

**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
The Second Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, March 1, 2026

*Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.*



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**Holy Eucharist - 9:00 a.m.**

**Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer p. 319

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

**The Decalogue**

Book of Common Prayer p. 317

**Confession of Sin**

Book of Common Prayer p. 320

**Kyrie**

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Kyrie eleison.

*Christe eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Readings**

(See 11:00 service)

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 12:1-4a

**The Psalm**

Psalm 121

**The Second Lesson**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Holy Gospel**

John 3:1-17

**Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

**The Nicene Creed**

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

**Prayers of the People**

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

**Peace**

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer I**

Book of Common Prayer p. 333

**Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction**

**Agnus Dei**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Prayer Over the People**

**Dismissal**

**Prayer is available at the altar.**

**Those Who Serve**

**9:00am:**

**EMs:** Deanna DuBose, Beth Hitchcock; **Lector:** Gail Criss;

**Usher:** Gil Nicolson; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss;

**VPOD:** Aline Conley; **Ingles cards:** Joe Rybicki

**Flower Guild:** Flower Guild Team

# Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

## Prelude

## Processional *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

**Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**The Decalogue**

Book of Common Prayer p. 350

**Confession**

Book of Common Prayer p. 352

**Kyrie**

Book of Common Prayer p. 356

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121 (spoken)***Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## **The Second Lesson**

Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

**Holy Gospel**

John 3:1-17

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and



*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*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 right to give him thanks and praise.

*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.

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:

**Sanctus** (spoken)

Book of Common Prayer p. 362

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,

the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever.

*AMEN.*

**Lord's Prayer** (spoken)

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

**Fraction**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the peace.

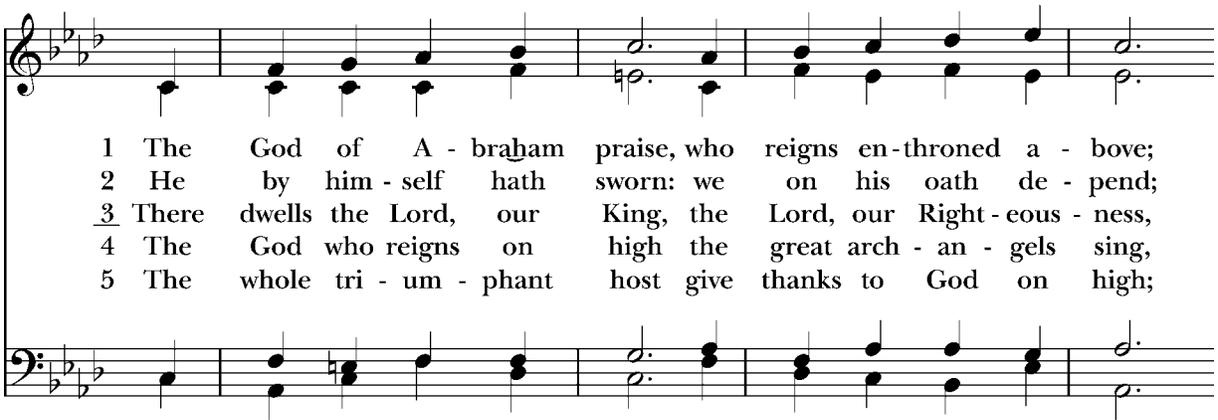
**Invitation to Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer**

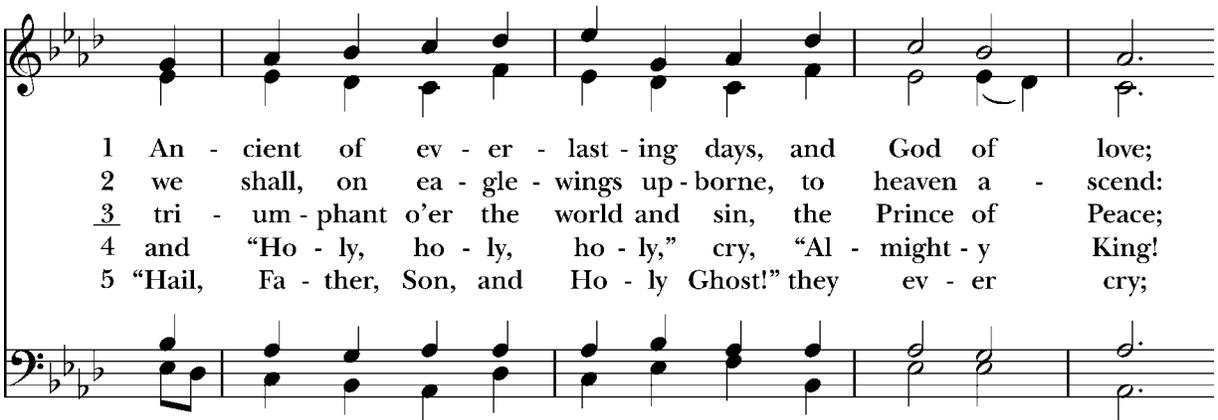
Book of Common Prayer p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

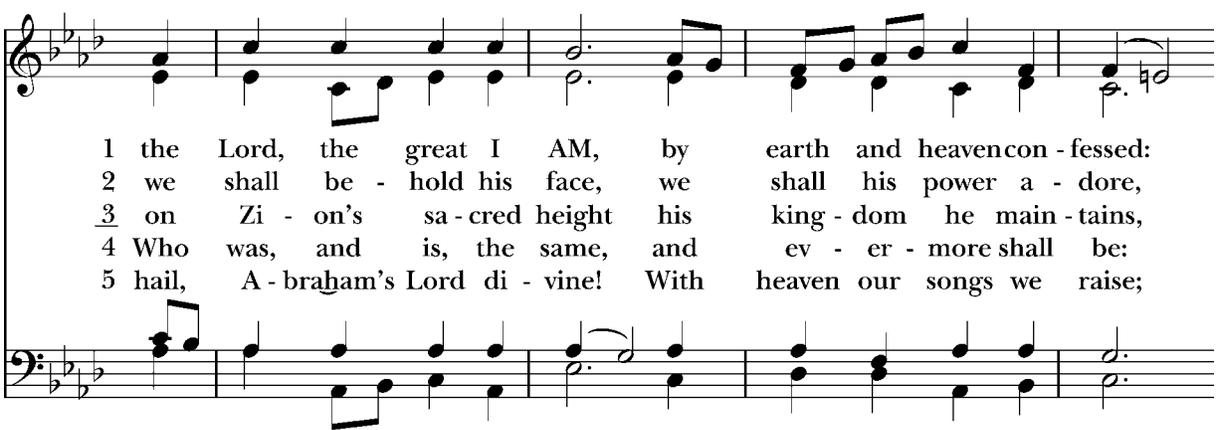
**Prayer Over the People**



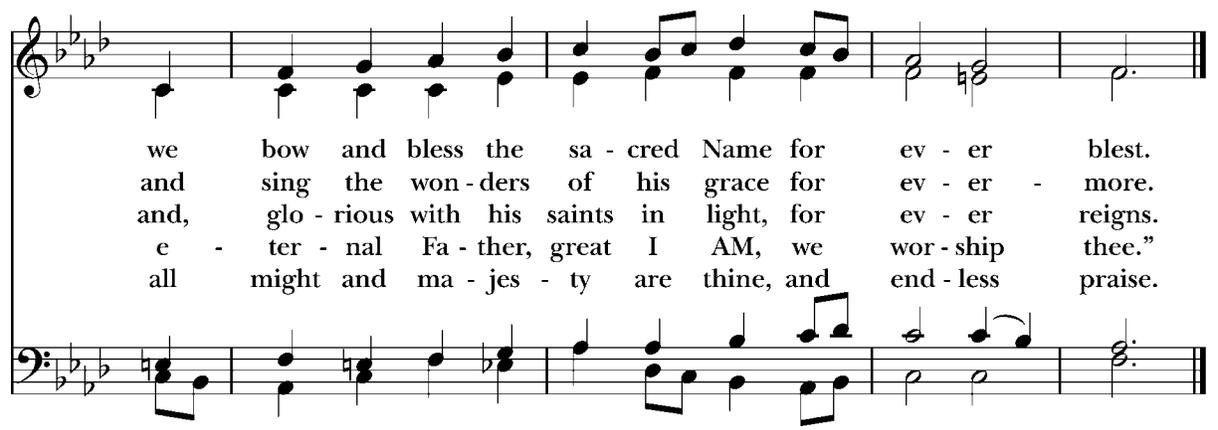
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

**Prayer is available at the altar.**

**Those Who Serve:**

**11:00 am:**

**EMs:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** Georgia Bethel;

**Usher:** Dave Field; **Altar Guild:** Jan Chatterton, Gail Criss;

**Altar Linens:** Kathy Marcel; **Nursery:** Kathy Marcel, Jean Gora;

**VPOD:** NOT FILLED!; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King; **Videographer:** Glenn Marcel;

**Flower Guild:** Flower Guild Team; **Greeter:** Sharon & Ed Faircloth

## Christian Education

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

### **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.

**Lenten Supper Series-** Continuing on **Wednesday evenings, at 5:30 pm.** This five session program will be led by Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton. Please join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for a simple dinner of soup, salad and bread followed by the program promptly at **6:00 pm.**

## Parish Life and Church Community

You may have noticed the LARGE notice on the bulletin board requesting **help for the Kitchen Ministry.** We are in need of volunteers to assist with cleanup after Coffee Hour each Sunday. If you are available at least *one Sunday per month* to assist in this very important ministry, it would be most appreciated! Please sign-up in the hallway or notify Amanda in the office if you can donate approximately an hour of time, once per month.

Holy Smokes!!! We’re having a “**Smoke Out**” on **Saturday, 3/7 & Sunday, 3/8!!!**

Please see sign-up sheets in the information hallway to order from the following:

**Butts: \$30.00**

**½ Butts: \$20.00**

**½ Lemon Pepper Chicken: \$5.00**

**Pick-up on Sunday, 3/8, until 12:30pm.** If you have any questions, please call Wally Figura @ (770) 330-8471.

**Safe Church Training-** Jesus Christ calls us to loving relationships that are healthy and helpful to each other. The obligation to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for all the baptized. Educating and empowering the people of our diocese is central to creating and maintaining safe churches and activities for everyone. The Diocese of Western North Carolina requires many ministry positions and volunteers to complete Safe Church Training. Safe Church Training will be offered on **two consecutive Saturdays, March 7 and March 14, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM.** Those with fast home internet access may do their safeguarding training at home.

Talk with Fr Bill about arranging at-home completion of the safeguarding requirements. Please see the sign-up sheet in the parish hallway.

**March 7** - Vestry, Staff, Ministry Heads, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and Hospital Visitors.

**March 14** - Vestry, Staff, Youth and Children and Nursery Volunteers.

Did you know that funds from the **Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund** were used to replace the windows in our Chapel? Be our guest on **March 13<sup>th</sup>** for dinner, catered by Epic Catering, and learn more about the purpose of our Endowment Fund. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the hallway. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 8th at noon.

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 **Parish Hall**. 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!!

The rescheduled **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, March 22**, following a single **10 am Rite II service**. The Vestry will provide ham and biscuits and invites your donation of a brunch item to share.

**Attention all Blood Donors** - Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, March 23rd from 12:30 - 5:30pm** in the Parish Hall. To make an appointment call 1-800-Redcross (1-800-733-2767) or online at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel

## 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 **March 3, 2026** are:

Town: Kevin Conley

City: Suzy Christensen

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

## In Our Prayers

### **Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:**

*Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Jacob Halfon, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice LeMaire, Anne Hourdequin, Mere Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Randy Emberg, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Jack Hungerford, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Eileen Adams, Lynne and Mark Walter, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Steven Harper, Pat and Candi List, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Bob and Shirley Stillwell, Bob and Robin Kolar, Mary Lowell, Luke Bowe, Mike Campbell, Helga Reaves, Ashley Murray*

### **Good Shepherd Ministries:**

This week we pray for *The Prayer Chain Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

## Calendar

### Monday

March 2

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Library Maintenance
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
11:00 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday

March 3

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Mountain of Faith (Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	BOTF
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday

March 4

9:00 am	Exercise
11:00 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study
5:30 pm	Lenten Supper Series (Parish Hall)

### Thursday

March 5

6:45 am	Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

### Friday

March 6

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

### Saturday

March 7

“Smoke Out”

### Sunday

March 8

	<b>“Smoke Out” Pick-Up</b>
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm	Lunch (Parish Hall)
12:30 pm	Episcopal 101- Anglican Beliefs

**Jesus Christ, Head of the Church**

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence  
The Rev. Beverly Braine, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)  
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist  
Sharon Kyser, Pianist  
Teresa LeMaire, Director of Music  
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper  
Kevin Conley, Treasurer  
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer  
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor  
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton  
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

**VESTRY**

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson  
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley  
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton  
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)  
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox  
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson  
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King  
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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