh santísimo, felicísimo, Gratio tiemp de Navidad!  
A este mundo herido, Cristo le ha nacido: ¡Alegría, alegría,  
cristiandad!
- ▶ 2 ¡Oh santísimo, felicísimo, Gratio tiemp de Navidad!  
Coros celestials Oyen los mortales: ¡Alegría, alegría, cristiandad!

# CAROL #CH 171 “God’s Love Made Visible!” (1, 2)

- ▶ God’s love made visible! Incomprehensible! Christ is invincible! His love shall reign! From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable make death surmountable! His love shall reign! Joyfully pray for peace and good will! All of our yearning he will fulfill. Live in a loving way! Praise him for every day! Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!
- ▶ God gave the son to us do dwell as one of us—a blessing unto us! His love shall reign! From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable make death surmountable! His love shall reign! Open all doors this day of his birth, all of good will inherit the earth. His star will always be guiding humanity throughout eternity! His love shall reign!

# CAROL #HS26 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

- ▶ 1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
- ▶ 3 Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
- ▶ 4 What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

# CAROL #HS30 “Mary, Mary”

- ▶ REFRAIN: Mary, Mary, what you gonna name that baby? What you gonna call that holy baby?
- ▶ We, like our sheep, need someone to guide us, Why don't you call him Shepherd? Sh! Let's all call him Shepherd! [REFRAIN]
- ▶ Hungry and poor, we need someone to save us, Why don't you call him Savior? Sh! Let's all call him Savior! [REFRAIN]

# CAROL #HS40 “The Song of the Stable Boy”

- ▶ The night was cold, the inn was full, and none heard their call. They needed help; her time was near; I led them to the stall.
- ▶ REFRAIN: Loo loo loo loo, Loo loo loo loo, Loo loo loo loo, Loo Loo
- ▶ Some shepherds came to see the child; they stayed far too late. I waited till they left the room, then slipped in through the gate [REFRAIN]

# CAROL #HS43 “The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy”

- ▶ 1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they said that his name was Jesus.
- ▶ [Refrain:]  
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.
- ▶ 2 The angels told where the baby was born, The angels told where the baby was born, The angels told where the baby was born, and they said that his name was Jesus.

# Shalom Circle

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