



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
Weekly Highlights  
December 19, 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.



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## 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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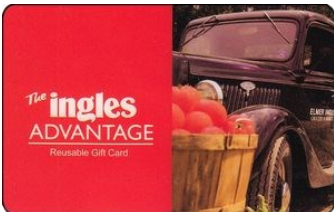
## Parish Life and Church Community



**Christmas Eve Fellowship-** This year your Coffee Hour Ministry is sponsoring a time of Christmas fellowship after the 4 PM service and at 10 PM before the 11 PM service. All wishing to have time with friends on this holy night are welcome.

### **End of Year Ministry Reports- Attention all Ministry Heads!!!**

Please, submit your **End-Of-Year Report** to the church office by **Monday, January 12, 2026**. We need your report for inclusion of the annual parish report. Thank you for your timely submission!



**Ingles Cards**— We sell Ingles Cards as a fundraiser. Church Outreach receives \$5.00 for every \$100 purchase. Our goal is to return to the impact the program achieved prior to the virus. Ingles cards are nice gifts for those who faithfully serve you through the year.

Cards are available in \$100 & \$50 increments.

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## Vestry News

**Voting for new vestry members** will take place after each service **January 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see details in today's bulletin for voter eligibility as well as the Absentee Voting process. If you are unsure of your membership status or have other questions, please talk with Fr. Bill or Senior Warden, David Gribble.

**Absentee Ballots-** Requests for absentee ballots for new vestry member voting must be made to the church office **by 5:00 PM Friday, December 19**. **Absentee ballots must be received at the church by 1:00 PM Sunday, January 18, 2026 to be counted.** You may send your ballot back via US Mail or hand deliver it. Either way, we must have your ballot **by 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2026** for your vote to be counted.



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

No later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

### January Newsletter -

No later than Thursday, January 15th, 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 23, 2025** are:

Town: David & Teresa Gribble

City: Lou Lanwermyer

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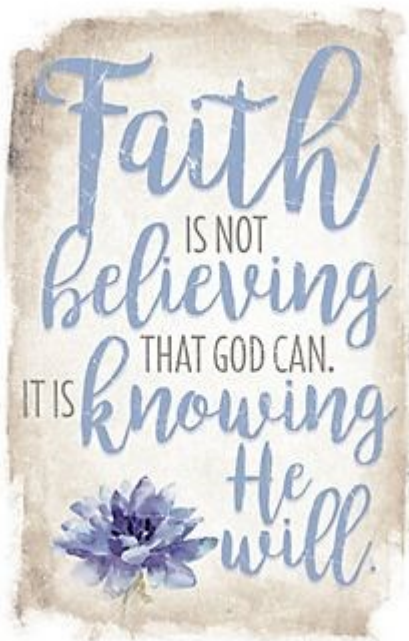
## In Our Prayers

### 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 (Mary) Samsil, Jay Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Jacob Halfon, Matt Cramer, David Werdin, Eileen Adams, Allen Lewis, Beth Sullenberger, Lynne Stepp, OV Lewis, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Kim Brabon, Sally Conaway, Fr Bill, Jack Hungerford*

### Good Shepherd Ministries –

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



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### *Those Who Serve*



#### **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**EMs:** Sharon Kyser, Kathy Wright; **Lector:** Michael Wright, Betsi Wilson, Laurel Adams, Mike Campbell, Amy Nicolson, Janet Beall, Gail Criss;

**Intercessor:** Jerry Taylor; **Usher:** Mike Gora;

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

**Altar Linens:** Mary Stewart King; **Nursery:** Liz Rybicki, Jean Gora;

**VPOD:** David Gribble; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King; **Videographer:** Glenn Marcel;

**Greeter:** Mili Arias

#### **Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

**No Service**

#### **Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**4:00 pm**

**EMs:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** Rachel Baughn;

**Intercessor:** Harry Baughn; **Usher:** Kim Brabon; **Videographer:** Jay Miller

**11:00 pm**

**EMs:** Dave Cady, Jane Boritz;

**Lector:** Furie Soles;

**Intercessor:** Jerry Taylor;

**Usher:** Joe Rybicki



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday

**December 22**

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
10:30 am	Altar/Flower Guild set-up
12:00 pm	Altar/Flower Guild Lunch

### Tuesday

**December 23**

10:00 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	BOTF

### Wednesday

**December 24**

4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service ( <i>no music</i> )

### Thursday

**December 25**

9:00 am	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b> Christmas Day Service
1:00 pm	Christmas Lunch (Parish Hall)

### Friday

**December 26**

9:00 am	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b> Exercise Class
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### Saturday

**December 27**

No activities scheduled

### Sunday

**December 28**

9:00 am	<b><i>1 Christmas</i></b> Holy Eucharist (I)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist (II)
12:00 pm	Lunch (Parish Hall)



*Believe* LIKE MARY  
 *trust*  
like joseph  
 *hope*  
like shepherds  
 *seek* like wise men  
*love* JESUS  
like JESUS

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