Church of the Good Shepherd Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



http://www.goodshepherdbinghamton.org

December 24, 2023 – 11:00am The Fourth 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 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Acclamation

The people remain standing

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

The Collect for Purity

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.People Christ, have mercy upon usCelebrant Lord, have mercy upon 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

2 Samuel 7:1-17 Pew Bible pg. 259, LP pg. 305

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132: 8-19

- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, * and let your saints sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, * turn not away the presence of your Anointed.
- 11 The LORD has made a faithful oath unto David, * and he shall not shrink from it:
- "Of the fruit of your body shall I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *

their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore."

- 14 For the LORD has chosen Zion for himself; * he has longed for her to be his habitation:
- 15 "This shall be my rest for ever; * here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
- I will bless her provisions with increase, * and will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
- There shall I make the horn of David flourish; *
 I have prepared a lantern for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; * but upon his head shall his crown flourish."

The Second Lesson

Romans 16:25-27 Pew Bible pg. 951, LP pg. 1130

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

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:

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 Anglican Province of Congo and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Titre Ande Georges, for the people of Church of the Resurrection in Wallingford, Connecticut, and for Rev. Canon Moses Aderibole.

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, for the work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

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 for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly those in the North Kivu 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 and Absolution 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.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

~1 John 2:1-2

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ~Ephesians 5:2

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.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the

majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord,

and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

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

 $I_{\rm t}$ 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

Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People 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

T he 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.

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 Dismissal

The people stand if able

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

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshiping at Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!

Did you have trouble reading the bulletin? Large Print copies are available upon request at the usher's table in the entryway.

We would be so grateful if you would deposit your used bulletins in one of the recycling bins located near the exits of the sanctuary or parish hall as you pass by.

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Weekly Update, December 24, 2023

Ongoing Ministries

free and delicious meal.

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

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!

Christmas Schedule

December 24

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.

All of the staff will be taking a much-needed break during the week of Dec 25-30, however the office will remain open. If you need to contact any of the staff, please call the office and leave a message unless there is an emergency.

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

St. Nick Fair Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning, set up, and execution of another wonderful St. Nick Fair, and a huge thank you to everyone who donated either their time or talents to make the St. Nicholas Fair a success again this year!

If you donated items to sell at the fair, please check the table next to the white board in the parish hall to collect any items that might not have sold by January 7th

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 24, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Sunday (Christmas Eve)

11:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music5-7pm Good Shepherd Annual Christmas

Pageant

Monday (*Christmas Day*)11:00am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

5:30pm Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music9:15am Christian Ed for adults (online stream

available) and children

10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online

stream available)

All evening activities are cancelled

Happy Birthday!

December 26 Martha Rice

December 28 Vivian Manwaring

December 29 Camille Lane

Happy Anniversary!

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 24, 2023

11am Service

Celebrant: Matt Kennedy Preacher: Jonathan Groves Deacon: Warren Musselman

Reader: Scott Pineau Intercessor: *sub*

Crucifer: Rowan Kennedy

Acolytes: Elinor Kennedy, Ellie Pineau Usher: Terry Ray, Ben Manwaring

Tellers: Don Dean, sub

Altar Guild: Christine Osgood (Gold) Nursery: Team 2: Jaime, Murielle

Shepherds Bowl: Jonathan Groves with Team 4

Christmas Pageant

Celebrant: Matt Kennedy Preacher: Matt Kennedy

Supporting Clergy: Jonathan Groves

Deacon: Warren Musselman Intercessor: Jenn Fowler

Crucifer:

Acolytes: Annabeth Hull, Sophia Lane

Usher: Fred Urda, Ben Murphy

Serving Good Shepherd December 31, 2023

8:00am Service

Celebrant: Jonathan Groves Preacher: Matt Kennedy

Supporting Clergy: Anne Kennedy

Reader: Terry Ray Usher: Terry Ray

<u>10:30 Service</u>

Celebrant: Matt Kennedy Preacher: Jonathan Groves Supporting Clergy: Bob Carlson

Reader: Ronnie Murphy Intercessor: Anne Thompson Crucifer: Jonah Carlton Acolytes: Seth Carlton, *sub*

Usher: Scott Pineau, *sub*

Tellers: Chris Jones, Bruce Layman

Altar Guild: Karen Berman (*Gold*) Nursery: Team 3: Sarah, Tal, Silvan

Shepherd's Bowl: Don Dean with Team 1

Daily Lectionary, Year I	
60 Day Psalter Cycle	
Monday	Psalm 45
December 25	Isa 11.1-10
	Matt 1.18-end
Tuesday	Psalm 137
December 26	Neh 9.38-ch. 10
	John 18.28-end
Wednesday	Psalm 139
December 27	Neh 11
	John 19.1-16a
Thursday	Psalm 141-142
December 28	Neh 12
	John 19.16b-end
Friday	Psalm 144
December 29	Neh 13
	John 20.1-18
Saturday	Psalm 146
December 30	Mal 1.1-2.16
	John 20.19-end
Sunday	Psalm 148
December 31	Mal 2.17-ch. 4
	John 21

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer:

Today we pray for Anglican Province of Congo and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Titre Ande Georges.

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

Church of the Resurrection in Wallingford, Connecticut, for Rev. Canon Moses Aderibole and for persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.

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 work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.