

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025



*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. 319

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People

His mercy endureth for ever

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the Law

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Trisagion

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Readings

(See 11:00 service)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Psalm

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Book of Common Prayer p. 331

Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29:14b

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Prayer of Humble Access

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing and Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve

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

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Aria

Paul Fey

Processional

Hark! the glad sound!

Hymnal 72

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
 harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Salutation

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

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.*

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (chanted)

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Hymn *Herald, sound the note* (vs 1-2)

Hymnal 70



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
here; make a path - way through the des - ert
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
for the one who brings God near.
and to them new life is given. Sound the trum - pet!
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were

going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn *Herald, sound the note* (vs3-4) Hymnal 70

Homily The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People Form VI Book of Common Prayer p. 392

Confession

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting Pepper Choplin

Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new

creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

Lord's Prayer

Bluebook p. 75

Fraction

Invitation to Communion

Communion *The King of love*

Hymnal 645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Recessional *O love, how deep* (vs 1-3, 6)

Hymnal 448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

Dismissal

Postlude Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. R. Caldwell

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

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

Christian Education

Join us in the Parish Hall on Mondays (12p-1:30p) in January for Theology Brown Bag. Bring your lunch, an open mind and receptive heart, as we ponder all of the things concerning God and our lives as God's people.

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.

Parish Life and Church Community

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

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.

Please find in your pew rack, envelopes for designating Christmas flowers and for remembering the church staff in your Christmas giving.

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.

Please note- on **December 21st**, we will be having **ONE SERVICE @ 10am**, with a **COOKIE EXCHANGE** in the Parish Hall following the service.

Most Sundays you will find **Ingles grocery cards** on sale in the parish hall. For every \$100 card sold the church earns \$5 for our outreach ministry. Sales of Ingles Cards are one of our major fundraising vehicles for outreach and we appreciate your participation. If you are not currently buying cards from us, please considering do so. Even occasional purchases of small amounts are helpful. And if you shop for groceries elsewhere, use them for your gas purchases.

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin, Announcements and Weekly Highlights-
Wednesday by noon**

Schedule of Christmas Services

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:00am	<i>Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist</i>
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Note: No 9:00 nor 11:00am Services on December 21

Note: No Noon Holy Eucharist on December 24

Wednesday, December 24 @ 4:00pm	<i>Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship and refreshments to follow</i>
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Wednesday, December 24 @ 10:00pm	<i>Late night Fellowship and refreshments</i>
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Wednesday, December 24 @ 11:00pm	<i>Contemplative Holy Eucharist</i>
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Thursday, December 25 @ 9:00am	<i>Christmas Day Holy Eucharist</i>
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Thursday, December 25 @ 1:00pm	<i>Christmas Day Dinner</i>
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Sunday, December 31 @ 9:00 and 11:00am	<i>First Sunday After Christmas</i>
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Wednesday, December 31 @ Noon	<i>Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers</i>
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Sunday, January 4 @ 9:00 and 11:00 am	<i>Second Sunday After Christmas</i>
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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 & Barb 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, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Randy Emberg, Mere Samsil, Jay Miller, Andrew Fairweather, Bob Wilkerson, Mike Gora, Gail Rose, Jacob Halfon, Mike Stringer, Denise Fox, Matt Cramer, Don Roman, David Werdin, Georgia Bethel and Turner Guidry, Connie Bristol, Celia Larson, Eileen Adams, Allen Lewis, Beth Sullenberger, Lynne Stepp, OV Lewis, Jon Czarnecki, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Lynne Stepp, Jon Czarnecki, Kim Brabon, Liam Fagan*

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

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	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
	Exercise Class

Saturday

December 13

6:00 pm	Hayesville Christmas Parade
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Sunday

December 14

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

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
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: David Gribble; Jr. Warden: Phil Cox
Class of 2025: Patti Brownlee, David Gribble, Pam Roman
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King

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