

Church of the Good Shepherd

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

A Service of Holy Eucharist

December 10, 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Prelude

Vision

J. Rheinberger

The Processional

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



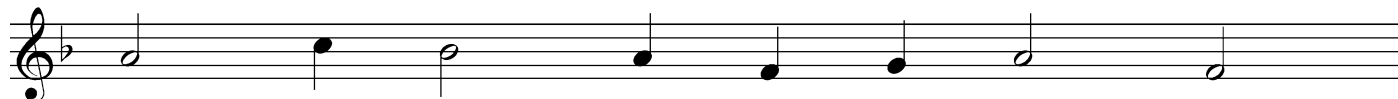
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

~Matthew 11:28

The Kyrie

The people remain standing



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.



Christ, have mer - cy u - pon us. Lord, have mer - cy,



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 599, LP pg. 712

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85



- 1 LORD, you have been gracious to your land; *
you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the offence of your people *
and covered all their sins.
- 3 You have taken away all your displeasure *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior, *
and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased at us for ever, *
and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not turn again and quicken us, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will hearken to what the LORD God will say, *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

- 9 For his salvation is near to those who *fear him*, *
that glory may dwell in our *land*.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met *together*; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each *other*.
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the *earth*, *
and righteousness shall look down from *heaven*.
- 12 Indeed, the LORD shall show *goodness*, *
and our land shall give its *increase*.
- [repeat 2nd half]
- 13 Righteousness shall go *before him*, *
and he shall direct his going in the *way*.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-18

Pew Bible pg. 1019, LP pg. 1209

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

The people stand and sing, facing the procession

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:1-8

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Matthew Kennedy

The Nicene Creed

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "*hear our prayer.*"

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

For Foley, Julian, and William, our Bishops, for Matt, Jonathan, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, for Jerry and Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese, for The Diocese of Quincy and Bishop Alberto Morales, for The Ven. Richard Lafferty and The Rev. Jon Jackson at Church of the Good Shepherd, Catonsville, Maryland and for Missionaries & Missionary Partners of ADLW.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially for Tyler at New Covenant School, and for the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. This week we pray especially for Christians in harms way in the Middle-East and the people of Turkey, especially those in the Mardin province.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Biden, Governor Hochul, Senator Webb, and Mayor Kraham.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those you might name now.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

~John 3:16

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Offertory

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

~Psalm 50:14

If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attendee at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a [PayPal](#) account. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

The Offertory

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

The people remain sitting or kneeling

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Musical score for 'The Presentation of the Gifts' in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is just and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and sing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Po - wer and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) over the notes for 'Ho - san - na' in the second and fourth lines of the score. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table,

O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table.

But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

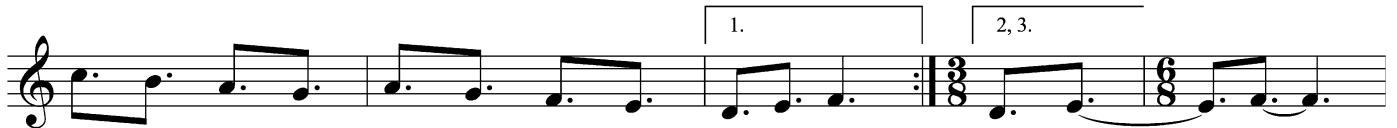
Communion Music *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

The people remain sitting or kneeling

VERSE



1.Hark! A thril-ling voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
2.Start - led at the so - lemn warn-ing, Let the earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
3.So, when next he comes in glo - ry And the world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us



works of dark - ness, All you child - ren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing _____ skies.
with his mer - cy And with words of love draw _____ near._____

CHORUS



See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, See the e - ver - last - ing light _____ Full of



grace the Lord is with us We will hope in _____ Him _____ See the Him _____ to

INT. & END



night (Ooo) _____

END



Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion _____ To the Fa - ther and the Son _____ With the e - ver -



liv - ing Spi - rit _____ While e - ter - nal a - ges run! While e - ter - nal a - ges run! _____ *to int.*

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Recession

Prepare the Way, O Zion

The people stand, if able, and sing



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Dismissal

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

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Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:05am to walk through different books of the bible, verse by verse. Taught by a member of the pastoral staff in the main room of the parish hall. This class can be viewed in person or online each week by livestream.

This class is currently working on a study of 1 Samuel.

Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner Good Shepherd offers a free nutritious meal to the people of Good Shepherd and the wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. If you are able, this is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

Thursday Evening Bible Study This is a great place to connect with others and learn more about what God has to say to us through his word.

This study is currently working through the book of Mark.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study Each week a group of men gather at 6:30am to share bible study and prayer time together. Men of any age are welcome to attend. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please email Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office. This class is currently studying the book of Revelation.

Women's Bible Study meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons in the Parish Hall. Anne Kennedy is leading, and they are currently studying the book of Luke. If you'd like to join by zoom, please join the church email list and look for a link in the weekly update email, and text or email Anne to give her a head's up.

Morning Prayer This group meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available each day at www.dailyoffice2019.com.

Join the parish email list and look for a weekly email invitation in your inbox.

Good Shepherd Youth Group

The Youth Group serves young adults by providing an engaging context for them to grow in:

- 1) Maturity in doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

The youth group is currently studying the book of Revelation.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry Did you know that Good Shepherd has a member food pantry? The pantry is a small room off the kitchen and a small basket in the kitchen freezer. Everyone is welcome to make use of the church pantry regardless of income. No questions asked.

The food pantry is a great way to directly (and anonymously) help fellow members by donating shelf stable food and frozen items, farm fresh unwashed eggs, and personal hygiene items. If you are in need, please feel free to make use of the pantry. If you'd like more information, please see Jenn Fowler.

Home Groups exist to glorify God and build up the church through weekly gatherings where members of Good Shepherd and non-members alike may come to grow in fellowship and discipleship around God's word.

Current locations and times of groups:

1) Hawleyton Group

Time: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Host: Kariah Manwaring

Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903

2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays @ 6pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

3) Endicott Group

Time: Thursdays @ 7pm

Host: Jaime Emmons

Location: 3105 King St. Endicott, NY 13760

4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Host: Scott Pineau

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

Mission Opportunities with Community Health Evangelism (CHE), Nicaragua

Join a mission with difference: CHE is a Christian, community-led, Wholistic development ministry - the spiritual and the practical go hand in hand. Join the team going to Nicaragua, February 1st, 2024. There are 4 places left on this team. If you are interested in serving a Children's CHE program, or doing a sewing project, in a small Nicaraguan village, contact Anne Thompson, thompam02@gmail.com. You will be working with the national and local Children's CHE leaders, learning about their community, and getting to know the children and their parents. You will enjoy your time with the children doing crafts, skits, related to Scripture, playing games, and having fun. Other members of the team will be working on sewing projects with women and local CHE leaders. You will spend time with the national training team, and learn how CHE participatory learning helps community members study the Bible, define community needs and goals, and determine what resources the community already contains. You don't speak Spanish? Don't worry - there will be translators! Come with us!

Christian Education for All

Children

Children aged 2-12 are invited to pray, worship, and learn in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Vineyard (2-3), The Pasture (3-6), and The Tabernacle (7-12). They study the Bible, engage with liturgy, and gradually are oriented to a full life in the church.

Teens

Teens aged 12 to 14 cover a range of topics—the Bible, Liturgy, Church History, Apologetics, the 39 Articles—in a three-year cycle. This is a discussion-style class that prepares kids for confirmation.

Adult Class

Marriage, Family, and Other Animals For the next few weeks, Matt and Anne will be leading a discussion on marriage and family. While we'll discuss marriage and children a great deal, we'll also address singleness (wanted or unwanted). In fact we've found over the years that everything we tell couples about communication and fighting fairly and basically relating to each other without committing murder applies to every other kind of relationship too. Also, since God so often uses marriage and family as figures for his own character and the way he relates to his people and even within himself, thinking about marriage and family is one way to deepen your understanding of who God is.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking a bit sparse! We could really use donations of the following items:

Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter
Canned meat (spam, Vienna Sausages, chicken, corned beef etc.)
Ravioli & canned meals
Cereal & instant oatmeal

Christmas Schedule

December 10

12:30pm Greening of the church

1:00pm Potluck (theme: Holiday Favorites)

December 16

10-3pm St. Nick Fair

December 17

12:30pm Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal

December 24

11:00am Holy Eucharist service, no Christian Education, or Sunday School.

5:00-7:00pm Christmas Pageant

December 25

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Morning prayer, and all bible studies will break on December 22. All bible studies will resume on Jan 2.

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 10, 2023 – December 17, 2023

Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children
(online stream available)
10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online
stream available)
12:30pm *Greening of the Church and Potluck*
Theme: Holiday Favorites
4:30pm Choir rehearsal
6:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm Holy Group Squad

Tuesday

7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer
9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30pm Hawleyton Home Group
(Check with Group Leader)
6:30pm Zoom Home Group
(Check with Group Leader)

Monday

7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00pm Riverside Home Group
(Check with Group Leader)

Wednesday

7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday

7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer
5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:00pm Beginner's Bible Study
7:00pm Endicott Home Group
(Check with Group Leader)

Friday

7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer
6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
4:30pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday

10-3pm *Saint Nicholas Fair*

Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am Christian Ed for adults and
children (online stream available)
9:15am *Christmas Pageant Practice*
10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online
stream available)
12:30pm *Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal*
4:30pm Choir rehearsal
6:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm Holy Group Squad
7:30pm *Christmas Pageant Tech Team*
Rehearsal

Happy Birthday!

December 11 Bruce Layman

Happy Anniversary!

December 16 Mark & Anna Dreher

The Vestry of Good Shepherd

Sr. Warden: Tom Dinnel
Jr. Warden: Scott Pineau
Treasurer: Chris Emmons
Mary Restino
Kariah Manwaring
Chris Jones
Sarah Dreher
Bill Lane

Serving at Good Shepherd December 10, 2023

8:00am Service

Celebrant: Jonathan Groves
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
Supporting Clergy: Anne Kennedy
Reader: Colleen Kenny-Kuk
Usher: Terry Ray

10:30am Service

Celebrant: Bob Carlson
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
Supporting Clergy: Jonathan Groves
Deacon: Warren Musselman
Reader: Jim Hull
Intercessor: Joyce Carlson
Crucifer: Tal Pineau
Acolytes: Annabeth Hull, sub
Usher: Fred Urda, Josh Powers
Tellers: Nick Restino, Bill Freund

Altar Guild: Karen Carlton (*Purple*)
Nursery: Team 5: Emma, Addy, Ellie
Shepherd's Bowl: Joyce Carlson with Team 2
Greening of the Church & Potluck!
Theme – Holiday Favorites

Serving at Good Shepherd December 17, 2023

8:00am Service

Celebrant: Jonathan Groves
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
Supporting Clergy: Anne Kennedy
Reader: Terry Ray
Usher: Terry Ray

10:30am Service

Celebrant: Bob Carlson
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
Supporting Clergy: Jonathan Groves
Reader: Jenn Fowler
Intercessor: Joyce Carlson
Crucifer: Gwendolyn Kennedy
Acolytes: Murielle Kennedy, Evelyn Kovac
Usher: Ben Murphy, Silvan Pineau
Tellers: NEED

Altar Guild: Amber Lovell (*Purple*)
Nursery: Team 1: Carrie, Timothy, Annabeth
Shepherd's Bowl: Martha Rice with Team 3

**Daily Lectionary, Year I
60 Day Psalter Cycle**

Monday December 11	Psalm 105:1-22 Ezra 6 Acts 28:16-end
Tuesday December 12	Psalm 106:1-18 Ezra 7 Rev 4
Wednesday December 13	Psalm 107:1-22 Ezra 8 Rev 5
Thursday December 14	Psalm 108, 110 Ezra 9 Rev 6
Friday December 15	Psalm 111, 112 Ezra 10 Rev 7
Saturday December 16	Psalm 115 Neh 1-2 Rev 8
Sunday December 17	Psalm 119:1-24 Neh 3 Rev 9

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer:

Today we pray for the Diocese of Quincy and Bishop Alberto Morales.

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

Church of the Good Shepherd, Catonsville, Maryland • The Ven. Richard Lafferty • The Rev. Jon Jackson, and Missionaries & Missionary Partners of ADLW

For the Homebound

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams

For the Sick

Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Beverly Williams, Lin, Dave Bradbury, Helen & Dave, Jeremy, Sarah, Ronnie, Theresa, Angel, Griffy, Ken, Brendan, and The Swenk Family

For our Missionaries

Please pray for the teachers and children of the Kuwinda Preschool.