

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



**December 29, 2024, A Service of Holy Eucharist**

**The First Sunday of Christmas – 10:30am**

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!

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December 29, 2024 – The First Sunday of Christmas

## Prelude

*"Shepherds" (from Nativity Suite)*

W. Held

## The Processional

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## 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.**

## 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 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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

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

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 61:10-62:5**

Pew Bible pg. 621, LP pg. 738

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 147:12-20**

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion.

13 **For he has made strong the bars of your gates \*  
and has blessed your children within you.**

14 He makes peace in your borders \*  
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 **He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

16 He gives snow like wool \*  
and scatters the white frost like ashes.

17 **He casts forth his ice like crumbs; \*  
who is able to abide his frost?**

18 He sends out his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He declares his word unto Jacob, \*  
 his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.  
 20 He has not dealt so with other nations; \*  
 neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

## The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Pew Bible pg. 974, LP pg. 1156

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*The people stand and sing, facing the procession*

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that  
 bring - est light from light, O Light of Light, light's liv - ing  
 spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;

## The Gospel

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

*People* Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 1:1-18

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## 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 to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you 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.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Steve, Julian, and William, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, and to Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

*(In the ACNA we pray for the Episcopal Church.*

*In the ADLW we pray for Church of the Resurrection in Halfmoon, New York, and for the Sisters of St. Mary Eastern Province)*

*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 Carolyn Myer, we pray, and her work with World Horizons Ministries in Cambodia.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

***People*** Hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. This week we pray for Christians in Syria and Sudan.

*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 Biden, 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.

*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, and for those we 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, praying you will 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.

**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*

Hear 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

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

*~Hebrews 6:10*

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

## The Offertory Music *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*The people remain sitting*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

## The Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand, if able, and sing*

Musical score for 'The Presentation of the Gifts'. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy 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

*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 ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

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

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 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.

## 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

Lamb of God, — you take — a -  
 way — the sin of the world; have mer - cy 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 *How Shall I Fitly Meet Thee?*

*The people remain sitting or kneeling*

*Joy has Dawned*

## 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

### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*The people stand if able and face the recession*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life — is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy — of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# 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

*Hail Thou Brightest Day of Days*

J.S. Bach

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

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## Weekly Update, December 29, 2024

### 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. They are currently in Judges.

**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 and is studying the book of Philemon.

**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. This class is currently in the Book of Psalms.

**Women's Bible Study** meets at 4:30pm on Friday afternoons in the Parish Hall. They are currently studying the book of Luke. Text Anne for a zoom link if you can't make it in person.

**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 look for a weekly email invitation in your inbox.

**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 or Joe Kovac to get connected.

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

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

The youth group meets in the choir loft.

### Christian Education for Everyone

#### Children

For children aged 1-12 Good Shepherd offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a program of prayer, worship, and scripture in specially prepared Montessori-style rooms—The Pen (1-3), The Pasture (3-6), The Vineyard (6-9), and The Tabernacle (7-12).

#### Teens

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

#### Adult Class

Discussion and study on topics ranging from Christian literature, the 39 articles, church history, difficult passages of the bible, and more.

### 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.

Food Pantry current needs are: peanut Butter, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Corn and Baked Beans

## Week at a Glance Schedule, December 29, 2024 – January 5, 2024

<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)
12:30pm	Pastries on the Portico
4:30-6pm	Choir Rehearsal
6-7:30pm	Youth Group Holy Group Squad

<b>Monday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer

<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
9:05am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
3:30-4:45pm	Choir Rehearsal

<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30-8pm	Choir Rehearsal

<b>Thursday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
5:30pm	Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner
6:15pm	Beginners Bible Study

<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am	Morning Prayer
6:30am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
4:30pm	Women's Bible Study

<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)
12:30pm	Pastries on the Portico
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Night Burning of the Greens</b> <i>The Murphy Home, 1342 Hawleyton Rd., Binghamton, NY 13903</i>
6-7:30pm	Youth Group Holy Group Squad

## What's Happening at Good Shepherd

**New Parish Hall Access Change** In an effort to help secure the parish hall while the children meet for children's chapel, beginning in January, the doors to the parish hall will be closed during the sermon until the Peace. If you need to get to the restroom or kitchen downstairs during the service, please exit the sanctuary through the front left door by the side entrance to the church.

Parents with nursery-aged children, you are welcome to continue dropping off or picking up your babies and toddlers in the nursery through the back stairs at any time. Thank you for helping children's chapel be a safe and distraction-free space where young children can learn to focus on worshipping the Lord together.

### Potluck Schedule

The first Sunday of most months is a potluck or cooking competition. Bring a dish to pass, or just come and have lunch after the 10:30!

If you're a person that enjoys competition, or judging other people (heh), please see Steph or Claudia to sign up as a judge for cooking competitions.

The 2025 Potluck schedule will be posted in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on this spot for upcoming dates.

*There will not be a potluck on the first Sunday of January.*

*\*Please keep in mind that dates and themes are subject to change.*

### 2024 Saint Nicholas Fair Final Tally

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their services, skills, and time to the St. Nicholas Fair.

After all of the sales and auctions were tallied, Good Shepherd was able to raise over \$5,000 to send to Sarah Day and the Renata Project in Thailand. This was more than double the amount raised at the 2023 St. Nick fair!

### 12<sup>th</sup> Night/Eve of Epiphany Celebration

Please join us on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for an evening of music and merriment as we gather to celebrate the final day of Christmas at the Murphy home! Good Shepherd will provide hot dogs and s'mores. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like.

We invite you to bring a branch of greenery from your trees or wreaths to add to the fire. Dress warmly and bring a camp chair and instruments if you play them, to sing carols around the fire. Contact Angel Groves with any questions.

**Communion Change** As Good Shepherd continues to grow, we find a need to change the way that communion is administered. You will notice that there are now two stations for both bread and wine. Please be patient as we institute this new system.

**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, 6:00pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

#### 3) Endwell Group

Time: Thursdays 6:30pm

Host: Andrea Kovac

Location: 813 Biscayne Terrace, Endwell, NY 13760

#### 4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Host: Scott Pineau

*Please Pray For...*

**ACNA Cycle of Prayer**

This week we pray for The Church of Bangladesh

**Anglican Diocese of the Living Word**

This week we pray for Church of the Resurrection in Halfmoon, New York, and for the Sisters of St. Mary Eastern Province.

**For the Homebound**

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams, Chuck Corse, Linda Baker

**For the Sick**

Peyton, Rick, Charles, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Joe, Sue, William and Arianna, Lin, Helen & Dave, Jeremy, Sarah, Ronnie, Theresa, Angel, Griffy, Linda, Emily, Gail.

**For our Missionaries**

Please pray for Carolyn Myer and her work with World Horizons Ministries in Cambodia.

**Happy Birthday!**

December 29	Camille Lane
January 1	Charles Mabula
January 3	Talitha Pineau

**Happy Anniversary!**

December 31	Bruce & Lin Layman
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**Financial Snapshot**

To let the congregation know how Good Shepherd is faring financially, the vestry has decided to provide a financial snapshot based on the budget report that is submitted at the meeting each month. You can find that info below.

**November**

YTD Giving & Revenue	\$357,550
YTD Expenditures	\$345,265
YTD Gain/(loss)	\$12,285

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

<b>Monday December 30</b>	Psalm 147 Song of Songs 7 Luke 23:50—24:12
<b>Tuesday December 31</b>	Psalm 149, 150 Song of Songs 8 Luke 24:13-end
<b>Wednesday January 1</b>	Psalm 1, 2 Gen 1 John 1:1-28
<b>Thursday January 2</b>	Psalm 5, 6 Gen 2 John 1:29-end
<b>Friday January 3</b>	Psalm 9 Gen 3 John 2
<b>Saturday January 4</b>	Psalm 8, 11 Gen 4 John 3:1-21
<b>Sunday January 5</b>	Psalm 12, 13, 14 Gen 5 John 3:22-end

**Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings:**

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Luke 2:22-40

**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