

Calendar for Week of 1/23/2022

SUNDAY

- 8:30 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
- 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
- 11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
- 11:00 - COGS Kids Music
- 11:00 - Confirmation Class [Forge]
- 4:00 - CR step study

MONDAY

- 10am—Staff Meeting
- 4-8—Private [sanctuary]
- 6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

- 7AM—Private [gathering area]
- 7:00—Disciple [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]
- 7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

THURSDAY

- 5:00—Contemporary Design Team
- 5:30—Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 8:30 - PLACE Workshop [Hall/Lounge]

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- 11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
- 11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
- 1:00—CR Training [Hall]
- 4:00 - CR step study
- 5-8:00 - Youth Night [Hall]

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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January 23, 2022
Sunday worship 8:30 / 9:45 p.m.
Contemporary Worship
in the Worship Center

Great Expectations

Welcome Announcements

Opening Music: *God Is On the Move*
by Seventh Time Down

Call to Worship
“Great Expectations” Vignettes
First Scripture Reading:
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Song Celebration
My Lighthouse
Chain Breaker
Word of God Speak

Message: “*Great Expectations*”
Second Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21
Speaker: Reverend Janet Saddel

Giving of Our Gifts

Musical Offering - Instrumental
10,000 Reasons
by Jonas Myrin/ Matt Redman

Prayer
Prayer Response - Instrumental: *Thy Word*

Closing Song: *Word Is Alive*
by Mark Hall

Sending Forth

Great Expectations

Luke 4:14-21; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Speaker: Reverend Janet Saddel

People often have unrealistic expectations of other people and of life’s situations. Whenever our expectations are set too high or are not realistic, we’re bound to be disappointed.

But when it comes to the scriptures and to God, we often set our expectations too low. We don’t expect *enough* from God, we don’t expect to be moved, we don’t expect to be changed, and we don’t expect to hear something new.

The people of Nehemiah's day had great expectations when they heard the Word of God read by Ezra. There was an air of expectancy as the people asked Ezra to read the book of the law to them. And in a dramatic public reading of the law of Moses, the people learned of God’s great love and commitment to them. The people of Jerusalem had a great revival!

There’s a rather *different* tale of expectations in the New Testament account of Jesus reading the Word of God. Nazareth was Jesus’ home – but their expectations of Jesus were *not* so great.

If Jesus were before us today, how would we react to him and his word? We’ve become so accustomed to the scriptures that we don’t react much anymore. Our expectations of God’s Word will effect the outcome.

The kind of God that we expect is the kind of God that we will know. We need to *raise* our expectations.

If we *truly believe* that as it says in Hebrews 4:12 that the Word of God is alive and active, then when we read the Word of God it *will* come alive for us.

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We need to have great expectations of God’s word. It’s important for us to pray before we read the Word of God. We should come expecting that the Holy Spirit *will* open our minds and our hearts, that the Holy Spirit will speak to us and that we will hear from God. We need to have great expectations of God and God’s Word. Then we will discover, as the people did in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, that the Word of God is alive and active!

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Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 9am-2pm

Would you like to speak to someone regarding a personal or spiritual issue? Please contact the church office (717-272-7741) to set up a time to speak with a pastor.

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