

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



### **December 28, 2025, A Service of Holy Eucharist The First Sunday of Christmas, Year A – 10:30am Holy Innocents**

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you today. 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 (607-723-8032). At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

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# A Service of Holy Eucharist

December 28, 2025

The First Sunday of Christmas -Holy Innocents

## Prelude

*"Shepherds" (Nativity Suite)*

W. Held

## The Processional

*Unto Us a Boy is Born*

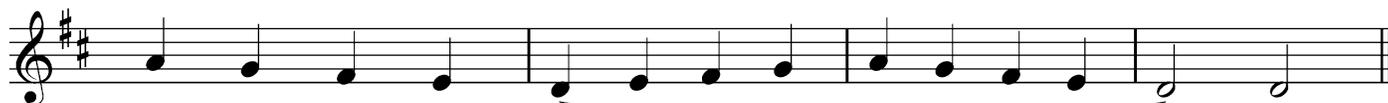
*The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession*



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
\*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.  
4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

## The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*The people remain standing*

Celebrant For unto us a child is born.

People Unto us a son is given.

*Isaiah 9:6*

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.**

~Matthew 11:28

## 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 22:37-40

## The Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## The Gloria

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

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

## The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 31:15-17**

Pew Bible pg. 659, LP pg. 783

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 124

- <sup>1</sup>        If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: \*  
          if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us,
- <sup>2</sup>        **Then would they have swallowed us up alive, \***  
          **when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;**
- <sup>3</sup>        Then the waters would have drowned us, and the torrent gone over us; \*  
          then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- <sup>4</sup>        **But praised be the LORD, \***  
          **who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.**
- <sup>5</sup>        We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler; \*  
          the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.
- <sup>6</sup>        **Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \***  
          **the maker of heaven and earth.**

## The Second Lesson

**Revelation 21:1-7**

Pew Bible pg. 1041, LP pg. 1233

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

# The Gradual

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*The people stand and sing, facing the procession*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## The Gospel

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

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

**Matthew 2:13-18**

*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.”

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially President Trump, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Kraham that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Stephen, Julian and Mark, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, Warren, Roy, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, to Bob at St. Andrews, to Ife at Holy Trinity, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

*In the ACNA: We pray for the Provincial Office and Deborah Tepley, Executive Director, and her husband, Luke.*

*In the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word: We pray for Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Greenwich, New York, for The Rev. Matt Baker, for Worship Leaders and Music Ministry in ADLW, and for The Rev. Darren Johnson*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission. Bless, we pray, the work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** Hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We pray especially for Christians in Pakistan, Mali, and Nigeria.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life 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 have departed this life in your faith and fear, praying that you will grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

**H**eavenly 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*

**H**ear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*~Matthew 11:28*

## **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**

Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*~Psalm 96:8*

*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

## Lully Lullay

*The people remain sitting*

*Burden*

Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou lit - tle tin - y child, bye - bye, lul -

ly lul - lay. 1 O sis - ters, too, how may we do  
2 He - rod the King, in his rag - ing  
3 That woe is me, poor child for thee!

for to pre - serve this day this poor young - ling for  
charg - ed he hath this day his men of might, in  
And ev - ery morn and day, for thy part - ing nor

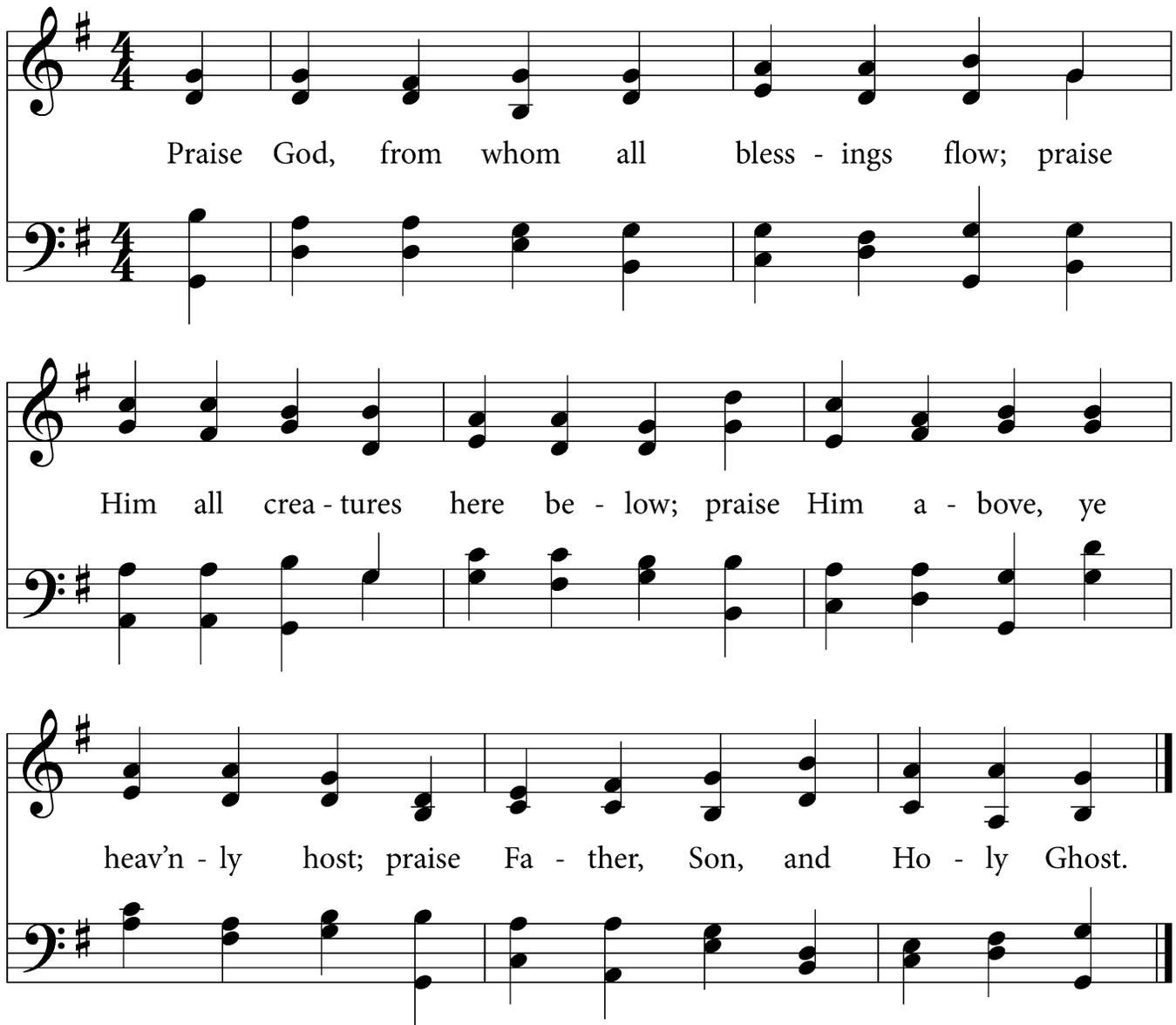
*Repeat Burden after verse 3*

whom we sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?  
his own sight, all young chil - dren to slay.  
say nor sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?

# The Presentation of the Gifts

Tallis

*The people stand, if able, and sing*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

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

Flagler

*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 Prayer of Consecration

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He 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 he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So 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.

For 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. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, 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 for ever.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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

# The Lord's Prayer

Osgood

*The people remain kneeling, and sing*



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy Name, thy king-dom  
5 come, thy will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-  
11 give us all our tres-pass, as we for-give those who tres-  
15 pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-  
20 ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the  
26 king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for e-ver and for  
31 ev-er. Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy Name, thy king-dom  
37 come, thy will be done, on earth as in heav'n.

# The Fraction

*The people remain kneeling and say*

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

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

## 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.

## The Agnus Dei

Flagler

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.

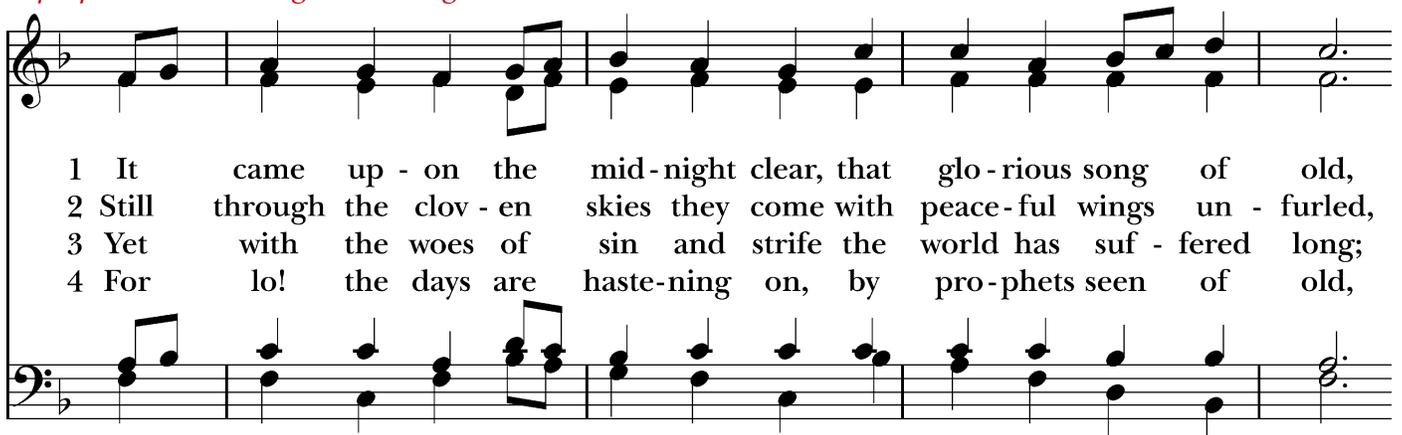
## The Invitation

*Celebrant*

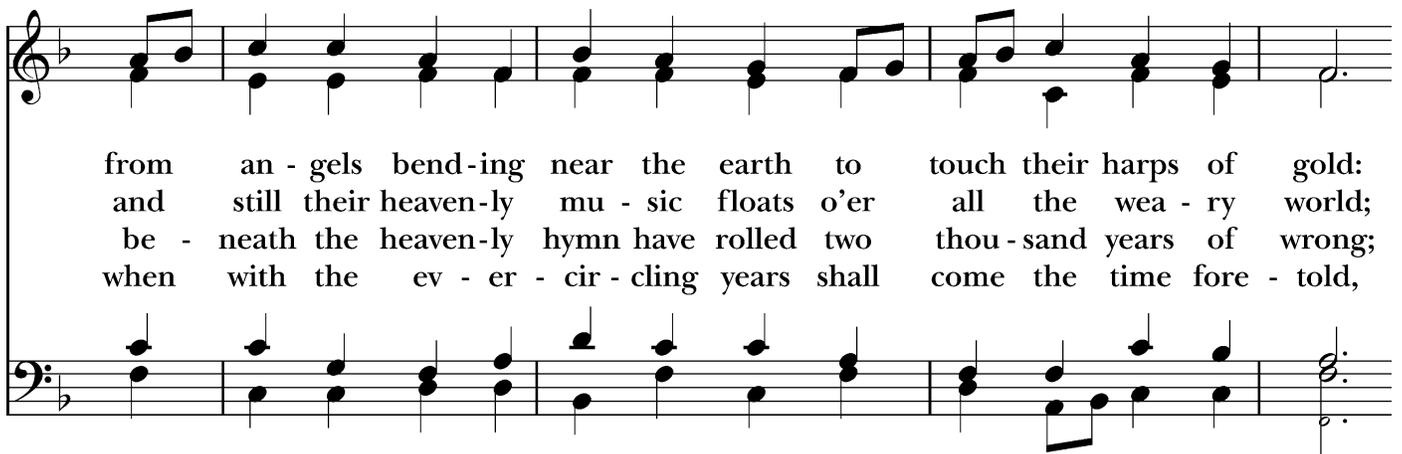
The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Music *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
be - neath the heaven - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all - gra - cious King.”  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o’er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**lmighty 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

*Ye Holy Angels Bright*

*The people stand if able and face the recession*

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a clear harmonic structure.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

## The Dismissal

*The people stand if able*

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

*"Toccata in b minor"*

E. Gigout

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Processional: “**Unto Us a Boy is Born**” #98 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Latin carol, 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943). From *Rite Song*. © 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

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Gradual: “**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**” #107 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). From *Rite Song*. © 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

Offertory: “**Coventry Carol**” “**Lully Lullay**” or “**O Sisters Too**” #247 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Coventry carol, 15th cent. Music: *Coventry Carol*, melody from *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*, 15th cent.; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958). Harmonization by permission of Oxford University Press. From *Rite Song*. © 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

Doxology: “**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**” Words: Public Domain, written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, (1637-1711) Music: TALLIS’ CANON written around 1541 by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1685) Public Domain

Sanctus: Flagler Mass, Setting by Chris Garven, used by permission of composer

Memorial Acclamation and The Great Amen: Music setting: Old Danish, Public Domain

The Lord’s Prayer: “**The Lord’s Prayer**” Music by Curt Osgood. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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Communion: “**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**” #90 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Noel*, English melody; adapt. Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900). From *Rite Song*. © 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

“**Love Came Down at Christmas**” #84 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: *Gartan*, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press. From *Rite Song*. © 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

Recessional: “**Ye Holy Angels Bright**” Words: Richard Baxter (1615–1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862) Music: *Darwall’s 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731–1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), alt. Public Domain.

## Weekly Update, December 28, 2025

### Ongoing Ministries

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:05 am in the Parish Hall to walk through the bible, verse by verse. It meets in person and is available online by livestream.

**Shepherd's Bowl** Good Shepherd offers a dinner to the church and wider community on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This is a great time to get to know others and enjoy a free and delicious meal.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** This study meets in the sacristy at 6:15.

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at 6:30am for breakfast, study, and prayer. If you are interested, please email or text Matt or Jonathan, or contact the church office.

**Women's Bible Study**  
This study meets in the parish hall at 5:15 on Wednesday evenings.

**Good Shepherd Food Pantry**  
Having a bit of a hard time making ends meet? The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is for church members stocked by food provided by the congregation. If you could use some help, please feel free to pop into the food pantry (just off the kitchen). We also have a small basket in the freezer that might have a few items as well.  
Everyone's generous donations are appreciated! Even a can or two can help.

**Holy Group Squad (Young Adult Ministry)**  
Post high-school aged people meet together Sunday evenings (6pm) in the Sacristy for book studies and conversation.

**Good Shepherd Youth Group** meets Sundays at 6pm in the choir loft and is studying the book of Genesis. This is an engaging context for kids to grow in

- 1) Knowledge of scripture and doctrine
- 2) Faithfulness to Christ
- 3) Service to others

#### **Christian Education for Everyone**

**Nursery** care for babies is organized by parents during Christian Education. For more information, talk with Anna or stop in at the nursery.

**Children** are invited into specially prepared Montessori-style rooms where they pray, worship, learn from scripture, engage with liturgy, and become gradually oriented toward a full life in the church.

**Younger teens** 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 them for confirmation.

**Adults and older teens** discuss and study topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

**Morning Prayer** meets online by Zoom at 7am Monday through Friday. The liturgy and readings are available at [www.dailyoffice2019.com](http://www.dailyoffice2019.com). Join the parish email list and find the zoom link in the weekly update. Hope to see you there!

**Home Groups** meet weekly around the Binghamton area. They study the readings for the Sunday coming up, pray, and build relationships. Check in with Jonathan Groves or Joe Kovac to get connected.

## Week at a Glance Schedule, December 28, 2025 – January 4, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	
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) Nursery Available (0-3) Children's Chapel (3-8 during the sermon)
12:30pm	Lunch (parish hall)

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<b>Thursday</b>	
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner

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<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Potluck! Board Games &amp; Snacks</b>
4:30pm	Choir Practice
6:00pm	Holy Group Squad Youth Group

**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) Riverside Group**  
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00pm  
Host: Anna Dreher  
Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905
- 2) Endwell Group**  
Time: Thursdays 6:00pm  
Host: Andrea Kovac  
Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760
- 3) Zoom Group** - Link given upon request.  
Time: Tuesdays, 7:00pm  
Host: Scott Pineau

## What's Happening at Good Shepherd

### 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 (12/22-1/4). All studies will resume on January 5. The staff will all be off until Jan 5. The offices will still be open and happily humming along.

**Take Them a Meal** As many of you know, Bruce Layman recently underwent heart surgery. While he is recovering, we would like to help Bruce and Lin out by providing some meals to allow both of them to rest and recuperate. Please consider signing up to take them a meal, and please keep both Bruce and Lin in your prayers. You can sign up by visiting this link. <<https://takethemameal.com/DHAZ9637>>

**Welcome!** Mason and Audrey Erle welcomed their daughter Hadley in the early hours of last Thursday morning. Mom and baby are doing well.

As is the tradition at Good Shepherd, we invite you to sign up to take the Erles a meal. Audrey's sister set up a page at MealTrain.com. <<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r089r2>>

Please keep Audrey, Mason, and Hadley in your prayers as they all adjust to their life as a family of three.

### Eve of Epiphany bonfire/12th Night Celebration

Please join us on January 5th at 5:30pm for an evening of singing carols and eating good food as we gather to celebrate the final day of Christmas at the Groves' home! Good Shepherd will provide hot dogs and s'mores. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like. The Groves' address is 325 Hawleyton Tpke Brackney, PA 18812.

Please bring a branch of greenery from your trees or wreaths to add to the fire if you'd like. Dress warmly and bring a camp chair to enjoy the bonfire. Contact Angel Groves with any questions.

**St. Nick Recap** This year's St. Nicholas Fair was very well attended. There were many wonderful moments of fellowship and fun. I'm told the highlights of the day were the children's auction, and Jim Hull's rendition of 'You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch'.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Good Shepherd, we were able to send just over \$5200 to CHE Nicaragua, praise God!

**The 152<sup>nd</sup> Good Shepherd Annual Meeting** has been scheduled for Sunday, January 25 directly after the 10:30 service.

If you are a member of Good Shepherd, please make every effort to attend. The meeting is generally close to one hour, and a potluck lunch will be served. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass, but stay, have lunch, and attend the meeting even if you don't.

**Choir Gathering** Michael and Karen Berman would like to invite anyone who was involved in the choir and music program this year for a thank you gathering at their home the evening of January 18th at 5pm. Choir will meet at 4pm that day to allow for the gathering.

Gluten free and dairy free options will be available.

**Baby Shower** There will be a baby shower honoring Addy Kennedy on January 11th from 2-4pm in the parish hall. Please let Angel Groves know by January 4th if you plan to attend. Registry will be coming soon. Please consider bringing a book instead of a card to help baby's library grow!

**Offering Envelopes** The 2026 offering envelopes will be available next week. If you don't need an envelope for every week, but do need to tithe cash from time to time, there are loose leaf offering envelopes and pens at the ushers table in the foyer.

**Please Pray For...**

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer** We pray for the Provincial Office and Deborah Tepley, Executive Director, and her husband, Luke.

**The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word** We pray for Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Greenwich, New York, for The Rev. Matt Baker, for Worship Leaders and Music Ministry in ADLW, and for The Rev. Darren Johnson

**For the Homebound** Charles Mabula, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker-Gardner, Bruce Layman

**For the Sick** Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Sue, William and Arianna, Chuck, Helen & Dave, Sarah, Theresa, Griffy, Linda, John Chaney, Gail, Roger, Arlene, Jim, Nicole, Patricia, Joe L, Dave, Mamie, Kathy, Judy, Warren, Michael M, Craig, Karen, Patty, Kcaarin, Bruce, Bob

**For those Experiencing Loss**

**For our Missionaries** Pray for the work of Life Choices and for women and families in difficult situations.

**For the Persecuted Church** Please pray for Christians in Pakistan, Mali, and Nigeria.

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

<b>Monday December 29</b>	Psalm 144 Rev 21:1-14
<b>Tuesday December 30</b>	Psalm 146 Rev 21:15 – 22:5
<b>Wednesday December 31</b>	Psalm 148 Rev 22:6-end
<b>Thursday January 1</b>	Psalm 3,4 Gal 1 Luke 2:8-21
<b>Friday January 2</b>	Psalm 7 Jer 1 Gal 2
<b>Saturday January 3</b>	Psalm 10 Jer 2 Gal 3
<b>Sunday January 4</b>	Psalm 15,16 Jer 3 Gal 4

**Financial Snapshot**

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry provides a financial snapshot based on the previous week's giving.

**As of December 21**

Anticipated budgeted giving to date	\$20,080
Actual giving to date	\$32,222
Difference	+ \$12,142

**Happy Birthday!**

December 28	Vivian Manwaring
December 29	Camille Lane
January 1	Charles Mabula
January 3	Talitha Pineau

**Happy Anniversary!**

December 31	Bruce & Lin Layman
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**Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:**

**Holy Innocents, year A**  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Luke 2:41-52

**The Vestry of Good Shepherd**

Sr. Warden: Tom Dinnel  
Jr. Warden: Scott Pineau  
Treasurer: Greg Myer  
Mary Restino  
Kariah Manwaring  
Chris Jones  
Bill Lane  
Bryan Hill