



# GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## January 15, 2017

*As we gather as God's people, please greet your neighbor and be sure to sign the Pew Pads.  
Thanks!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "He is Lord" (first verse only) Page 227

### INVOCATION

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. As in the days of old, God, You are so faithful and true!
- P. Your promises are as sure today as ever.**
- L. You gave Your word to Rebecca (Genesis 24:60):
- P. "They blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of ten thousands, and may your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them.'"**
- L. You were faithful to Isaac when You said to him (Genesis 26:24):
- P. "The LORD appeared to Isaac the same night and said, 'I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, for the sake of My servant Abraham'."**
- L. And You continue to bless Your people through Christ Jesus Your son.
- ALL. To the praise and glory of Your most holy name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN OF CELEBRATION** "How Great, Is Our God" Page 74

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING** The Bridge/Arbor Circle

*(The Joyful Noise Offering is the collection of loose coins that we place in a tin can you shake that makes "Joyful Noise". The Noise is joyful because an agency/program is selected to receive the offering every two months)*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children will remain with their families today*

**PRELUDE** "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father, we are Your children to be sure, but we so often fail to be imitators of Your love and grace. Forgive us for our selfish ways, for our hard-hearts, for our indifference... Forgive us for all that we would never name aloud, but confess now in the privacy of our minds... (Please take time to complete your confession in silence)**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ... in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You Lord for this mercy, and for Your Love. Help us to show all others the same kindness and love. That we would be imitators of our Lord savior; Jesus the Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

### OFFERING

- Invitation to Give Our Gifts
- Passing of the Plates
- Offertory "The Love of Jesus Medley" Mark Hayes
- Doxology Page 965
- Prayer of Dedication

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** "The Apostle's Creed" Page 783

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Genesis 27:1-29

**SERMON** "Isaac & Rebecca; True Love Always"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD** Concluding with Our Lord's Prayer

**SENDING HYMN** "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Page 441

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS** Shauna Gipe; Elder/Member of Session

### BENEDICTION

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** Micah 6:8

**POSTLUDE** "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" Kirk Dearman

Rev. Mike Baynai, Preaching  
Shauna Gipe, Liturgist  
Eileen Davis, Pianist  
Julie Koenes, Usher  
Al Schumacher & Elaine Miller Greeters

Pastor Mike, Children's Message  
Nursery Volunteer  
Joseph Cook, Media Director  
Dan Vanderberg, Media Technician  
Bolu Olayemi & Jared Swanson, Children's Church

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#### TODAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

10:00am – Worship Service  
11:00am – 1<sup>st</sup> Class on Islam; what they believe and how it compares to Christianity  
3:00pm - Devotions at Railside

#### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Monday – Beth Moore Study at Baynai's  
Tuesday - Brooks Home Group meeting 4:30pm  
Wednesday – Session Meeting 6:30pm

#### NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

10:00am – Worship Service  
3:00pm – Devotions at American House  
3:00pm – Session Interview

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-** There will be no memory verse for the children for the month of January due to Jared's absence for his mother's funeral. Children will be sitting in the services until the last week of January.

**THANK YOU** – *We would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and the visits and loving words of condolences during this very difficult time. It meant so much for me and my family.*  
Arlene and Julie

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**Sunday Services 10:00 am**  
**Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel**  
**3233 Burton SE**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**





**ARLENE AND JULIE KOENES** as they and the family cope with the loss of Bob. Keep the family in your prayers for comfort and peace

**JEAN BAILEY** as she prepares for upcoming tests, surgery and treatments for cancer

**LOIS STEPHENS** prays for an upcoming surgery

**ANGIE WILEY** as she needs another hip surgery. Prayers for healing

**ROGER POTGETTER** as he and Marilyn are in Florida as he has treatments for his cancer

**MARIE JOHNSON** is now at Emerald Meadows. Prayers for continued healing

**JABE HEPBURN** (Bettye Kay's grandson) prays for him and the family

**KATHY JO** who lives at Samaritas and is in constant pain

**THE BRIDGE/ARBOR CIRCLE** that they can continue to offer a safe shelter for youth who are facing homelessness or considering running away

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** and its elders that God would lead us, use us, and build us as we continue to worship and spread the love of Christ to our neighbors

**CALVIN COLLEGE AND CALVIN SEMINARY** students and faculty that God would continue to bless them as they prepare to return to their studies this month

**MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES**, some stationed around the world...peace and safety during this New Year....

**JUDY DOBBELAIRE, NORMA VANDEN BROEK, MARIE JOHNSON, RACHEL KIMBREL AND PAT DOORN AND EVONNE KRUIS** as they worship at home



**MONDAY: GOVERNMENT.** Pray for all those who serve the people of this nation, be they national, state or local officials that they would serve with integrity. That they would be honest and hardworking and that they would obey the laws which they have sworn to uphold. That God would move upon the institutions of our government and call them to humility and righteousness.

**TUESDAY: ENTERTAINMENT.** God has blessed our nation with such prosperity that we enjoy an entire industry known as the Entertainment Industry. Pray

that these men and women would be decent people, providing for us that which is spiritually, culturally and intellectually enriching. While forsaking that which is destructive and immoral. And that as we enjoy recreation and leisure, we would understand it as a gift from God to be enjoyed and appreciated.

**WEDNESDAY: EDUCATION.** Thank God for those who have dedicated themselves to building us intellectually. Those who seek to stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and bring further knowledge and wisdom to all citizens. That these folks would teach honestly and with diligence. And that those who serve in administration would do so with fidelity and care.

**THURSDAY: INDUSTRY.** We have been abundantly blessed to partake of the greatest industrial society in history. Thank God for the men and women who make products and jobs. For those who labor on behalf of the culture and their families. That God would continue to bless America with great companies and business, and that all men and women might work for the good of all.

**FRIDAY: FAMILY.** Family is the bedrock of our society. It is where love and nurture is first and best shared. It is God's building block for a godly people and culture. Pray that our families stay together. That love and mercy and encouragement are given and received. That we become more patient with each other and that children learn the truth about God. Pray for the safety, care and nurture of our children.

**SATURDAY: RELIGION.** Pray for those who seek God. Those who desire to know "the Higher Power". Pray that the debates about religious convictions and claims are thoughtful and kind. Pray that Jesus would open the hearts, ears and minds of those who want to know and worship The One True God.

**SUNDAY: YOURSELF.** Nothing changes until we ourselves change. Pray that God would show you His truth and glory. That God would change you into a kinder and more loving person. And then, that God would use you like a tool to do for other, and to do for Himself all that He desires.