

Calendar for Week of 2/7/21

SUNDAY

8:30 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

9:45 - Contemporary in Worship Center

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

6-8 - Youth Night

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am - Prayer & Sacrament

2:00 - Small Group [Lounge]

7:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

12:30—Prayer Ministry

5:00—Design Team

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7:00—Men's sm grp

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION this morning to everyone who helped with this service.

Welcome to Contemporary Worship. We are so glad you are here this morning!

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

Connecting persons to Jesus Christ

Connecting with broken and hurting people

Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ

Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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February 7, 2021
Sunday worship 9:45 p.m.
in the Worship Center



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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC: *Worn*

by Jason Ingram | Jeff Owen | Mike Donehey

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG CELEBRATION

Ancient Words

Don't Ever Stop

Song Celebration Instrumental:

Everlasting God (Strength will Rise)

MESSAGE: *"Change Your News Feed"*

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Speaker: Pastor Alan Smith

COMMUNION

PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG: *Psalm 23 (I Will Trust)*

by Stuart Townsend

CLOSING MUSIC:

Build Your Kingdom Here

by Chris Llewellyn | Gareth Gilkeson

SENDING FORTH

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Isaiah 40: 21-31 Pastor Alan Smith

We are developing "information fatigue."

Remember that God is still the almighty God of creation, the God of redemption, the God of hope....

Isaiah is focused on the Babylonian exile which began in 586 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and the temple and enslaved the Jewish people.

The people were worn down.

They have lived with feelings of powerlessness.

The prophet challenges them - assures them – God is not powerless.

The greatest distance that held their lives hostage, however, was not the length of the road home, it was not the physical distancing that crushed them much as the spiritual separation.

The "news fatigue" has drugged them, sedating them to inaction and shut their eyes and hearts to any vision for the day.

We are called to abandon our perch of observation and begin to soar again.

God engages us to life empowered by His presence and purpose.

"Waiting on the Lord" : we actively engage our lives to seek have our priorities, perspective, purpose and plans shaped God Himself.

The narrative of our day, of our lives CANNOT be shaped by the fears, accusations, despair.

Annie Johnson Flint:

He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,

He sendeth more strength as our labors increase,

To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,

To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half-done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known unto men;

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

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