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

HYMN #CH25 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (1,4,5)

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation. O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near. Join me in in glad adoration
- Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
- Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces. Let the Amen sound from God's people again. Gladly for ever sing praises.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 14

- ▶ LEADER: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
- PEOPLE: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.
- LEADER: Yahweh looks down from heaven at the children of Adam to see if a single one is wise, a single one seeks God.
- PEOPLE: They are all gone astray. Unshepherded Sheep, taking turns pretending to be Shepherd. The ninety and nine follow their fellow.
- ► LEADER: But God is with the company of the righteous.
- ALL: The corrupt would confound the plans of the poor, but God is their refuge.

HYMN #CH80 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

- My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name; in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways; you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
- When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at 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 #CH654 "Here Am I" (1, 2)

Here am I, where underneath the bridges of our winter cities homeless people sleep. Here am I, where in decaying houses little children shiver, crying at the cold. Where are you?

Here am I, with people in the line-up, anxious for a handout, aching for a job. Here am I, where pensioners and strikers sing and march together, wanting something new. Where are you?

Scriptures & Sermon "Unbelief"

Matthew 12:38-45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation."

HYMN #CH

- I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
 I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
- [Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

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- I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them, They turn away
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Chorus]
- I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Chorus]

Shalom Circle

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