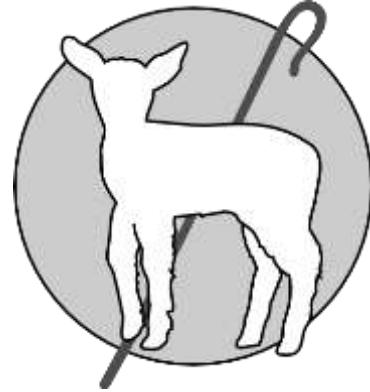


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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



Holy Eucharist - 9:00 a.m.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the Law

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Readings

See 11:00 service

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The Psalm

Psalm 99

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily	The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton
Nicene Creed	
Prayers of the People	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
Confession of Sin	Book of Common Prayer p. 331
Peace	
Announcements	
Holy Communion	
Presentation of Our Gifts	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i> 1 Chronicles 29:14b	
Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer II	Book of Common Prayer p. 340
Lord's Prayer	
Fraction	
Agnus Dei	
Prayer of Humble Access	
Post-Communion Prayer	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
Blessing and Dismissal	

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve
9:00am:

EMs: Amy Nicolson, Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Mary Anne Koos;
Intercessor: Sandy Freeman; **Usher:** Deanna DuBose; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss;
VPOD: NOT FILLED!; **Ingles cards:** Jan Freeman
Flower Guild: Barb Field

Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Chorale

Charles Sergisson

Processional

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;
 there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty,
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given,
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;
 there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no

prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light (v. 1-2)* **Hymnal 490**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.
 I want to look at Je sus.
 I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and we
 When we have run with pa-tience the race,

star of my life is Je sus.
 show me the way to the Fa ther.
 shall know the joy of Je sus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The
 night and the day are both alike. The
 Lamb is the light of the city of God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed

them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Hymn	<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i> (v. 3)	Hymnal 490
Homily		The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton
The Nicene Creed		Book of Common Prayer p. 358
Prayers of the People: Form 1		Book of Common Prayer p. 383
Confession of Sin		Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Happy and Content is the Lamb by David Cady
Singing: Teresa LeMaire, Rachel Baughn, David Cady & Harry Baughn
Piano: Sharon Kysar

Doxology (v. 3) Hymnal 380

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one

body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

Blue Book p. 75

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

I walked today where Jesus walked

Written by composer Geoffrey O'Hara

Lyricist Daniel S. Twohig

Performed by Keith Christensen & Coral Smucker

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff is for the soprano, the middle for the alto, and the bottom for the bass. The music is divided into three sections by fermatas and repeat signs. The first section starts with a soprano solo, followed by an antiphon, then a five-line stanza. The second section begins with a soprano solo, followed by an antiphon, then a five-line stanza. The third section begins with a soprano solo, followed by an antiphon, then a five-line stanza. The music is punctuated by various dynamics and articulations.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 *3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 ris en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Dismissal

Postlude March in D GF Handel

Prayer is available at the altar rail

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am:

EMs: David Cady, Ron Dutton; **Lector:** Keith Christensen;

Intercessor: Furie Soles; **Usher:** Helen Doulliez;

Altar Guild: Pat Halloran, Beth Hitchcock, Mary Stewart King;

Altar Linens: Mary Stewart King; **Nursery:** Hattie Sheehy, Judy Bourne;

VPOD: Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Jan Chatterton; **Videographer:** Jay Miller;

Greeter: Laurie Wright

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, Chris Stringer, 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 Healing Prayer Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

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.

Feb 22 The Church in England

March 1 The Episcopal Church

March 8 Anglican Beliefs

March 15 Anglican Worship

March 22 Anglican Mission

Parish Life and Church Community

Please check the bulletin board in the hallway for ministries that you have signed up for. If your name isn't on the list or you forgot to sign up for a ministry, please add your name to those ministries. Thank you all for your time and talent.

Palm Sunday Leaves - You are invited to return your palm leaves from Palm Sunday 2025. Please use the collection basket on the Narthex table.

Cursillo- Following the 11am service today, the Cursillo/3-day renewal folks will sponsor the coffee hour and reserve two tables for anyone who would like to participate in a Faith Building Group. All are welcome (even if you have not attended a 3-day weekend).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –February 17, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Brought to you by the youth of the Order of St. George, please join us for “from scratch buttermilk pancakes”, handmade sausage from Still Waters Landing, warm maple syrup, apple sauce, juice, coffee, tea. Cost is \$7.00 for ages 12 and older, \$3.00 for 11 and under. All proceeds will go to children and youth ministries. Tickets on sale in the Narthex on Sunday, February 8th, 15th, and at the door.

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.

MOUNTAIN OF FAITH DINNER: Make plans now to attend the Mountain of Faith dinner on **Friday, March 13th at 5pm** in the Parish Hall. At the dinner you will learn more about how you can participate in supporting the future of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Sign-up sheets for the catered dinner are located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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 - 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. To make an appointment call 1-800-Redcross (1-800-733-2767) or online at Redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.

Attention Icon Writers - Our friends at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blairsville, GA will host an Icon Writing Retreat from April 12 - 17, 2026. The retreat instructor will be Kara Gillette and the icon chosen is the Sacred Heart of Mary. The cost of the retreat, including all supplies, instruction, lunch and snacks, is \$525. A deposit of \$225 will hold your space. For more details contact Rita Casey at rbear11@hotmail.com or Kathy Marcel.

Deadline for March 2026 Newsletter-

Friday, 2/20/26

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and
Weekly Highlights -**

No later than Wednesday of each week 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 **February 17, 2026** are:

Town: Linda Milt

City: Suzy Christensen

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

Calendar

Monday

February 16

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

Tuesday

February 17

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Parish Hall)

Wednesday

February 18

9:00 am	Ash Wednesday
11:00 am	Exercise
11:30 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
12:00 pm	Private Group (Undercroft)
	NO noon HE nor Bible Study
	Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday

February 19

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

Friday

February 20

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
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Saturday

February 21

Sunday

February 22

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 - The Church in England (Library)

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

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