

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

*Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ*



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**December 18, 2022 – 10:30am**

### **The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for is here in these pages. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at either of the usher tables 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!

# Holy Eucharist, December 18, 2022

## The Fourth Sunday in Advent

### The Prelude

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

### The Procession

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*The people stand and sing, facing the procession*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## 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.

## The Kyrie

*The people remain standing*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit for the reading of the lessons.*

### The First Lesson

#### Isaiah 7:10-17

Pew Bible pg. 572, LP pg. 679

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 24

*The people join the choir in singing*



- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas \*  
and established it upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
- 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD \*  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is the King of glory?" \*  
"It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is the King of *glory*?" \*

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of *glory*."

## The Second Lesson

**Romans 1:1-7**

Pew Bible pg. 939, LP pg. 1116

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual

*Wait for The Lord*

Taize

*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 Matthew.

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

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Jonathan Groves

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand, if able*

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

**W**e 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 Beach, Julian Dobbs and William Love, our Bishops, for Matt, Jonathan, Anne, and Micah, and for all who minister at Good Shepherd, for Jerry and Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese, especially for the South American Diocese, and for the people and clergy of Church of the Resurrection Halfmoon, New York.

*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 work of the Community Health Evangelism team in Nicaragua as they minister to those in need.

*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 for protection over the Christian community in northern Mozambique, especially the people of Cabo Delgado and Nampula 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 Akshar, 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*

**A**lmighty 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*

**A**lmighty 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.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

~1 Timothy 1:15

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And with your spirit.**

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

## Announcements

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*      And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

*~Luke 10:2*

*If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender 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.*

## Offertory Music    *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

*The people remain sitting, and sing*

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with five different versions of the text provided for different parts of the choir or congregation.

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

## The Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand, and sing if able*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heaven - 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.**

*Then, 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

*Holy, Holy*

*The people remain standing and sing*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 sing 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.

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

## The Agnus Dei



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy 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 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**      *Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus*      (sung by the choir)

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*

## *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line with two staves (Right and Left Hand). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 corresponding to the four voices. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords and moving lines in both hands.

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

## 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

## Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth

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

1 Come. Thou, Re - deem - er of the earth, And ma - ni -  
 2 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the  
 3 Forth from that cham - ber go - eth he, That ro - yal  
 4 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, To God the  
 5 O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy

6  
 fest — thy vir - gin birth. Let ev' - ry age a - dor - ing  
 Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God, in flesh ar -  
 home of pu - ri - ty, A giant in two - fold sub - stance  
 Fa - ther back he speeds. Runs out his course to death and  
 flesh - ly man - tle now; The weak - ness of our mor - tal

13  
 fall, Such birth be - fits the God of all.  
 rayed, The Sa - vior, now, to man, dis - played.  
 one, Re - joi - cing now his course to run.  
 hell, Re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.  
 state With death - less might in - vi - gor - ate.

### Verse 6

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
 And darkness glow with newborn light,  
 No more shall night extinguish day,  
 Where love's bright beams their power display.

### Verse 7

O Jesus, virgin born, to Thee  
 Eternal praise and glory be,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 and Holy Spirit ever more



## The Dismissal

*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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Doxology: **"Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Doxology)"** Words: written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, (1637-1711); Tune: TALLIS' CANON; Composer: Thomas Tallis (ca. 1505-1585) Public Domain

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## Weekly Update, December 18, 2022

### 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 focusing on the miracles of Christ.

**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. The class is taught by The Rev. Jon Groves, and they are studying the book of Judges.

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study** Each week a 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 Pastor Matt, Jonathan Groves, or contact the church office. This class is currently studying the book of Jeremiah.

**Women's Bible Study** meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons in the Parish Hall. Anne Kennedy is leading, and they are currently studying Advent texts taken from The Messiah. If you'd like to join by zoom, please join the church email list and look for a link in the weekly update email.

**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](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com).

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

**Good Shepherd Youth Group** The Good Shepherd 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

Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm.

**Good Shepherd Food Pantry** Did you know that Good Shepherd has a member food pantry? This pantry is a small room off the kitchen and is open to all members of Good Shepherd.

Please feel free to pick up a few items for the pantry when doing your household shopping if you have the ability. We are currently running low on soups, peanut butter, cereals, and general non-perishables.

If you are in need, please feel free to make use of the pantry.

**Home Groups** 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. Binghamton, NY 13903

##### 2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays @ 6pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Binghamton, NY 13905

##### 3) Endicott Group

Time: Thursdays @ 7pm

Host: Jaime Emmons

Location: 3105 King St. Endicott, NY 13760

##### 4) Zoom Group

Time: Tuesdays @ 7:15pm

Host: Scott Pineau

Link will be given upon request

## What's Happening at Good Shepherd

**A Special Announcement** Join us for a baby shower celebrating Ronnie Murphy and her baby boy, due to arrive in March. All women and girls from the church are invited!

When: Saturday, January 14, 1:00-3:00pm

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd parish hall

Please see Carrie Nelson or Mary Restino for more info, and RSVP by January 2.

**A Message from Anne Kennedy** I want to offer up a huge Thank You to everyone who helped put on the St. Nicholas Fair—the Vendors, Soup Makers, Bakers, Buyers, Setter-Uppers, Everyone. A special thank you to Jon and Micah for taking this on and organizing all the details. I'm so thrilled about what God is doing in the Children's Department and that we are going to be able to bring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training to this region. Most of all, I'm so grateful to hear the rustle and bustle of children all over the church on Sunday mornings. Thanks all, and keep a look out for more details about our children's ministry this coming year!

**Christmas Schedule** As is the custom at Good Shepherd, all bible studies and morning prayer will be cancelled during the week of Christmas and New Year. All studies will resume during the first week of January.

**Ladies Christmas Tea** You are invited to come enjoy lunch and a afternoon of sitting around at the Kennedy home, 6 Davis St., Binghamton, with your fellow ladies in waiting on Sunday from 1:45-4pm. It will be good and beautiful and hopefully full of laughter.

Please bring a brunch or luncheon item and maybe a small shareable sampling of your favorite Christmas Cookie or candy.

If you would like to participate in the Angel Exchange, bring one of your angel ornaments that you would be happy to pass along to a friend. And then go home with a new one!

**Christmas Concert** with Brio Vocal Ensemble and Friends! Celebrate the birth of our Savior with music: vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles, plus congregational carol singing! The concert takes place at 3p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell. Free will offering.

**Mission Opportunity** In February, Anne Thompson will be going to Nicaragua to work with the CHE group communities. Her group will be making baby items with women. If you have any baby fabric, thread, zippers, or patterns that you could pass on, that would be great. Also, if you would like to help cut out some items ready to sew for our 100 kits, that would be wonderful! Lastly, we would welcome you if you would care to join us for a few days in a community, to see CHE in action. Contact Anne at [thompam02@gmail.com](mailto:thompam02@gmail.com) for more information.

**Christian Education for All** is at 9:15am on Sunday Morning.

Adult Class Since there won't be any Sunday School on Christmas Sunday, I'll take a break this week from Rise and Triumph of the Modern self and we'll discuss the events leading up to Jesus' birth in Luke 1, beginning with Gabriel's appearance to Zechariah in the Temple to announce the nativity of John the Baptist, then his appearing to Mary to announce her miraculous conception, and ending with Mary's song of praise called the Magnificat.

### Children's Catechesis

Preschool—The children will continue to work with the Nativity.

Level One—The children will work with the Prophecy of the City.

Level Two—The children will work with Isaiah 11:3-9

Level Three: The children will work with John One.

12-14 yr. class: This Sunday we will be comparing Matthew's genealogy of Christ with Luke's genealogy.

## Week at a Glance Schedule, December 18, 2022– December 25, 2022

### Sunday

- 8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
- 9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children (online observance available)
- 10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online observance available)
- 12:30pm Coffee Hour
- 12:30am Christmas Pageant Practice**
- 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Youth Group

### Monday

- ~~7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer~~
- 6:00pm Riverside Home Group  
(See above blurb for more info)

### Tuesday

- ~~7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer~~
- 9:05am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30pm Hawleyton Home Group  
(See above blurb for more info)
- 7:15pm Zoom Home Group  
(See above blurb for more info)

### Wednesday

- ~~7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer~~
- 6:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday

- ~~7:00am Zoom Morning Prayer~~
- 5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
- ~~6:00pm Beginner's Bible Study~~
- 7:00pm Endicott Home Group  
(See above blurb for more info)

### Friday

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

### Saturday (Christmas Eve)

- 5:00pm Annual Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant**

### Sunday (Christmas Day)

- 8:00am No service  
No Christian Education**
- 11:00am Service of Holy Eucharist (online observance available)**

### Happy Birthday!

- December 18 Evelyn Kovac
- December 20 Martin Donovan
- December 22 Jonah Carlton

### Happy Anniversary!

- December 23 James & Liz Hull

**A Note on Home Groups** Please check with your home group contact to find out if your group is meeting over the next two weeks.

**Serving at Good Shepherd December 18, 2022**

8am Celebrant: Matt Kennedy  
 8am Preacher: Jonathan Groves  
 8am Assistant: Jonathan Groves  
 8am Reader: Assistant  
 8am Usher: Terry Ray  
 10:30am Celebrant: Bob Carlson  
 10:30am Preacher: Jonathan Groves  
 10:30am Supporting Clergy: Matt Kennedy  
 10:30am Assistant: Jonathan Groves  
 10:30am Reader: Liz Hull  
 10:30am Crucifer: Silvan Pineau  
 10:30am Acolytes: Sophia and Selah Lane  
 10:30am Usher: Jason Carlton  
 Tellers: Mark and Timothy Dreher  
 Altar Guild: Karen Berman  
 Nursery: Kariah, Tal, Murielle  
 Prayer: Peggy Hughes  
 Shepherds Bowl: Jonathan Groves with Team 4

**Serving at Good Shepherd December 25, 2022***No 8am Service**No Christian Education*

11:00am Celebrant: Matthew Kennedy  
 11:00am Preacher: Matthew Kennedy  
 11:00am Supporting Clergy: Anne Kennedy  
 11:00am Assistant: Jonathan Groves  
 Altar Guild: Christine Osgood  
 Shepherd's Bowl: Mary Restino with Team 5

**Daily Lectionary****Year II****60 Day Psalter Cycle**

<b>Monday December 19</b>	Psalm 119:105-128 Isa 62 Luke 19:11-28
<b>Tuesday December 20</b>	Psalm 119:153-176 Isa 63 Luke 19:29-end
<b>Wednesday December 21</b>	Psalm 120, 121 Isa 64 Luke 20:1-26
<b>Thursday December 22</b>	Psalm 124, 125, 126 Isa 65 Luke 20:27—21:4
<b>Friday December 23</b>	Psalm 129, 130, 131 Isa 66 Luke 21:5-end
<b>Saturday December 24</b>	Psalm 134, 135 Song of Songs 1 Luke 22:1-38
<b>Sunday December 25</b>	Psalm 85, 110 Song of Songs 2 Luke 2:1-14

***Please Pray For...***

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer:** Today we pray for the Anglican Province of South America and The Most Rev. Nicholson Drayson, Primate  
**Anglican Diocese of the Living Word** Church of the Resurrection Halfmoon, New York • The Rev. David Haig • Dcn Susan Plaske • Dcn Dawn Skramstad • The Sisters of Saint Mary Eastern Province  
**For the Homebound** Betty Cancellieri, and Charles Mabula.

**For the Sick** Peyton, Rick, Jason D., Doug & Maureen, Charles, Evelyn Martin, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, April, Sue, William and Arianna, Beverly Williams.

**Missionaries** Pray for the Community Health Evangelism team in Nicaragua as they minister to those in need.