

Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



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December 31, 2023 – 10:30am

The First Sunday of Christmas

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 31, 2023 - The First Sunday of Christmas

The Prelude

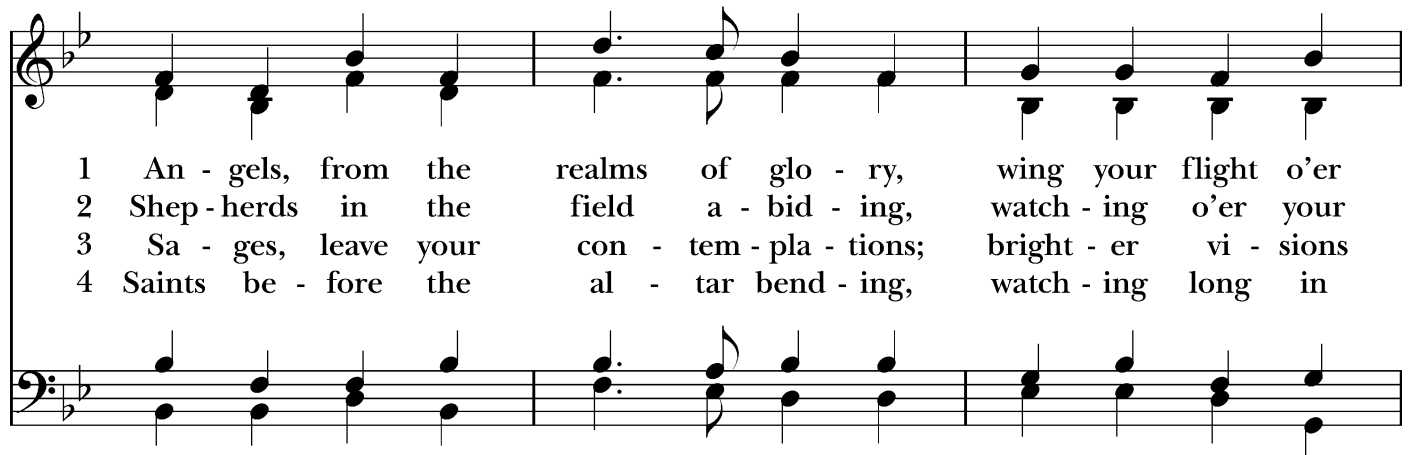
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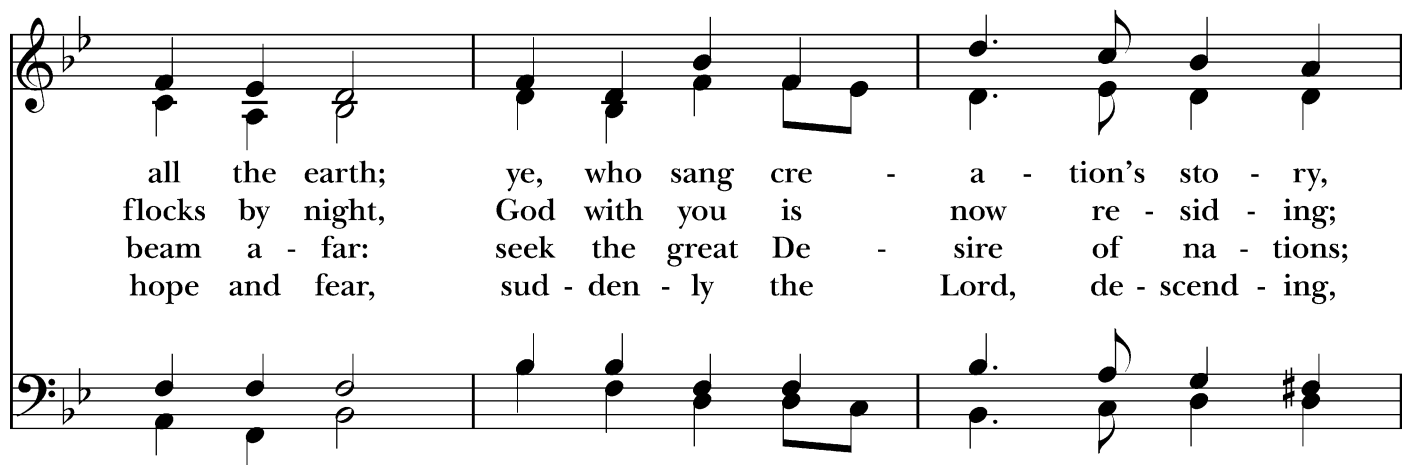
The Processional

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,



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:

Refrain

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 11:28

The Gloria

Angels We have Heard on High

The people remain standing

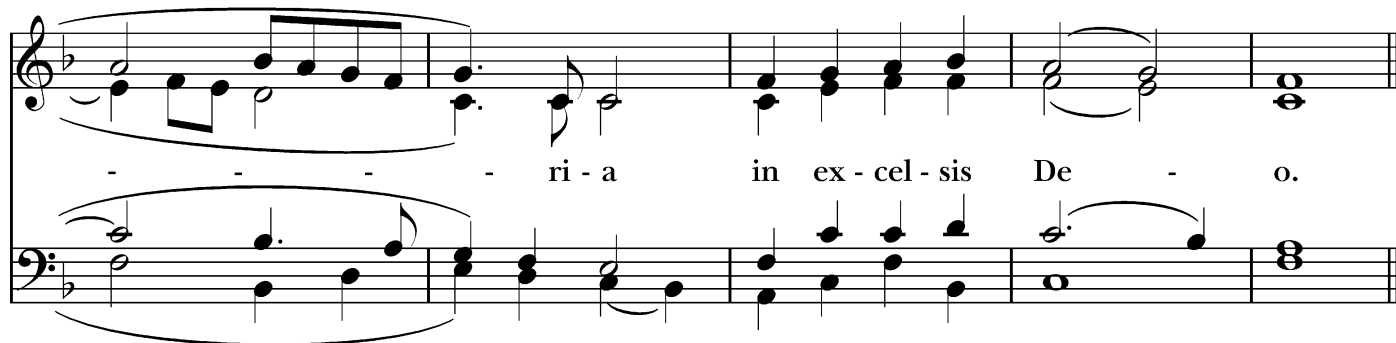
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

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 - - - - -



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

The people stand facing the procession

Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You
come to bring to all the light of life.

The Gospel

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

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

John 1:1-18

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.*"

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

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, Julian, and William, our Bishops, for Matt, Jonathan, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, for Jerry and Ife, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese, for the Diocese of Christ our Hope, and their Bishops; for The Rev. David Haig, Deacon Susan Plaske, and the people of Church of the Resurrection, Halfmoon, New York; and for Small Group Leaders in the ADLW.

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially for Tyler at New Covenant School, and for Arrowhead Christian Bible Camp and their work with showing the love of Christ to handicapped campers.

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 in Mozambique.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

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

The Confession of Sin

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

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant stands and says

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

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

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

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

~Romans 12:1

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.

The Offertory

The people remain sitting or kneeling

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 Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

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 musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

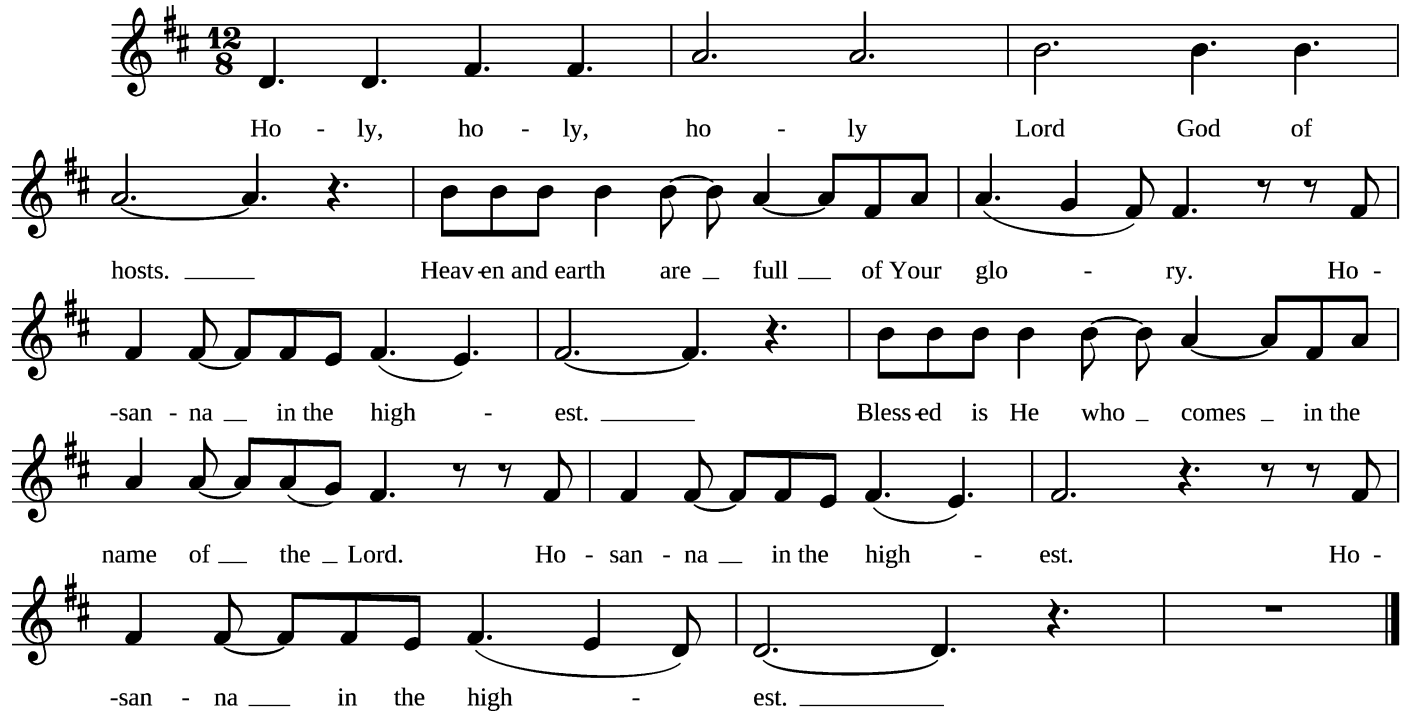
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. 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. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

Celebrant and People 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

C. Osgood

The people remain kneeling

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 sins of the world, mi - se - re - re no - -

-bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world,

mi - se - re - re no - - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa - -

-cem, do - na no - bis pa - - cem.

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

I Wonder as I Wander

The people remain sitting or kneeling

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

The people stand, if able, and sing

1. O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from Light e -
2. Come, ver - y Sun of heav - en's love, in last - ing
3. And now to Thee our pray'rs as - cend, O Fa - ther,
4. Con - firm our will to do the right, and keep our

ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light of light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and pour the Ho - ly
glo - rious with - out end; we plead with sov - 'reign
hearts from en - vy's blight; let faith her ea - ger

liv - ing Spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing.
Spir - it's ray on all we think or do to - day.
grace for pow'r to con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour.
fires re - new, and hate the false, and love the true.

5. O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as pure as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

6. Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies,
let Him, our perfect Morn, arise,
the Word in God the Father one,
the Father imaged in the Son.

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.**

The Postlude

Hail Thou Brightest Day of Days

J.S. Bach

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Weekly Update, December 31, 2023

Ongoing Ministries

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

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

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

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

This study is currently working through the book of Mark.

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

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

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

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

Good Shepherd Youth Group

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

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

The youth group is currently studying the book of Revelation.

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

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

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

Current locations and times of groups:

1) Hawleyton Group

Time: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Host: Kariah Manwaring

Location: 1412 Hawleyton Rd. Bing., NY 13903

2) Riverside Group

Time: Mondays @ 6pm

Host: Anna Dreher

Location: 103 Vincent St. Bing., NY 13905

3) Endicott Group

Time: Thursdays @ 7pm

Host: Jaime Emmons

Location: 3105 King St. Endicott, NY 13760

4) Zoom Group - Link given upon request.

Time: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Host: Scott Pineau

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

Ladies Epiphany Tea

This year's Ladies Tea will be held at Ben and Kariah Manwaring's home (1412 Hawleyton Rd., Binghamton, NY) on January 7th from 2 to 4pm. Any and all ladies are welcome to come and spend an afternoon enjoying tea, treats, and conversation. This is not a formal event. If you would like to bring cookies, dips, or an appetizer to share, that would be most welcome.

Please see Kariah or call the church office for more information.

Mission Opportunities with Community Health Evangelism (CHE), Nicaragua

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

Christian Education for All

Children

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

Teens

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

Adult Class

Each Sunday a member of the pastoral staff or a guest speaker facilitates a discussion on topics ranging from Christian literature, to social topics, the 39 articles, church history, and more.

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

Week at a Glance Schedule, December 31, 2023 – January 7, 2023

Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available)

All Evening activities are cancelled

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Sunday

8:00am Service of Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15am Christian Ed for adults and children (online stream available)
10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist (online stream available)
2-4pm *Ladies Epiphany Tea, see blurb for more information*
4:30pm Choir rehearsal
6:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm Holy Group Squad

Happy Birthday!

January 1 Charles Mabula
January 3 Talitha Pineau
January 6 Matthias Boeker

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 31, 2023

8:00am Service

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

10:30am Service

Celebrant: Jonathan Groves
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
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

Serving at Good Shepherd January 7, 2023

8:00am Service

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

10:30am Service

Celebrant: Jonathan Groves
Preacher: Matt Kennedy
Deacon: Roy Van Dermark
Reader: Liz Hull
Intercessor: Peggy Hughes
Crucifer: Addy Pineau
Acolytes: Sophia and Selah Lane
Usher: Jason Carlton, Aedan Kennedy
Tellers: Mark and Timothy Dreher

Altar Guild: Karen Carlton (White)
Nursery: Team 4: Kariah, Gwendolyn, Elinor
Shepherd's Bowl: Joyce Carlson with Team 2

Potluck – Theme:

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

Monday January 1	Psalm 3-4 Job 1-2.10 1 Thess 1
Tuesday January 2	Psalm 6 Job 2.11-ch. 3 1 Thess 2.1-16
Wednesday January 3	Psalm 8 Job 4-5 1 Thess 2.17-ch. 3
Thursday January 4	Psalm 10 Job 6-7 1 Thess 4
Friday January 5	Psalm 13-14 Job 8 1 Thess 5
Saturday January 6 <i>Epiphany</i>	<i>Psalm 29</i> <i>Isa 49.1-7</i> <i>Matt 12.15-21</i>
Sunday January 7	Psalm 17 Job 9-10 2 Thess 1

Please Pray For...

ACNA Cycle of Prayer:

Today we pray for Diocese of Christ our Hope, and their Bishops.

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

Today we pray for The Rev. David Haig, Deacon Susan Plaske, and the people of Church of the Resurrection, Halfmoon, New York; and for Small Group Leaders in the ADLW.

For the Homebound

Charles Mabula, Susan Dewing, Beverly Williams

For the Sick

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

For our Missionaries

Please pray for Arrowhead Christian Bible Camp and their work with showing the love of Christ to handicapped campers.