



The Shepherd's Voice

October
2025

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

The Beauty of the Seasons: Ecclesiastes 3:1

"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens."
October is a tangible reminder that seasons change, and with
them, so do our lives. Whether you're in a season of joy or
struggle, know that it's temporary and part of a greater plan.
Embrace what this season brings, trusting that God is working in
and through it.

Tuesday

7:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector



OCTOBER

Dear Friends and Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd,

We gathered recently to retrace the history of this most blessed parish and heard a story of choices made by faithful and hopeful followers of Christ over the now seventy years of our existence. Those individual and collective choices have led us to where we are now - a thriving church community with a legacy of generosity and service.

The roots of our parish and its legacy go much further back, extending all the way to an encounter on a lakeside and an invitation from a young rabbi to some humble working folks. Jesus planted his church and this parish with the seemingly simple invitation, "Follow me." Throughout our history, friends and members of this parish have said yes to that invitation by giving generously and sacrificially, by stepping up and serving church and community, and by making hard choices for the mission and ministry of God in and through this parish.

The income and outreach spending numbers for 2025 are yet to come, but those of 2024 are known. \$397,131 in income and \$132,229 to outreach, a generous and sacrificial gift from you, the people of God, for the ministry and mission of God in this parish and the world.

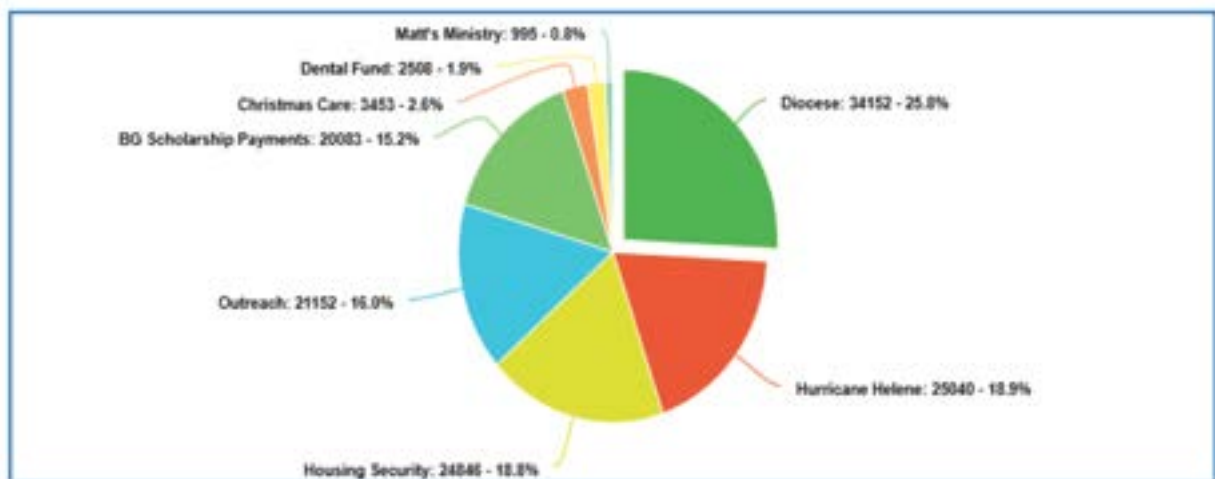
I have seen and know your love for God and this church. I know your heart for this faith community and the gift that it has been for you. We have individual and collective choices to make about what kind of church we now want to be and what we want to build and leave for those coming after us. For years our choice has been generosity and service. With God's help, may the same be said for years to come.

With gratitude for your faithfulness and the choice you will make,

Fr. Bill+



Outreach Spending 2024; \$132,229 Total





October

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Beating Anxiety

Day 1: Job 23:12	Day 17: Galatians 6:9
Day 2: Mark 11:24	Day 18: Matthew 6
Day 3: Job 19:25	Day 19: Psalm 91:1
Day 4: John 16:33	Day 20: I Peter 4:13
Day 5: Psalm 34:14	Day 21: Romans 8:39
Day 6: Psalm 34:18	Day 22: II Corinthians 1:3-4
Day 7: James 5:13	Day 23: Proverbs 24:10
Day 8: I Peter 5:7	Day 24: Proverbs 3:5-6
Day 9: Romans 12:12	Day 25: Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 10: Matthew 11:28-30	Day 26: John 10:10
Day 11: Isaiah 41:10	Day 27: Psalm 4:8
Day 12: Psalm 27:10	Day 28: John 14:27
Day 13: II Corinthians 12:9	Day 29: Psalm 29:11
Day 14: Psalm 55:22	Day 30: Hebrews 4:16
Day 15: Psalm 23	Day 31: James 5:10-11
Day 16: James 1:2	

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

The Ruffled Mango

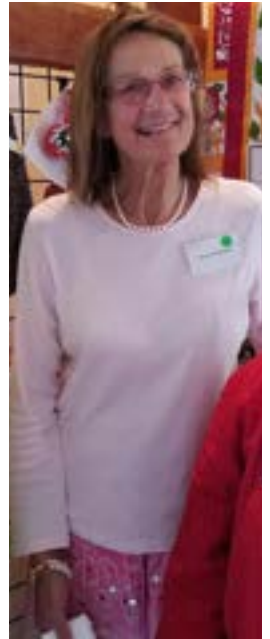


From A Child of Good Shepherd: A Church Whose Soul is Generosity

By Kathy Wright

I just had the privilege of interviewing Becky Ledford Van Gorder about her experiences growing up as the daughter of one of the 4 founding families of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. I had a wonderful time hearing about the early years! I asked Becky to share how she feels now about this long association with Good Shepherd. Her reply was simple and profound: "It gives me so much pleasure to be among the Saints of this church; to see how it has grown from a small seed into a Living tree." She was talking about all of us – then and now, and who will come later.

Becky talked about how early on they met in people's homes on Sunday afternoons. The whole family would come. They would worship as a group and then the hosts would serve some coffee or tea, and a special dessert. The grown-ups would sit and talk, and the kids would go outside to play. We still do it now - worship, eat, and talk. We have deep roots at Good Shepherd in how we do Sundays. It is not much different now.



After some time and with the addition of a couple of new families, the group began to seek out a place to meet that was larger. They found rented space and continued to grow. There was an established church in Murphy – Messiah – so folks from Hayesville traveled occasionally to Messiah to worship. The priests, seminarians, and Lay Readers traveled to Hayesville occasionally to touch base and offer support. It was the association with Messiah that firmed up the connection to the Diocese.

As Good Shepherd continued to grow the congregation began to talk about building their own church. With approval of Diocese, Rufus Vick located three tenths of an acre on Meyers Chapel Road West. The new 960 square foot cinder block building housed one large room, a small kitchen with a serving counter, a unisex lavatory, and a small room that could be used for vesting and meetings.

Becky remembers this building fondly. The room was furnished with gifts from individuals and other churches. Becky speaks with great awe of the kindness of those other churches.

The Diocese was also generous with a loan and a grant to purchase and build the building. The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd became a Mission Congregation of The Church of the Messiah. They did many things together. Becky remembers with great fondness the Summer Youth Program at Messiah. The churches also had an annual picnic together at the lake.



“Care of Good Shepherd was exclusively volunteer,” Becky said. The women of the church each took a month, in rotation, when they would be responsible for cleaning the entire building, making sure the altar linens were clean and ready to use, provide flowers, and anything else they could do to keep the church a shining testament to God.

Once a month, the church was converted into a Parish Hall. Pews were pushed back, and tables and chairs were set up for the monthly Potluck Supper. Everyone brought their favorite dish and a feast was enjoyed by all. When the last morsel was eaten, everyone would pitch in and clean up, put the tables and chairs away, uncover the altar, and put the pews back in place ready for the next service. Does this sound familiar?

There was a Church Bazaar that later grew into a big 3-day Country Fare. Betsi Wilson remembers Becky working inside the semi-trailer storage unit during the early Country Fare. The Bazaar/Fare included a bakery that had a good county wide reputation. Early on, the ECW ladies would do needlework during their monthly meetings to sell at the Bazaar, and later there was a fashion show displaying contributed clothing preceding the Fare. I quote Becky: “People were generous in their giving, and good hearted, and the church kept growing.”

Toward the end of our conversation, we grew philosophical: So many homeless and hungry people. Good Shepherd has given to our community a food bank, the first in Clay County. We have worked with and contributed to the homeless shelter, the only shelter in a 150 mile radius. We took a leadership role in founding DeSoto Square and are still on the board. We are now supporting a Dental Clinic for Children and have weekly breakfasts for school youth during the school year. We are working with others to address housing insecurity.

Becky says: “There is so much to do. There are answers. We can find them. We will work hard to make it happen.”



Sunday School Class – 1963

Front Left to Right: John Wilson, Florence Wilson, Pam Roberts, Marie Vick, Anne Wilson, and Bill Roberts.

Back Left to Right: Becky Ledford, Daniel Wilson, Alan Moore, Tommy Ledford, Patty Roberts, Phyllis Roberts, and Mark Vick.

Gail Criss Appreciation Day!

The Good Shepherd Pilates Class surprised instructor Gail Criss with an Appreciation Day on August 27th, 2025. The class honored Gail with a card and gift for her loyal leadership and inspiration.

Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall.



Last month, Parish Life Ministry led a group of hikers up Anna Ruby Falls trail in Unicoi State Park on a beautiful early fall day, followed by lunch in nearby Helen, GA.



Our next Parish Life adventure takes place on Friday, October 31, when we'll participate in Trunk or Treat on the Hayesville Square. Come, join the fun that is Parish Life!!!



Order of St. George Kitchen Team shines at “Blowout Brunch”

What do you do with 16 pounds of bacon, 150 sausage patties, 17 dozen eggs, 1½ gallons of butter-milk, 8 pounds of flour, 4 pounds of butter, 12 pounds of white sugar, 6 pounds brown sugar, a gallon of syrup, a hundred biscuits, 25 pounds of mixed fruit, a bunch of grits and plenty of applesauce?

Make brunch, of course. Throw in gallons of coffee, juice, lemonade, and tea, and you’ve got quite a feast. The event didn’t disappoint.

John Breazeale led “The Order of Saint George Kitchen Team” through the paces of planning, preparing, and serving brunch to more than a hundred hungry parishioners who showed up at the parish hall to attend the stewardship kickoff after the Sunday, September 7 service.

“We had a great turnout,” said David Gribble. “We set up tables to seat 100, and we ended up having to add two more tables.”

Father Bill shared an educational and inspiring slideshow featuring the history of GSEC and our “Legacy of Generosity and Service.” It included a breakdown of, and tribute to, our church’s many active ministries. He reminded us that the theme for the 2026 Stewardship Campaign is “Making Choices.”

Putting The Order of Saint George in charge of the feast proved to be an excellent choice. Here’s what Deacon Turner had to say:

“With the joy of serving others (literally), the men who cooked the brunch for the Stewardship kickoff, amid joking, laughter, sweat, and expertise...had a wonderful three hours of preparation and cooking the bountiful and delicious food that was served by the vestry members to the amazing gathering of hungry parishioners. We were grateful for this opportunity to humbly serve in the background. We give thanks for the great turnout and appreciation shown.”





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"Seek THE Lord AND HIS STRENGTH;
seek HIS face CONTINUALLY."

2 Chronicles 16:11



All animal moms, dads, and friends, take note-
The annual **St. Francis Blessing of the animals** will be held in the church courtyard on **Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 AM**. As St. Francis called animals his friends, we invite you to bring your friends to receive God's blessing for the coming year.



OUR FURRY FRIENDS NEED HELP

Good Shepherd honors St. Francis of Assisi by designating its Outreach for October to our furry friends. Your donations of items for pet needs will benefit The Senior Center, Valley River Humane Society, New Digs For Dogs/Feral Cats, Feral Cats Hayesville, and Mountain Shelter Humane Society. Please help by making a donation, either by check, payable to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (and note St. Francis of Assisi outreach), or cash in an envelope (with same written on outside of envelope), and place in church offering plate OR look for donation container in the Parish Hall. Contact Cindy Nodine 706-897-3430, or cnodine1963@gmail.com.



Honoring St Francis of Assisi

PET DONATIONS NEEDED



BENEFITING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The
Senior
Scenter

Valley
River
Humane
Society

New Digs
for
Dogs/Feral
Cats

Feral Cats
Hayesville

Mountain
Shelter
Humane
Society

DONATIONS NEEDED

Purina ONE +Plus Adult Skin & Coat Formula Dry Dog Food, 31.1-lb bag
 Purina ONE +Plus Healthy Kitten Muscle Vision & Brain Development Natural Dry Cat Food
 Purina ONE Grain-Free Natural Pate Healthy Kitten Chicken & Salmon Recipe Wet Kitten Food,
 Purina ONE SmartBlend Adult Classic Ground Chicken & Brown Rice Entree Canned Dog Food,
 Milk-Bone Soft & Chewy Chicken Recipe Dog Treats,
 Fresh Step Clean Paws Simply Unscented Clumping Clay Cat Litter, 22.5-lb box
 Milk-Bone Soft & Chewy Mini's Dog Treats, Chicken, 18 Ounce Made with Real Chicken Breast
 Greenies Pill Pockets for Dogs Large Size
 Soft Dog Treats, Chicken Flavor, 7.9 oz. Pouch (30 Treats)
 JOLLYVOGUE Dog & Cat Bed
 Calming Anti-Anxiety Pet Bed for Small Dogs
 Fluffy Donut Cushion for Small and Medium Pets (20")
 9Lives Daily Essentials Dry Cat Food With Chicken, Beef & Salmon Flavors
 Fresh News Recycled Paper
 Original Pellet Cat Litter
 OdoBan Disinfectant Concentrate and Odor Eliminator
 Original Eucalyptus Scent, 1 Gallon

CASH FOR SPAY AND NEUTER AND RELEASE OF FERRAL CATS

Cash for ongoing vet bills for caring for the needs of the senior animals on the farm

DONATIONS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH HALL FOR COLLECTION
COLLECTING THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER



Getting to Know Jim and Lynda Gennaro

Jim and Lynda Gennaro have called Hayesville home for several years now, and together they bring a wealth of life experience, family love, and dedication to service.

The couple met at a neighborhood gathering about five years ago and have been married for four years. Between them, they share a blended family of six children—three daughters and three sons—along with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lynda first came to Hayesville in 2013, purchasing a home here while still living in Woodstock, Georgia. By 2016, she made the move permanent. Jim moved here in 2017 from Crestview, Florida. Today, they live full-time in the Fires Creek area and enjoy the beauty of the mountains and community life here.



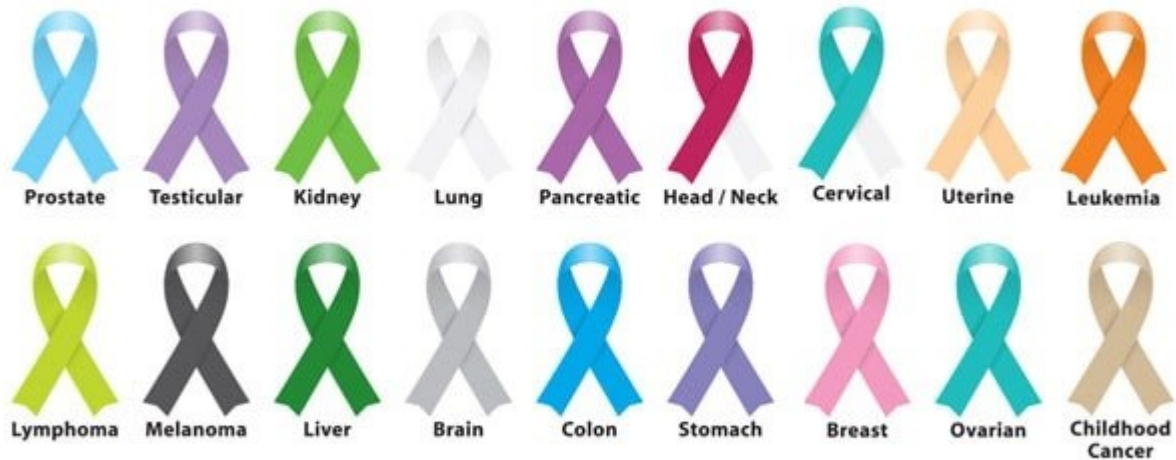
Professionally, Lynda worked as a manager for a health insurance company, while Jim served 36 years in the United States Air Force as a Flight Engineer. Retirement hasn't slowed them down. They are avid travelers, especially fond of cruises, and they spend much of their time on the road visiting family. Jim also has a special hobby—his Lionel train collection—which continues to bring him joy.

Their journey with Good Shepherd began in different ways. Lynda started attending services on weekends while visiting her Hayesville home before moving permanently. Jim, originally a member of Hayesville's Immaculate Heart of Mary, began attending Good Shepherd after they were married. Though their travels keep them busy, the couple gives back locally by delivering Clay County senior meals once a week—a ministry they've supported faithfully for several years.

When asked what they value most, both expressed gratitude: "We feel very lucky to have found this beautiful community and church."



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On Tuesday, **October 21st** we are hosting our Cancer Support Group in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. We are hoping to offer support to those on the journey of dealing with, surviving, and/or caring for someone with cancer. Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias by email if you can't attend in person but would like to be part of the meeting by zoom: jose_m_arias@hotmail.com



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Put your Halloween costumes on and join us for a night of family fun!

When: Thursday, October 31st
(set-up begins at 4:00 pm)

Where: Hayesville Square

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

Questions?

Please contact Pam Roman @ 828-332-1211





Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament



We are deeply grateful that so many people supported our scholarship fundraiser. Donors, golfers and volunteers make this event so successful and enjoyable!



After expenses we will have raised over \$21,000 which will cover the costs of the two \$10,000 scholarships we award each year. We award the scholarships to a student from Towns county and a student from Clay County. for more information or to apply please visit our website www.goodshepherdhayesville.com and select ministries in the menu tab.

Parish Life and Church Community

Please, take note:

There will be **NO** Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday, October 1st, 8th, 15th, as Fr. Bill will be away.



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Influenza, COVID and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial) Season is here!



For Prevention-

Wash your hands! Utilize Hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face.

Increase air movement, via purifiers, open windows and outside time.

Recognize crowd size and close quarters. Masking is an option.

Consider receiving the new Covid vaccine when you are getting your annual flu shot. They can be given the same day. Have you had the Pneumococcal vaccines?

For Exposures-

Monitor yourself.

Please consider others if you have been exposed to illness. Increase your prevention measures.

If you have cold symptoms, wait 3-5 days before home testing for Covid. Testing earlier than that may not detect the virus, giving a false negative.

For Infected-

Stay at home out of consideration for others and yourself. Rest.

You are especially contagious while febrile and until 24 hours after your fever is normal without taking medication to reduce the fever.

Contact your health provider to see if medication is indicated to moderate your illness, if you test positive.

CDC is not recommending a negative test to resume normal activities. Masking is recommended for at least 5 days after you are well enough to be around others because you are still "shedding the virus" Please be mindful of others.



Notes from our Financial Statements for August 2025

Income Statement

Income received for August	\$41,309
Expenses for August	\$36,468
Net Income/(Loss) for August	\$ 4,841
Total Income for the Year	\$267,775
Total Expenses for the Year	\$287,334
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	(\$19,559)
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Funds Due from MOF for LED Lights 2024 project	\$4,500
Funds due from MOF for windows	\$9,517
Net Income/Loss after adjustments	(\$5,542)

Account Balances

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 40,133
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 885
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$124,774

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$128,022
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,048
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 41,915
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,073
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$245,653
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

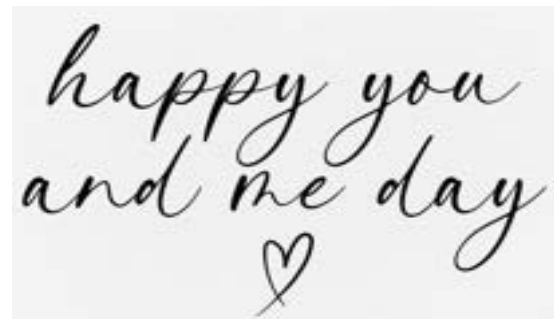
Birthdays in October

10/1 Kaye TeRonde
10/2 Mary Ann Miller
10/3 Richard Broszeit
10/4 Bob LeKites
10/4 Jason Lee Edwards
10/7 Jaime Pierson
10/7 Brayden Bethel
10/8 Eileen Adams
10/8 Clark Bourne
10/11 Mary Ann Strider
10/11 Jim Reynolds
10/11 Kelly Williams
10/11 Susanne Treacy
10/14 Bud Edmondson
10/14 Liz McLamb
10/14 Jake Bennett
10/14 Mary Breedlove
10/16 Kathy Rarey
10/19 Joan Norris
10/19 Abby Bethel
10/20 Teresa LeMaire
10/20 Mary Stewart King
10/21 Mary Strange
10/22 Kathi LeKites
10/28 Randy Brown



Anniversaries in October

10/05 Melanie & Bill Breedlove
10/06 Bob & Robin Kolar
10/08 Keith & Suzy Christensen
10/09 Mere & Sam Samsil
10/12 Harry & Rachel Baughn
10/12 Bill & Jaime Pierson
10/12 Janice & Dave Cady
10/18 BJ Jarvis & Randy Emberg
10/20 Wally & Mary Rose Figura
10/24 Bob & Kathi LeKites
10/29 Jim & Patricia Reynolds
10/30 Jake & Signe Ehrhart



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Mary Strange
e-mail: strangemary21@gmail.com

Warren Clayman
256 Cottonwood Creek Cir
Canton, GA 30114

Ella Angelillo
Uplands Village, Rm # 405, PO Box 406
Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

Andy & Peggy Dickert
123 Emerald Creek Dr.
Troutman, NC 28166

AWESOME
PEOPLE
ARE BORN
IN
OCTOBER

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Lectionary Readings for *October*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Lamentations 1:1-6](#)
[Lamentations 3:19-26](#)
or [Psalm 137](#)
[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)
[Luke 17:5-10](#)

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#)
[Psalm 66:1-11](#)
[2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)
[Luke 17:11-19](#)

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#)
[Psalm 119:97-104](#)
[2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)
[Luke 18:1-8](#)

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

[Joel 2:23-32](#)
[Psalm 65](#)
[2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#)
[Luke 18:9-14](#)



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