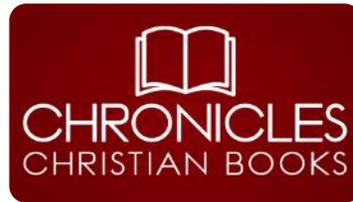
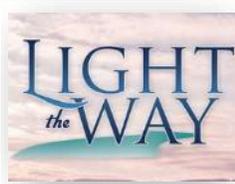


SUNDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

# SHEPHERD of the HILLS

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!  
DIGITAL BULLETIN AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



## VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

**Worship the Lord in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.**

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

*Psalms 96:8-10*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Songs of Worship
- Prayer Requests
- Good News Mystery Box
- Children's Message
- Announcements
- Message
- Communion
- Closing Worship

## Message Series:



**MESSAGE: THE GRINCH WHO WOULD STEAL CHRISTMAS**

**SPEAKER:**  
Pastor Collin Monger

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

- Joy to the World #270
- Emmanuel #243
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #245

#### Closing Hymn

- Good Christian Men Rejoice #273

### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

*Led by Shepherds' Call*

- Joy to the World
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- Joy to the World (Reprise)
- Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*



### SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM  
Acoustic Service

9:30 AM  
Sunday School

9:30 & 11 AM  
Contemporary Service

# Upcoming Events

Offering Agape drop-boxes are available around the lot during our outdoor service. Please note we will not take a formal offering during services. You can also give electronically here:

[www.soth.church/giving](http://www.soth.church/giving)

**Cookie & Soup Mix Sale:** Starting TODAY, Dec. 5th, purchase a premade soup or cookie mix and help support our Preschool! \$7 per jar.

## Women's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast & Craft Dec. 11th 9:00 AM

Ladies join us Saturday, December 11th at 9:00 AM for a potluck fellowship breakfast, followed by worship, devotions, and a craft. The theme of the craft will be "Love's Pure Light," from 1 John 1:5 for the Christmas Season. Sign up beginning next week, November 21st.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders:** to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve may be ordered until December 12th. Order [here online](#) or at Chronicles Christian Books.

## Wednesday Verse-By-Verse Bible Study: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary & Youth Club Fall Semester

### Congregational Meeting, Sunday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 12:15 PM

Join us for a brief congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM to approve the 2022 Budget and vote on an Elder nomination.

**Christmas Card Corner!** If you have a Christmas card you would like to share with the church, bring it in and we will display it in the main hallway.

## Christmas Eve Services, Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>

Join us here at Shepherd of the Hills for Christmas Eve, Friday December 24th. At 7:00 PM our children & youth will lead our Christmas Children's Program. At 9:00 PM join us for our traditional Christmas Eve Service.

As a reminder, please do not park in the front circle driveway at the church entrance. Starting next week this area will be designated as a Fire Lane, per request of the township. Loading and unloading is still permitted.

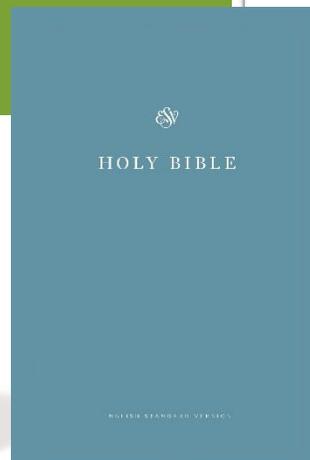
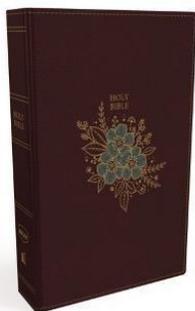
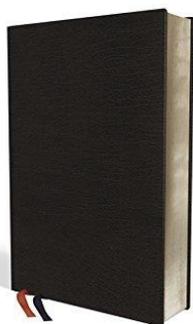
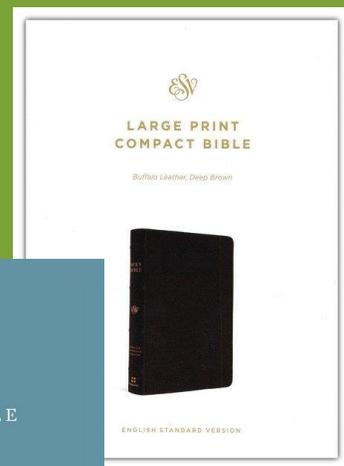
Get last week's message and message notes [online here](#), or through our [SOTH Church Mobile app](#).

# BOOK of the month

## THE HOLY BIBLE

Critical to the Christian Faith, there is no other book that can compare to the Word of God. For the entire month of December, the Bible is our Book of the Month. We want to make sure that God's Word is available to all. All Bibles, including Children's Bibles, compact Bibles, and Study Bibles are on sale during December.

Get 10% off any new Bible at Chronicles Christian Books today!



# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Joy To The World**

**CCLI #5663860 | George Frederic Handel, Lowell Mason, and Isaac Watts**

### *Verse 1*

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

### *Verse 2*

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

### *Verse 3*

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

### *Verse 4*

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

## **Angels We Have Heard On High**

**CCLI #27721 | Edward Shippen Barnes and James Chadwick**

### *Verse 1*

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

### *Chorus*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

### *Verse 2*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

### *Verse 3*

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

**How Deep The Father's Love For Us**  
**CCLI #1558110 | Stuart Townend**

*Verse 1*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

*Verse 2*

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

*Verse 3*

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

The ministry of Shepherd of the Hills Church is not possible without the help of many volunteers who give their time and talents to serve in various areas of the church.

## Scheduled Today 12/5

Usher Captains: Vaughn M.  
Greeters: Karla O. / Bill & Patti W. / Marge S.  
Deacon: Mark F.  
Offering Counters: Marie M. / Mary B.  
Welcome Desk: Mary B.

## Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Crystal O.  
Pre-K Room: Diana & Dan G.  
Children's Church: Becky K.

## A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Craig E.  
Video: Leigh Ann C. / James W.

## Hospitality Team

Ruth & Vince H. / Sharon E.

## Scheduled Next Week 12/12

Usher Captains: Mark F.  
Greeters: Gordie & Sandy M. / Uwe & Mary B. / Marie M.  
Deacon: Paul L.  
Offering Counters: Edo & Norma J. / Peg K.  
Welcome Desk: Mary S.

## Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Judy W. / Debbie E.  
Pre-K Room: Francesca P.  
Children's Church: Karen & John S.

## A/V Team:

Sound: Dolly K. / Brad S.  
Video: Kristen G. / Gail A.

## Hospitality Team

Marie M & Tina G. / Marie M.

## *SOTH Church mobile app*



*Stay connected with Shepherd of the Hills by downloading our Mobile App Today!*

*Our mobile app allows you to get instant updates and events about the church, as well as download and listen to messages, study God's Word, give Online, and more!*

## VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

*Are you interested in serving here at Shepherd of the Hills? Here are just a few areas that have an active need.*

**Video Operator Volunteers:** We are looking for a few people to join our Sunday morning Video Projection team for our 9:30 AM / 11:00 AM services. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Charles. Training will be provided.

**Multimedia Team:** We're looking for people to join our multimedia team on Sunday mornings. You would be helping with video and audio production, sound mixing, and other tech-related areas of the Sunday service. If you're interested in helping, let us know! Experience not needed and we will provide all the training you need. Email pastor Jon at [media@soth.church](mailto:media@soth.church)

**Sunday School & Children's Church Teacher:** We are looking for volunteers to lead one of our Sunday School classes as well, either 1st – 3rd grade or 4th – 6<sup>th</sup>, as our Children's Church offering. Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM and Children's church starts at 11:00 AM. Please contact Renee Miller at [rmiller@soth.church](mailto:rmiller@soth.church) if interested in helping. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed.

**Connect Group Leader:** We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be (or willing to become) a member of SOTH, be a believer, be able to host a group of between 7 and 10 other people twice per month and be able to coordinate the group's meetings. This person ideally will have a spiritual giftedness of a pastor, teacher, administrator, host, or other relevant gift. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Charles Rowdon at [crowdon@soth.church](mailto:crowdon@soth.church).



## HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

You can give financial support to our Missions projects through our regular giving envelopes by check or cash. You can also give *Electronically* using our [Online Giving Portal](#) or through our [Mobile App](#).

You can also support our missionaries by sending a SOTH Missions **Postcard** at Chronicles Books. You can write an encouraging message to our commitment missionary of the month and we will mail the card for you.

# December Missions

The Stoke family lives in the mountains of Papua Indonesia amongst a people group named the “Dem.” They are an isolated people group that have no written form of their language, never had any western influences and are completely remote. The only way in or out is by using a small missionary plane or their feet.

They have completed the translation of the Bible into the native language and have taught their first round of over 80 lessons of the Gospel. They have experienced several hundred native Dem coming to listen each day.

Where they live there is no power company, no water company, no roads or corner mini mart. They live off solar panels, water from a stream and the trip to the grocery store is a plane landing with a couple months’ worth of food.

**Jeremiah & Briana Stokes** are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of December. The Stokes serve in the mountains of Papua Indonesia as missionaries to the “Dem” tribe.

“We are Jeremiah & Briana Stokes. We have 3 children Eden Jericho and Noelle and we are missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Indonesia.

We moved overseas July 4, 2010. We are both from Pennsylvania but opposite sides of the state. Briana is from eastern Pa and Jeremiah is from Pittsburgh. We both grew up in Christian homes but when we were in our first year of college, we were confronted with the fact that there are unreached tribal people groups that have no access to the Bible.”



## DECEMBER MISSIONS Vision Project

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

**The Mustard Seed Communities organization is our Missions Vision Project for the month of December.**

Mustard Seed Communities is a non-profit organization that provides aid and education to children with special needs and disabilities.

Mustard Seed Communities core purpose is to advance the well being of children with disabilities. MSC also shares the Gospel with the children and their families.

MSC ministers all over the globe. Our focus for December is the ministry provided in the Republic of Malawi, southeast Africa.



# Mustard Seed Communities

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

# MEMBERSHIP AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Nothing about the Christian faith is by accident, it all requires being intentional about your relationship with God. Membership allows us to extend that intentional approach to our church connection. At Shepherd of the Hills being a member is a way of saying "I'm committed to growing in my faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ." Membership also allows the church to commit to you by pledging to help you in any way possible.

Every second Sunday at 12:15 PM we offer a membership class for those wishing to join our congregation.



**NEW MEMBERS  
CLASS**

If you would like to attend a membership class, please sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer or [email Pastor Collin at cmonger@soth.church](mailto:cmonger@soth.church) to be added to the list.

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



**SHEPHERD of the HILLS**  
CALVARY CHAPEL

## Elders

According to the New Testament, elders are responsible for the spiritual leadership and oversight of a church. We read in 1st Timothy 3:2-3 and Titus 1:7-9 some of the qualifications of an elder; they must be above reproach, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

It is the duty of the Elders to guard the church against heresy, provide for the spiritual teaching in the congregation, and to seek and lead in

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

*Titus 1:9*

pursuing God's will for SOTH. Additionally, Elders must approve Deacon candidates, approve staffing, and other administrative tasks. The Elders possess the final human authority in the church.

Here at Shepherd of the Hills we have been blessed with a group of elders who exemplify these characteristics and are committed to the spiritual wellbeing of the church.

The Elders of the church hold monthly meetings to discuss important spiritual issues and discern God's will for the congregation. Their primary responsibilities, according to scripture, are to teach sound doctrine, lead through service, model the Christian life-style, and pray for the congregation. We can summarize the responsibilities of an elder this way: they seek to shepherd the congregation as Jesus shepherded his disciples.

## MINISTRY CORNER



**Our ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills Church allow us to carry out our mission by addressing a specific area of need in our community. To learn more about a ministry, tap on a logo below.**

