



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Weekly Highlights

January 30, 2026



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Christian Education

Episcopal 101

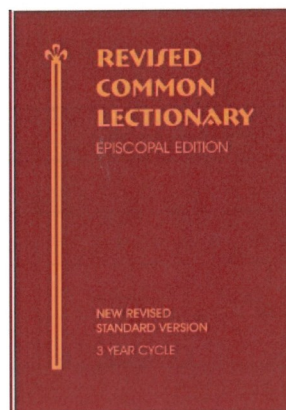
This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church. If you are new to the Episcopal Church— its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, 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 8	The Ancient Church
Feb 22	The Church in England
March 1	The Episcopal Church
March 8	Anglican Beliefs
March 15	Anglican Worship
March 22	Anglican Mission

Lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays @ 1:00pm in the Library

Join us each Wednesday at 1:00pm as we work through the appointed lectionary readings for the following Sunday. From beginners through Bible scholars, all are equally sure to gain something from our time together. All are welcome.

This discussion is facilitated by Fr Bill.



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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.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be held today, February 1, following the 10:00am service. There will be a brunch. Your assistance with cleanup afterward would be most appreciated.

Souper Bowl Sunday is just around the corner on **Feb 8**. Kathy Wright is leading the effort to stock the shelves of the Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House with soup and stew. The Friendship House in Murphy is the only Homeless Shelter within a 150-mile radius. On Souper Bowl Sunday Kathy will make 2 pots of soup to share at lunch. She asks that you bring dried and canned soup and stew to donate to the Homeless Shelter. The shelter is serving more families with children than ever. On these cold nights, hot soup or stew is a welcome meal to fill hungry tummies.

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.



MONDAY: NEW MERCIES
TUESDAY: NEW MERCIES
WEDNESDAY: NEW MERCIES
THURSDAY: NEW MERCIES
FRIDAY: NEW MERCIES
SATURDAY: NEW MERCIES
SUNDAY: NEW MERCIES

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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**. 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.

Ministers Licensing Meeting- The church requires that certain ministers undergo periodic training and licensing. Those include Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Visitors. We will meet in the church at **12:30pm on Sunday, March 29th**.

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.

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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 3, 2026** are:

Town: NOT FILLED!

City: Linda Milt

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In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, 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, 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, Ashley Murray

Good Shepherd Ministries –

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



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, February 1, 2026

10:00 am:

EMs: Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Ines Klenke;

Intercessor: Kanute Rarey; **Usher:** Joe Rybicki;

Altar Guild: Mary Rose Figura;

Altar Linens: Kathy Marcel;

Nursery: Kathy Marcel, Jean Gora; **Flower Guild:** Barb Field

VPOD: Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Dave Field;

Videographer: Harry Baughn; **Greeter:** Sharon & Ed Faircloth

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Leader: Harry Baughn

Prayer Minister: Beth Hitchcock

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Altar Guild: Gail Criss



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday

February 2

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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 3

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Mountain of Faith (Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire

Wednesday

February 4

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

Thursday

February 5

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

Friday

February 6

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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Saturday

February 7

8:00 am	Men's Association Breakfast
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Sunday

February 8

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm	Episcopal 101
12:30 pm	"Soup"er Bowl Sunday (Parish Hall)

HAPPY MOMENTS,
Praise God.

DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
Seek God.

QUIET MOMENTS,
Worship God.

PAINFUL MOMENTS,
Trust God.

EVERY MOMENT,
Thank God.



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