



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Weekly Highlights
December 5, 2025



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Christian Education

Wednesday- Lectionary Bible Study

We will resume meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Library upon Fr. Bill's return. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more info.



Vestry News

Voting for new vestry members will take place next January. To be eligible to vote, one must be a member of this parish. If you are not yet a member, please complete a membership form that can be found on the narthex table. If you are currently a member of another Episcopal Church, you must have your membership transferred to Good Shepherd in order to vote. By church law, only those who are members of this parish can vote in the vestry election. If you are unsure of your membership status or have other questions, please talk with Fr. Bill or Senior Warden David Gribble.

Schedule of Christmas Services

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:00am

Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

Note: No 9:00 nor 11:00am Services on December 21

Note: No Noon Holy Eucharist on December 24

Wednesday, December 24 @ 4:00pm

*Holy Eucharist with Choir
Fellowship and refreshments to follow*

Wednesday, December 24 @ 10:00pm

Late night Fellowship and refreshments

Wednesday, December 24 @ 11:00pm

Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 25 @ 9:00am

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 25 @ 1:00pm

Christmas Day Dinner

Sunday, December 31 @ 9:00 and 11:00am

First Sunday After Christmas

Wednesday, December 31 @ Noon

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Sunday, January 4 @ 9:00 and 11:00 am

Second Sunday After Christmas



Advent *Bible Reading Plan*

25 VERSES TO PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

Week 1: Waiting on the Lord

Day 1: Psalm 27:14
Day 2: Isaiah 40:31
Day 3: Lamentations 3:25-26
Day 4: Psalm 130:5-6
Day 5: Habakkuk 2:3
Day 6: Romans 8:23-25
Day 7: Galatians 4:4-

Reflect and celebrate the
extravagant love of God
that sent his Son to earth
to save us! What a
beautiful season!

Week 2: Preparing Our Hearts

Day 8: Psalm 37:7
Day 9: Hosea 12:6
Day 10: Matthew 3:1-3
Day 11: Luke 1:13-17
Day 12: Luke 1:26-2
Day 13: Luke 1:46-49
Day 14: Luke 1:67-69

Week 4: The Messiah is Born!

Day 22: Luke 2:1-7
Day 23: Luke 2:8-14
Day 24: Luke 2:15-20
Day 25: John 3:16

Week 3: Prophecies of the Messiah

Day 15: Isaiah 7:14
Day 16: Isaiah 9:6-7
Day 17: Micah 5:2
Day 18: Jeremiah 23:5-6
Day 19: Isaiah 11:1-2
Day 20: Zechariah 9:9
Day 21: Malachi 3:1

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Parish Life and Church Community



FOLLOW THAT STAR!

Good Women of Good Shepherd, mark your calendars! Tomorrow, **December 6th** will be our **Advent Quiet Day** this year. We will be meditating on how *light* is part of the Christmas story. Our time for guided meditation will be **10:00 a.m. until noon**. At noon, we will share a **covered dish luncheon**. The retreat time is designed to be silent. You are encouraged to bring a holiday project (like the writing and addressing of Christmas cards) which you can do alone and silently. We will be gathering in the Parish Hall. This quiet time is a lovely way to enter into the season in a focused and contemplative way.

Attention all Blood Donors - Good Shepherd will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 10th from 12:30 - 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. To make an appointment call 1-800-Redcross (1-800-733-2767) or go online at redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.



Christmas Flowers and Staff Bonus Envelopes – Please find in your pew rack, envelopes for designating Christmas flowers and for remembering the church staff in your Christmas giving.

The 2nd order of t-shirts & hoodies have arrived! Please, pick up your order Sunday after either service in the Parish Hall.



Advent posters are still available for those that are shut-in this season. If you know someone that would like one, please see Kathy Wright.



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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights -

No later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

December Newsletter -

No later than Thursday, December 18th, 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 **December 9, 2025** are:

Town: Linda Milt
City: Larry & Brenda Scheneman
Tusquittee: Dave & Bard Field



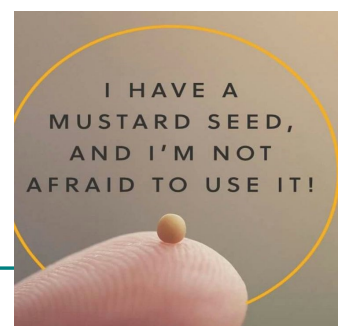
In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, 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, Sallie Free, Meagan Borro, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, the Hoffer family, Kelly Crawford, Randy Emberg, Mere Samsil, Lillian Mann, Jay Miller, Andrew Fairweather, Bob Wilkerson, Lynne Blanks, Mike Gora, Gayle Graziano, Amy Center, Brian Mitchell, Gail Rose, Jacob Halfon, Mike Stringer, Denise Fox, Matt Cramer, Don Roman, David Werdin, Georgia Bethel and Turner Guidry, Connie Bristol, Celia Larson, Beth Sullenberger, Allen Lewis, Kenny & Stacy Waldroup, Sandy Benson, Jon Czarnecki, Lynne Stepp, Liam Fagan

Good Shepherd Ministries –

This week we pray for *The Eucharistic Visitors Ministry* at Good Shepherd.



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:00am:

EMs: Beth Hitchcock, Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Kanute Rarey;

Intercessor: Kathy Rarey; **Usher:** Gil Nicolson; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

VPOD: Patti Brownlee; **Ingles cards:** Barb Field

11:00 am:

EMs: Kathy Wright, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** Laurie Wright; **Intercessor:** Furie Soles;

Usher: David Gribble; **Altar Guild:** Jan Chatterton, Gail Criss;

Altar Linens: Kathy Marcel; **Nursery:** Jean Gora, Kathy Marcel; **VPOD:** Betsi Wilson;

Ingles cards: Jan Freeman; **Videographer:** Ron Dutton; **Greeter:** Harry Baughn

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Leader: Joe Rybicki

Prayer Minister: Elizabeth Rybicki



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday

December 8

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Crafts Group

Tuesday

December 9

10:00 am	Yoga
1:00pm	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday

December 10

9:00 am	Exercise
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
	NO NOON EUCHARIST/Lectionary Bible Study
12:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

Thursday

December 11

6:45 am	Order of St. George
10:00 am	Yoga
1:00 pm	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday

December 12

9:00 am	Parish Office Closed
	Exercise Class

Saturday

December 13

6:00 pm	Hayesville Christmas Parade
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Sunday

December 14

9:00 am	3 Advent
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	Lunch (Parish Hall)



PROMISES TO PUT ON DURING YOUR DAY

My grace is
sufficient for you,
for my power is
made perfect in
weakness.
2 Cor. 12:9



I will refresh the
weary and satisfy
the faint.
-Jeremiah 31:25



As one whom his
mother comforts,
so I will comfort
you.
- Isaiah 66:13



My steadfast love
shall not depart
from you
- Isaiah 54:10



I will strengthen
you, I will help you,
I will uphold you
with my righteous
right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10



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