



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
Weekly Highlights  
February 20, 2026

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FIRST SUNDAY<sup>IN</sup>  
LENT

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## Christian Education

### 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



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.

**Lenten Supper Series-** Wednesday evenings, beginning **February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## Parish Life and Church Community

**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 - 4:00pm**. 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 Good Shepherd's **Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund** provided a no-interest loan for the construction of the Parish Hall? Make plans now to attend the catered dinner on **Friday, March 13th** in the Parish Hall. Come and learn more about how you can participate in supporting the future of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Sign-up sheets for the dinner are located 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](http://Redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.



**Help save a life.**

Schedule your  
blood donation  
appointment today.

# Walking in Obedience

*is the Christian girl from the tropic*

Walking in obedience to God means choosing to live your daily life in alignment with God's will – not just believing in Him, but actively responding to Him with trust, surrender, and action.

We must constantly die to ourselves, and to our fleshly desires, and surrender to God. Matthew 16:24 it says "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'.

"Walking" implies ongoing movement, not a one-time decisions. It's choosing and trusting God daily – in small and big things (Proverbs 3: 5-6). It means choosing God's way even when it costs you. Sometimes obedience means saying "no" when the world says "Yes" (Acts 5:29).

It is not about being perfect or trying to earn God's love. Obedience comes a relationship with Him. This requires us to read His word and allow Scriptures to guide our choices, attitudes, and actions.

- You cannot partially obey God.
- You cannot worship God on your own terms.
- Going to church on Sundays is not enough.
- You cannot choose which part of your life to give God and which part to keep for yourself.
- You will reap the fruits of disobedience if you do not follow God fully.





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

No later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

### February Newsletter -

No later than Friday, February 20th, 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 24, 2026** are:

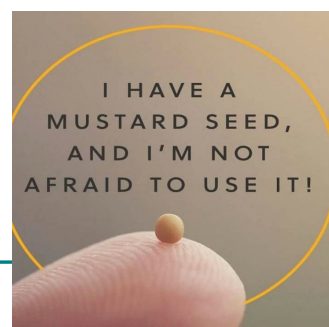
Town: Aline Conley  
City: Suzy Christensen  
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## In Our Prayers

### Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

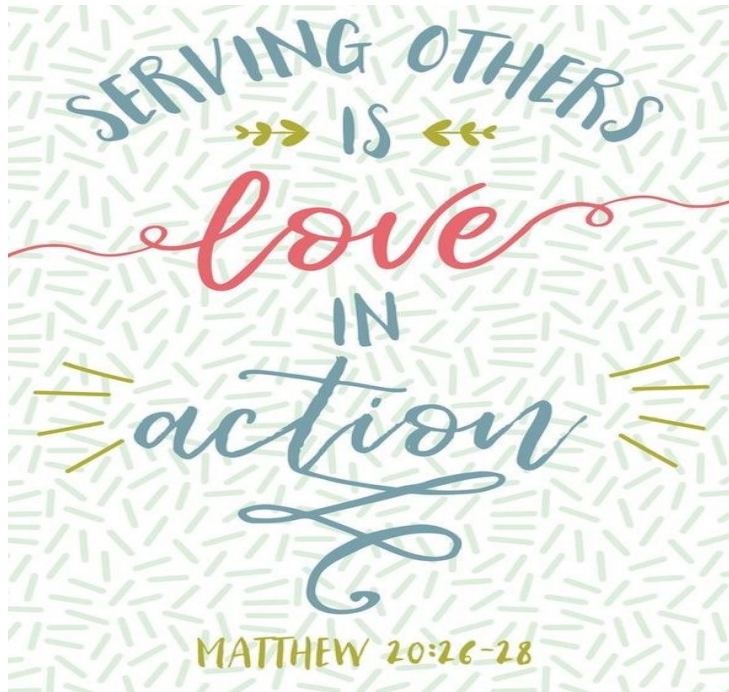
*Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Jacob Halfon, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, 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, 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 Fr. Bill Breedlove, Kanute Rarey*



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### Those Who Serve



**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**9:00am:**

**EMs:** Beth Hitchcock, Deanna DuBose **Lector:** Amy Nicolson;

**Usher:** Gil Nicolson; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

**VPOD:** Aline Conley; **Ingles cards:** Paul Swanson

**11:00 am:**

**EMs:** Ron Dutton, Jane Boritz; **Lector:** Michael Wright;

**Usher:** Mary Ann Miller; **Altar Guild:** Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;

**Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson; **Nursery:** Liz Rybicki, Jean Gora;

**VPOD:** Phil Cox; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field; **Videographer:** Tom Griffiths;

**Greeter:** Jose Arias

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**Leader:** Elizabeth Rybicki

**Prayer Minister:** Joe Rybicki

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Altar Guild:** Gail Criss



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday

February 23

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

### Tuesday

February 24

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	BOTF
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday

February 25

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

February 26

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

### Friday

February 27

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

### Saturday

February 28

### Sunday

March 1

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 Episcopal Church

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