



SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jonathan Tatar
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC	Jon Conover and ReBorn
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. 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!

UW Faith will have their Unit Meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an evening of Christmas music performed by the Oswego Senior Singers followed by refreshments and fellowship.

NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAY will be back this year for the Oswego Christmas Walk on Friday, December 6th. As you unpack your Christmas decorations, please consider letting us borrow your Nativity set for our display in the sanctuary. We take special care with your sets. A sign up sheet and dates for drop-off of the sets will be in the Gathering Room at a later date.

CHILI SUPPER: December 6th 4:30-7:30 in Fellowship Hall during the Oswego Christmas Walk.

ADVENT STUDY: Pastor Steve invites you to join him for a four-session Monday night experience reading through the new book: The Christmas Letters by United Methodist pastor Magrey DeVega. The class will meet Monday nights in the Gathering Room at 7 pm, starting November 25th. The other Monday night classes will be Dec. 2, 9, and 16.

GOOD SHEPHERD 2024 ORNAMENTS ARE HERE! Ornaments will first be available Sunday December 1st, the first day of Advent, between the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Church Services. Sales will be in the Gathering Room. They cost \$10 each, can be hung on a tabletop ornament hanger, on a small display stand or as a window charm. We will also have ornaments for sale during the Chili Supper and Nativity Scene Display on December 6th, and continue throughout the advent season. Please contact the Church office 630-554-3269 to order if you can't make it to church. Proceeds support Our Annual Fund.

UMM: Prairie Central District UMM Advent Service: Saturday, December 7. 8:00 a.m. Gathering and Camaraderie, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Advent Service 8 North Batavia Avenue, Batavia. Craig Mc Gregor

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome, 3360 Station Dr., Oswego on Wednesday, December 18th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.-



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

December 1, 2024
1st 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 *Meditation on Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To you, O God, I lift up my soul. In you I put my trust.

People: Make me to know your ways; teach me your paths.

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

HYMN

People Look East

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portends of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. God in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The words of the psalmist remind us that the Sovereign One is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth: God is our salvation and worthy of trust.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Star is Shining Still* One A 'Chord

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44 Larry Luytjes

SERMON: *All in the Timing* Rev. Steve Good

HOLY COMMUNION

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *Sing Joy!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover

Meditation on "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" Based on a 14th Century German Carol, arranged by Gilbert Martin.

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star by Phillip Nicolai, J.S.Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn, arranged by Roger Wilson

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.