



The Shepherd's Voice

March
2026

Services:

Sunday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite I
11:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite II

11am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the Parish
Hall following 11am
Sunday service

Tuesday

5:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector



CHAPTER III OF 12

March



Heart Matters

Once upon a time in the rainiest part of the rainy season, an old monastic began her pilgrimage to the holiest shrine on the holiest mountain in the land. Forced back by fierce winds and driving rain, she stopped at the foot of the incline to check directions one last time.



“Old woman,” the inn master scoffed, “this mountain is deep in wet and running clay. You cannot possibly climb this mountain now.”

“Oh, sir,” the old monastic said, “the climb to this shrine will be no problem whatsoever. You see, my heart has been there all my life. Now it is simply a matter of taking my body there, as well.”

Sr Joan Chittister in keynote address to the Assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Atlanta, GA, August 18-22, 2006

This season of lent is a season of self examination and a season of journeying with Jesus to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection. It is a season for examining our hearts as we see the heart of God revealed to the world and for all the world. Do we have hearts aligned with God's heart? Maybe not. Maybe, we find ourselves in a wilderness where the troubles and lures of this world have disfigure our hearts. God so loved the world, as it was, so that it could become what it was meant to be. If you have read the Bible, you know that the world in which the Word incarnated was a mess. It was a world of extreme inequality, brutality, oppression, and death. It was a world lacking compassion. A world of fear and tribalism. It was a world of bad shepherds who stirred up the masses to have Jesus murdered. Yet, it was a world and its people whom God loved with the greatest of all loves.

Jesus was not wearing rose-colored glasses when he directed his followers to love their enemies, to be merciful, to be gentle, to be peacemakers. The world we inhabit is not so much different because people are the same now as then, and the troubles and lures we face are much the same now as then. And in the same way, the call of Jesus to follow in his way is the same now as then. We do not get to pick our times and our circumstances, but we do get to choose whether or not we will follow in the Way. Where is your heart in this season of lent?

King David took another man's wife and had that man killed in an attempt to cover up his transgression. Herod, a weak man wanting to save face in front of his important guest, had John the Baptist beheaded. Pilate, in his disregard for human life and especially that of those Galileans, murdered a group of Galilean worshipers. Wanting to save their power and privilege, the religious authorities crucify the Prince of Peace. Powerful people doing terrible things is not new. Do not be dismayed. Do not lose your hearts. Jesus says love is the answer. During this season of lent, through prayer, fasting, and alms giving - practices that return us to God, our true selves, and outward to the needs of others - we return to the heart of the matter. Hearts aligned with the heart of God will lead us in the way we should go even as the world remains as it is. Where is your heart in this season of lent?

Fr. Bill+





March

motto of
the month:

yoga

M O R E



- + yoga!
- + research & inspiration
- + experimenting
- + aspiration
- + journaling: write what worked well or what you'd like to try, plan out next practice

L E S S

- excuses
- t.v./distractions
- restrictions
- self-doubt

practice:

mindfulness,
patience, &
encouragement





Leap

VERB Merriam-Webster

intransitive verb

1: to spring free from or as if from the ground : JUMP

2a: to pass abruptly from one state or topic to another

b: to act precipitately

NOUN

1a: an act of leaping : SPRING, BOUND

b(1): a place leaped over or from

(2): the distance covered by a leap

2a: a sudden passage or transition

b: a choice made in an area of ultimate concern



March

A Heart of Courage

- Day 1: Joshua 1:9
- Day 2: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 3: 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Day 4: Isaiah 12:2
- Day 5: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 6: Romans 8:31
- Day 7: Proverbs 28:1
- Day 8: Matthew 14:27
- Day 9: Ephesians 6:10
- Day 10: Deuteronomy 31:6
- Day 11: Isaiah 35:4
- Day 12: Ezra 10:4
- Day 13: Psalm 27:1
- Day 14: Acts 27:25
- Day 15: 1 Chronicles 22:13
- Day 16: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 17: Matthew 10:26
- Day 18: Joshua 1:6
- Day 19: 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Day 20: Psalms 31:24
- Day 21: Romans 8:38-39
- Day 22: Isaiah 41:6
- Day 23: Psalms 138:3
- Day 24: 1 John 4:18
- Day 25: Romans 8:15
- Day 26: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 27: 1Chronicles 28:20
- Day 28: Joshua 10:25
- Day 29: Psalms 27:14
- Day 30: Hebrews 13:5-6
- Day 31: John 16:33

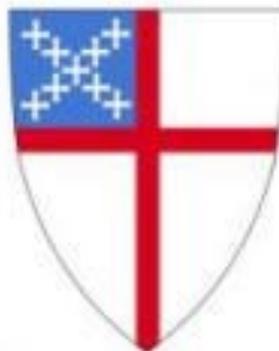


Episcopal 101

This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church. If you are new to the Episcopal Church– its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, or have questions like “What is the origin of the Episcopal tradition?”, “How is the Episcopal church related to other traditions?”, “Why do Episcopalians do that?”, or “What do Episcopalians believe?”, then this course is for YOU! Sign-up in the Information Hallway if interested.

March 1	Anglican Beliefs
March 8	Anglican Worship
March 15	Anglican Mission

The
**EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**



Welcomes You

The Shepherd's Voice

Why I sing

For many years, Good Shepherd of Hayesville has been fortunate to have an outstanding choir, which fills our church with harmonic praise and joy, led by trained, talented and knowledgeable music directors.

Our past musician/conductor, Keith Christensen, with an operatic voice as deep as he is tall, has turned over his baton this year to Teresa LeMaire, who brought her flute as well as her charming spirit and energy to our choral community. With both directors, one of the several reasons given for being a part of the choir was enjoyment. "We have a lot of fun, during practice and performance" said one of the tenors, and Teresa reminds us often: We looove to sing!

However, it turns out that there are many other reasons why this group comes together each week to produce such dulcet sounds; would you like to hear some of them?

"I sing in the choir because my inner ear is always looking for the harmony...and I can't do that alone" says Rachel Baughn.

Mary Ackerly finds it "hard to boil it down to one sentence," but "After flunking the audition for the Barrow Street Elementary School Chorus in 6th grade, I believed singing in a choir or chorus was an unattainable goal for me... until Keith and Suzy convinced me to try. I did, I am, and I love it."

Admiration and love for another can certainly influence our lives. Witness Harry Baughn's incentive (among others) for singing: "As a kid, I worshipped my grandfather, a gentle Christian that sang tenor at church, and I wanted to be like him."

Suzy Christensen's reason expresses her devotion as she explains "Singing opens my heart to the passion of the Holy Spirit," while her husband Keith responds, "I sing because Suzy makes me."

Sharon Kyser "sings when I'm happy or sad, or lonely, or joyful because music lets me feel and express my emotions."

David Cady agrees with her as he says, "I sing because I have so much music filling my soul, that if I don't release it one song at a time, I shall surely burst and it will come out a jumbled mess!"

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Teresa LeMaire says simply and truly, "I sing because I'm happy and it soothes my soul."

For Lou Lanwermeier, (singing)" is the hidden life- celebration in the act of making a joyful noise, all together."

Ditto says Phil Cox, "I love to hear the perfect harmony of the combined voices and the beauty of written music."

For Jeff King, "(singing) gives me a great avenue to share the gospel of our Lord and Savior," while Jerry Taylor reverently explains, "because it is almost like praying -twice." Helga Reeves is of the same mind as she says, "I sing because when we raise our voices in song, we are praying twice."

Nora Broszeit says "There are a few reasons I sing in the choir. First I am using my God-given talent to praise God during the worship service. Second, it gives me a sense of community and belonging to rehearse with my fellow choristers. And last, singing is good for the body and soul, helping the brain by sight-reading the notes and appreciating the beauty of the harmonies and lyrics. I LOVE TO SING!"

This is the refrain that the choir seems to have taken to heart because Tawanna Dutton too "LO-OVES to sing...even when (she) doesn't have the words. I just make them up. LOL"

From Betsi Wilson comes the echo and the summation of us all :
"I LOOOVE TO SING!!!"

As for me, your humble interviewer, I sing to drown out the noisy confusion of the world by being fully in the moment, and by feeling the emotional impact of the music and to try to share the joy it brings.

And for you, dear reader, the next time you're singing in the shower or harmonizing with that familiar oldie on the car radio, think about joining us, your church choir, in praise, in joy, in fellowship and in our many expressions of love and thankfulness for the voices we raise- because WE SO LOOOVE TO SING!



Hold that Date!

Established in 2002 by a resolution of the vestry, the Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund provides funding for the church that supports our ministry beyond what is possible through the annual operating budget. Past examples include a no-interest loan for the parish hall construction, a gift to the elevator fund, new security cameras, installation of LED lighting, and, most recently, replacing the chapel windows and repair of the altar windows.

This endowment provides our church a reliable, perpetual source of income that can help us weather economic downturns, lagging annual pledge contributions or funding of capital building or extraordinary needs. All church members are invited to participate in growing and maintaining this important revenue source. You can participate in a variety of ways through outright gifts and/or making a planned gift from your estate.

As of December 31, 2025, **The Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund** reported a balance of \$255,324.89. These funds are held in State Street Bank under the direction and management of the endowment's Board of Trustees. Our goal is to increase the fund to \$1 million, including planned and outright gifts, by the end of 2026. How can we possibly do this? Hold the date of **March 13, 2026**, for a catered dinner and presentation where we will lay out our plans for the fund and how you can participate.

If at any time you want more information, you can contact one of our board members or Church Treasurer Kevin Conley.

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund Board

Bruce Beall, Chair

Kathy Marcel, Secretary

Tawanna Dutton, Treasurer

Mary Ackerly

Jan Freeman

Doug Stuart

Susanne Wagner



Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

CHRIST IN ME, CHRIST OVER ME,

Christ to right of me,

CHRIST TO LEFT OF ME,

CHRIST IN LYING DOWN, CHRIST IN SITTING,

*Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart
of every person who may think of me,*

*Christ in the mouth of every
person who may speak of me,*

CHRIST IN EVERY EYE,

WHICH MAY LOOK ON ME!

CHRIST IN EVERY EAR, WHICH MAY HEAR ME!

The Creativity Continues.....

Come join us for our first Stamping/Card Making class of 2026. The class takes place on Thursday, **March 19th from 12:30p - 4:00p** in the **Undercroft**. Create beautiful cards your family and friends will love to receive!

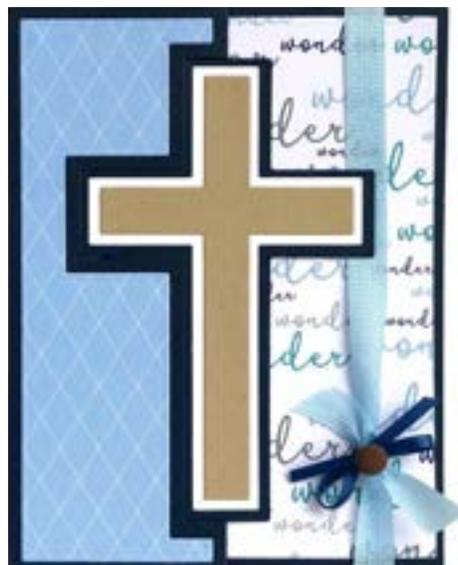
Participants will create 4 cards. No experience needed!! Cost is \$20. Supplies will be provided.

Class is limited to 16 participants. Sign up in the hallway so we will know how many to prepare for. If the sign-up sheet fills up, put your name on the waitlist at the bottom of the page.

If you find you are unable to attend after you sign up, please let us know so we may offer the space to others.

Look forward to fun and fellowship!!

Kaye TeRonde & Jan Freeman



God loves me *finds me precious & honors me*
(Isaiah 43:4) (Ephesians 1:6, 3:19, 1 John 3:2)

GOD KNOWS ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT ME,
AND HAS ME, THE WAY THAT I AM, IN HIS PLAN

God sees me as **I am no longer condemned**
a new person **I AM NOW** Romans 8:1,2
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 — **ALIVE IN HIM** — 1 Peter 1:3 —

GOD HAS MADE ME,
HE THINKS ABOUT ME
AND CARES FOR ME,
HE HAS MADE ME A LITTLE
LOWER THAN HIMSELF
AND CROWNED ME WITH
GLORY AND MAJESTY
(PSALM 8:4,5)

**and a member
of His family**
I JOHN 5:11; ROMANS 5:11

God has adopted me
as his child through Jesus
Ephesians 1:5, 6; Romans 8:14-16

I am a child of God, God's heir, and fellow-heir of Christ
(Romans 8:17; 1 John 3:1, John 1:12; Colossians 1:12)

*God has always known me,
He has called me to become like Jesus*

I AM GOD'S WORKMANSHIP,
CREATED TO DO GOOD
WHICH GOD HAS PREORDAINED
{EPHESIANS 2:10}

**I HAVE BEEN RAISED UP
WITH CHRIST**
AND AM SEATED WITH HIM IN HEAVEN

I am called to freedom,
to lovingly serve others

God has bought me, and I am now His temple - therefore I am to glorify Him
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

*I am blessed with
every spiritual*

BLESSING

**GOD SEES ME AS HOLY,
BLAMELESS,**
MADE COMPLETE LACKING NOTHING
COLOSSIANS 1:22; 2:6-10

**I AM
AT PEACE
WITH
GOD
ROMANS
5:1**

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



A HUGE Thank You to all of the people in the congregation that showed up to help in this year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—whether in the set-up, the food prep, the kitchen crew, the servers, the cashiers, the hosts & hostesses, all those behind the scenes and to all who came out in support –
THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity led to us raising an incredible \$3,568.00 for our children/youth!
Praise God, from whom ALL blessings flow!!!



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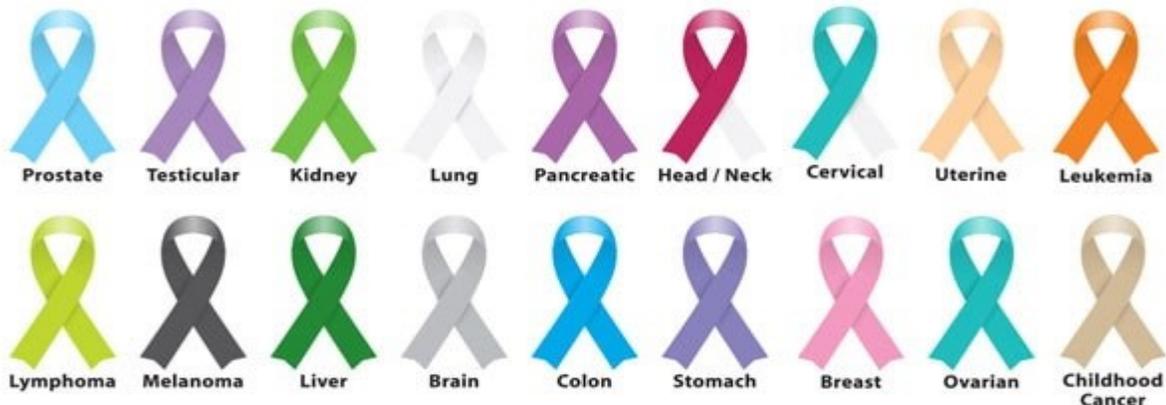
Parish Life and Church Community

*Please, take note of our scheduled
Office closures for March:*

None



Cancer Support Group



Our regularly scheduled **Cancer Support Meeting** for the month of **March** will meet on **March 17th at 5:30pm.**



Way God hold
you in the
palm of
His hand

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Notes from our Financial Statements for January 2026

Income and Expenses from Operating Checking Account

Bookkeeping software (Realm) re-configuration not complete. Realm reports for January activities (income statement and balance sheet) should be available at the end of February and will be included in next Vestry meeting

Income received for January	\$ 59,416
Expenses for January	<u>-\$ 41,189</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for January	\$18,227

Total Income for the Year	\$ 59,416
Total Expenses for the Year	<u>-\$ 41,189</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	\$ 18,227

Account Balances 01/31/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 59,380
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 275
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$126,882

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$ 130,123
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,116
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 42,546
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,150
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$255,324
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in March

- 03/02 Delmer Chilton
- 03/03 Cameron Bethel
- 03/03 Patricia Champ
- 03/03 Joe Rybicki
- 03/04 Liz Rybicki
- 03/04 Jonathan Bethel
- 03/05 Barbara Wood
- 03/06 Krystyna Wilson
- 03/08 Cheri Pinner Quillen
- 03/08 Suzanne Wagner
- 03/09 Lorraine McGrew
- 03/09 Deb Sellers
- 03/10 Julie Overlin
- 03/11 Beth Hitchcock
- 03/12 Barb Redmond
- 03/17 Benita Esposito
- 03/17 BJ Schweikert
- 03/17 Pat List
- 03/20 Jeff King
- 03/26 Kathy Wright
- 03/28 Jack Bethel
- 03/28 Jon Czarnecki
- 03/29 Steve Champ
- 03/29 Sanford Freeman
- 03/30 Danny Craig



Anniversaries in March

- 03/03 Kaye & Paul TeRonde
- 03/16 Judy & Clark Bourne
- 03/31 BJ & Bob Schweikert



life with you

JUST KEEPS GETTING
BETTER & BETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

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Carol Smucker
8020 SW Cedar Street
Portland, OR 97225



Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

Lectionary Readings for *March*

March 1-
Second Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)
[Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)
[John 3:1-17](#)
[Psalm 121](#)

March 8-
Third Sunday in Lent

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)
[Romans 5:1-11](#)
[John 4:5-42](#)
[Psalm 95](#)

March 15-
Fourth Sunday in Lent

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)
[John 9:1-41](#)
[Psalm 23](#)

March 22-
Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)
[Romans 8:6-11](#)
[John 11:1-45](#)
[Psalm 130](#)

March 29-
Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#)
or [Matthew 27:11-54](#)
[Psalm 31:9-16](#)



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