



Message from your Finance Committee: You have until Dec. 31, to make a year end contribution for 2015. Make sure to note on the check "2015" in the memo line. Tithing statements for 2015 will be available Jan. 10, 2016.

The 2016 Stewardship campaign will start in January. Prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2016.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

To make online tithes, gifts and offerings go to:
www.cosumc.com - Click on the "Donate" button. You don't need a PayPal account to donate. A receipt will be emailed to you.



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www.ustream.tv/channel/christ-our-saviorumc

*But when the fullness
of time had come,*
GOD
sent his Son

GALATIANS 4:4



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Our Worship on December 27, 2015
Worship Leader: Robert Abrams Jr.

Welcome to Christ Our Savior United Methodist Church where Jesus is Lord! As we come to the end of the year, we give Thanks to God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - for sustaining us through this year and all our years. We don't know where we'd be without Him, but we sure are glad that He is with us!

We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*
Opening Devotion and Prayer
Singing Praises to Jesus
Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20 Pg. 711
Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "The Shepherd's Heart."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God
Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Closing Song

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Prayer Quilt is for Dorothy Roth, John Roth's mother, pray for grace and comfort to cover all her days.

This year's Angel Tree is for Coats, Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Scarves for the Grace Resource Center's **Warm Hearts Warm Coats Event**. Both adult and youth sizes are needed. Generous givers can place their gifts under our Angel Tree through Sunday, December 27th (taking advantage of after Christmas Sales). We will deliver them to Grace Resources the last week of December.

MONDAY: Noon - 6:15 PM - American Red Cross Blood Drive

TUESDAY: Men's & Women's Bible study will resume on Jan. 5, 2016.

THURSDAY: New Year's Eve.

FRIDAY: Jan. 1, 2016 – New Year's Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 9th – 1:00 PM - *Un-decorate* the church
Jan. 30th - North District Training Event at Northridge UMC
Feb. 18-21 – Thursday – Sunday – Girl's Chrysalis Flight
Feb. 25-28 - Thursday – Sunday – Boy's Chrysalis Flight
April 30th - North District Conference

EXTRAS:

The 2016 Directory is in the process of being updated. Please contact Susan Abrams at 661-816-1278, or email susan.abrams2@verizon.net, to add or update your contact information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or email cosumc@gmail.com.

“THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS” Series

Message #5 of 6

“The Shepherd’s Heart”

You’ve been chosen shepherds, not because of any goodness on your part, or anything you have done, but simply by God’s favor and sovereign choice.

Luke 2:8-20 / December 27, 2015

1. THE SITUATION – “Fear” (v.8-9)

- “living out in the field” – v.8a
- “keeping watch over their flocks at night” – v.8b
- “they were terrified” – v.9b

2. THE PRESENTATION – “Grace” (v.10-14)

- “good news” – v.10b
- “great joy” – v.10b
- “a Savior” – v.11a
- “Christ the Lord” – v.11b
- “a baby” – v.12b
- “glory to God in the highest” – v.14a
- “peace to (those) on whom God’s favor rests.” – v.14c

Philippians 2:13

“It is God who works in you to will and to act according to **his good purpose.**”

εὐδοκίας [Eudokias] = God’s good pleasure / favor / purpose / grace / kindly intent / delight / satisfaction.

1st Thessalonians 1:11

“We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.”

“Indeed each time we pray about you – for the purpose that our God may deem you worthy of the calling, and may fulfill every *good-pleasure (eudokia, of God)* that comes from **(His)** goodness and **(His)** *work of faith*, in **(His)** ability.” – Strong’s Concordance

3. THE ACTION – “Has Happened” (v.15-16)

- “Let’s go & see this thing that **has happened.**” – v.15c
- “the Lord **has told** us about (this)” – v.15d
- “what **had been told** them about this child.” – v.17
- “glorifying and praising God for all things they **had heard and seen...**” – v.20b
- “just as they **had been told.**” – v.20c
- “An angel of the Lord **appeared** to them” – v.9a
- “the glory of the Lord **shone** around them” – 9b
- “**I bring** good news of great joy” – v.10b
- “Today **has been born** to you ...” – v.11a
- “This **will be** a sign ...” – v.12a
- “You **will find** ...” – v.12b

4. THE REACTION – “Amazed”, “Treasured”, “Pondered” (v.17-20)

- “**All who heard** it were **AMAZED** at what the shepherds said to them” – REACTIONAL
 - in wonder, astonished, surprised
- “**But Mary, TREASURED** up all these things” – EMOTIONAL
 - to keep something alive, relish, savor, memorize
- “**But Mary, PONDERED** them in her heart.” – MENTAL
 - Asked questions, contemplated
 - Keep carefully in mind