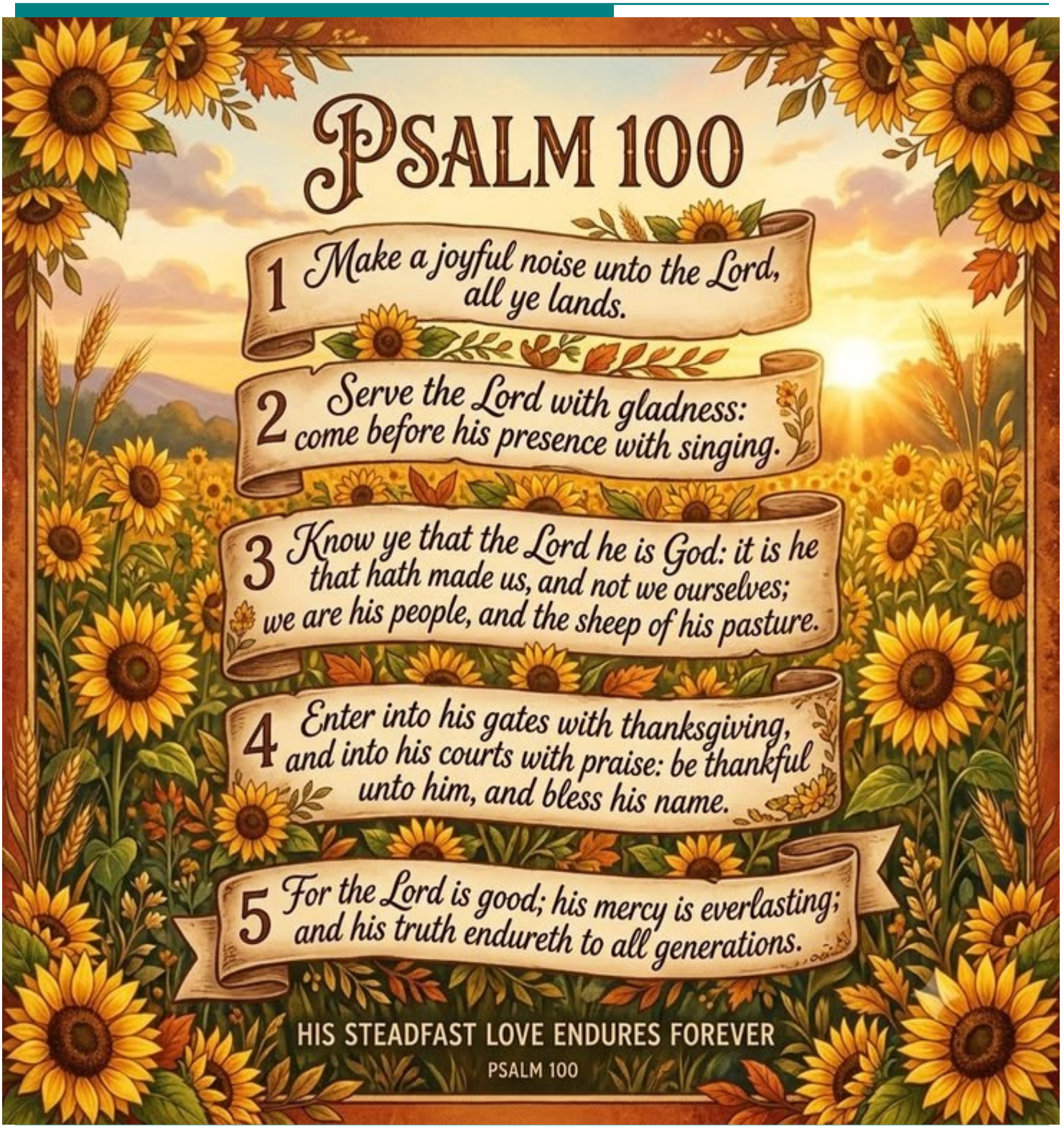Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Weekly Highlights

November 20, 2026



Parish Life and Church Community

2026 Christmas Care

Good Shepherd is a major supporter of Christmas Care, a program that helps provide clothing to children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of over 500 children and this year hopes to match or exceed last year's $75.00 per child amount, but it all depends on donations. How can you help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex during November; when you make a donation in any amount you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks out to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. God is so good to us, one way we can give thanks is to cover our Thanksgiving tree with ornaments!





Morning Prayer –

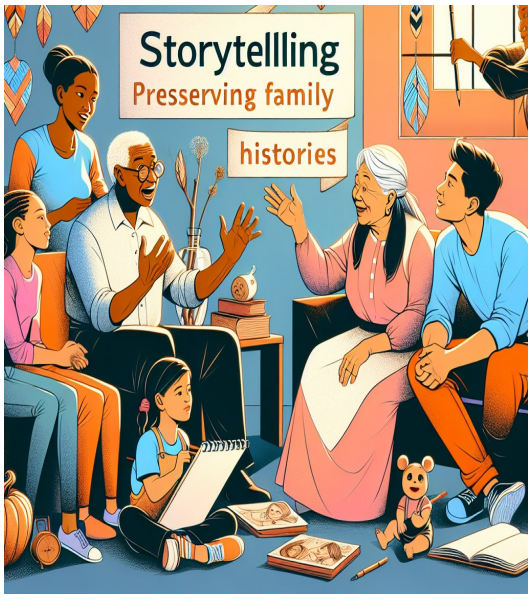
Please join us on **Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 AM** for Morning Prayer and then stay for Thanksgiving Day lunch to follow. A lunch sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

You are cordially invited to join us on Thanksgiving Day at 11:30am for an amazing feast! Church will be suppling turkey, ham, stuffing, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and smiling faces. Please, sign-up in the Parish Hallway so that we can make sure we've got plenty of different food for everyone.



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Holiday Reminiscing and your Family Stories is scheduled in our Parish Hall on **Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Coffee will be served beginning at 9:30am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information hallway bulletin board. Join fellow parishioner and storyteller Kanute Rarey in discussing how, when and where to tell your family stories this holiday season. What family history could you talk about this holiday? What's the best story about you that you haven't told your family yet? What do you want your family to remember and pass down to others? Invite friends and come and enjoy the morning with others preparing for the holidays.
Bring memorabilia for inspiration.

Our Quiet Day will be **Saturday, December 5th, 10am–12pm**, in the Parish Hall. The time is designed to be spent in silence, with contemplative music and a few brief meditations. The writing and addressing of Christmas cards might be done during this time. But any quiet, individual activity (knitting, needlework), or reading could be done also. Bring your own supplies for your activity or project. At noon, we will break our silence and share a pot-luck lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a food item to share. This is an opportunity to invite a friend or relative to join us. All are welcome. Any questions can be directed to Bev.





Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026.
Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.

Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study **meets on Wednesdays** at 1:00pm. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Choir News

12/12— 5pm, the Valley River Ringers!

Free, please spread the word

VALLEY RIVER RINGERS

CHRISTMAS HANDBELL CONCERT

Saturday, December 12, 5pm
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Hayesville



12/13—11am, Cantata- Christmas Presence

*Cookie Exchange to follow in Parish Hall

12/17—Time TBD, choir caroling at Desoto Square

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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights -
No later than Wednesday of each week, at **noon.**

Monthly Newsletter -
No later than the **20th of each month**, at **noon**.

Service

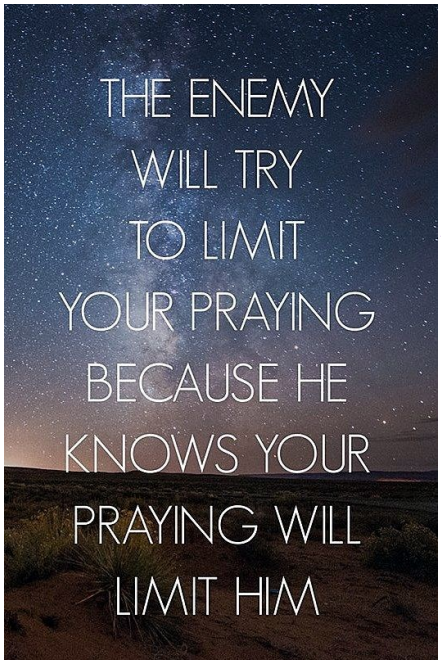
Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki
Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright
Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves
The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497
Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497
Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **November 17, 2026** are:

Town:	Aline Conley
City:	Linda Milt
Tusquittee:	David & Teresa Gribble



In Our Prayers



Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:
Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit , Ann Wolf, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Jim Redmond, Cooper Godfrey, Jay Miller, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Jose and Mili Arias, Helga Reaves, Janet Beall , Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Kim Whitehearst, John Notchie, Pat and Graham Dixon, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, the Waters family, Clyde Taylor, Wendy Lubers, Elise Curl, Diane Welton, Gail Criss

Good Shepherd Ministries:
This week we pray for the *Eucharistic Ministers* at Good Shepherd.

Those Who Serve



Sunday, November 22, 2026

9:00am

EMs: Deanna DuBose, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Kathy Rarey; **Intercessor:** Jerry Taylor;
Usher: Paul Swanson; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss; **VPOD:** Fr. Bill;
Ingles cards: Barb Field; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley

11:00 am

EMs: David Cady, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** David Cady; **Usher:** Jean Gora;
Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;
Intercessor: Furie Soles; **Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson;
Nursery: Liz Rybicki, Hattie Sheehy; **VPOD:** Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King;
Videographer: Ron Dutton; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley;
Greeter: Jeanine Craig

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

Leader: Joe Rybicki
Prayer Minister: Elizabeth Rybicki

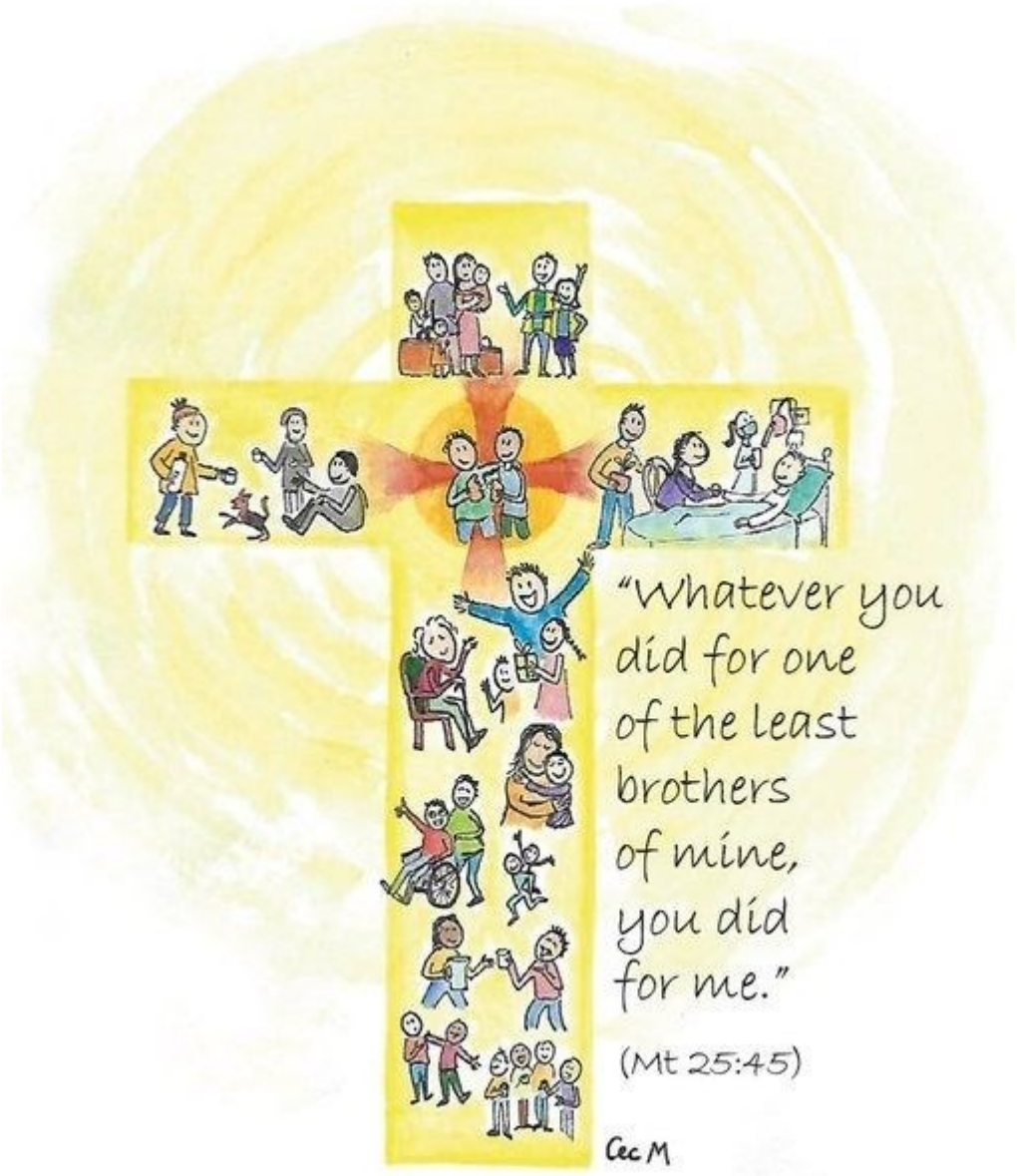
Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Altar Guild: Gail Criss

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday		
November 23		
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
	11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
Tuesday		
November 24		**Meals for Friends**
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	12:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting
	5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
	5:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Undercroft)
	6:00 pm	BOTF
Wednesday		
November 25	9:00 am	Parish Life Set-up (Parish Hall)
	11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study
Thursday		
November 26		**Church Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!**
	11:00am	Morning Prayer Service
	11:30am	Thanksgiving Feast (Parish Hall)
Friday		
November 27		**Church Office Closed**
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
Saturday		
November 28		
	9:00 am	Advent Quiet Day (Parish Hall)
Sunday		
November 29		**1 Advent**
	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	12:30 pm	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)





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