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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego>

which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING: New Online Giving platform: Zeffy.com which is a 100% free service for not-for-profit organizations like Good Shepherd. Please consider switching your current online egiving as soon as possible:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-support-church-of-the-good-shepherd-umc>

ORNAMENTS: Our next ornament in the stained-glass series is here! Just \$10. The newest ornament, displaying the cross and crown is for sale. Currently available through the office. Ornaments will be available for purchase in the gathering room on Sundays Nov 30th through December 21.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Join us this morning between services for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant. 9:30am in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES: Join us this Wednesday night, Christmas Eve, for one or both of our beautiful candlelight services. 7pm for our contemporary service with the Reborn Praise Band and 11pm for our traditional service with the One A' Chord Choir.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Maciano's Pizza & Pastaria, 272 E.Veterans Pkwy, Yorkville on Wednesday, January 21st at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 21, 2025

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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

December 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME! We are happy you came to worship with us today. If you would like to join our mailing list please subscribe on our website. www.goodshepherdoswego.org

PRELUDE	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	Cheryl Todd
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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD’S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.
People: Lift up your heads, O gates! That the King of glory may come in.
Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God’s holy place?
People: Those with clean hands and a pure heart, they will receive blessing from the God of our salvation.
Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. +

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear</i>	Reborn
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WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Leader: “Lord, in your mercy”
People: “Hear our prayer”

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
You shower gifts on your people, O God, and forgive their faults. We keep accounts and settle old scores. You make peace, sending Christ as a sign of reconciliation and hope. We make war and call it peacekeeping. You give us a source of confidence as your Spirit is sent into our midst. We cause others to be restless, in our anxiety and self-concern. Have mercy upon us, forgive, and free us, that we may be renewed to serve your people with goodwill. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The Most High is called *merciful*, because God has mercy on those who have not yet come into the world; and *gracious*, because God is rich in grace to those who repent and turn to the law; and *compassionate*, because God makes compassion abound more and more within all of creation. Live in this knowledge, and be confident that your sins are forgiven.

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD’S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Reborn
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:10-16, * Matthew 1:18-25		Rev. Steve Good
CHRISTMAS CANTATA		One A ‘Chord Choir Narration by Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Reborn
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Cheryl Todd

* Kirk When We Gather
Room for You at the Table music and lyrics by Jon Conover
“Still, Still, Still”. Traditional Austrian Melody arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
All the Angels You Have Known by Jon Conover
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” by Felix Mendelssohn and arranged by James Denton

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday December 21st

8:30am Christmas Cantata

9:30am Sunday School Pageant

10:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:30am Youth Group

Monday December 22nd

6:30pm Handbells

7pm Advent Study

Tuesday December 23rd

7pm Choir Practice

Wednesday December 24th

Christmas Eve

7pm Contemporary Service

11pm Traditional Service

Thursday December 25th

Merry Christmas!

Friday December 26th

7am Men's Coffee

Sunday December 28th

8:30am Traditional Service

10:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:30am Youth Group

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