

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

## 1 Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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



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### Holy Eucharist - 9:00 a.m.

#### Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 299

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* *One God and Father of all.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

#### Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

#### First Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

#### The Psalm

Psalm 29

#### Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

#### Holy Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

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

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*People* *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

<b>Homily</b>	The Rev Dr. Bill Breedlove
<b>The Renewal of Baptismal Vows</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 292
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
<b>Peace</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Presentation of Our Gifts</b>	
<i>All All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
	1 Chronicles 29:14b
<b>Great Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Prayer II</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 340
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>	
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; <i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</i>	
<b>Post-Communion Prayer</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
<b>Blessing and Dismissal</b>	

**Prayer is available at the altar.**

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**Those Who Serve**  
**9:00am:**

**EMs:** Kathy Wright, Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Kathy Rarey;  
**Intercessor:** Michael Wright; **Usher:** Kanute Rarey; **Altar Guild:** Beth Hitchcock;  
**VPOD:** Pam Roman; **Ingles cards:** Dave Field



# Parish Annual Meeting

Our Parish Annual Meeting is  
Sunday, January 25, 2026.

We will have 1 service at 10:00 am.  
Rite I Holy Eucharist with a brunch and the  
Annual Meeting to follow.

All are invited to bring a brunch item to share.  
The Vestry will provide ham & biscuits.

# Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Concerto in A-Minor

Vivaldi - Bach

Processional

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Hymnal # 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - themes be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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*People*      *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Celebrant*      There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People*      *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
*Celebrant*      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*      *One God and Father of all.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

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

### **The Psalm**

#### ***Afferte Domino***

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
    aspire to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders; \*  
    the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
    and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
    all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
    the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Second Lesson

Acts 10: 34-43

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

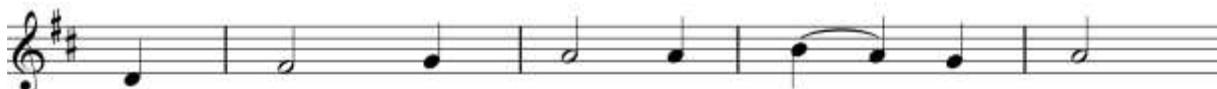
Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## Hymn

*The sinless one to Jordan came (v. 1-2)*

Hymnal # 120



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

Celebrant  
People

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus

answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.	
<i>People</i>	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>The sinless one to Jordan came (v. 4)</i>	Hymnal # 120
<b>Homily</b>		The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove
<b>The Renewal of Baptismal Vows</b>		Book of Common Prayer p. 292
<b>Prayers of the People: Form 3</b>		Book of Common Prayer p. 387
<b>Peace</b>		
<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>	
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	I Will Make All Things New	Mary McDonald
<b>Doxology (v. 3)</b>		Hymnal 380
<b>Great Thanksgiving</b>	Eucharistic Prayer B	
<i>The people remain standing.</i>		
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.	
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.	

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

Blue Songbook p. 75

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

*People Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.*

**Communion** *Sing praise to our Creator*

Hymnal # 295

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*Celebrant and People*

**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

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

## Hymnal # 616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
 2 He comes with succor speedily to those who suffer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
 5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
 2 to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow'rs, spring in his path to birth;  
 4 all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;  
 5 from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;

1 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
 3 before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
 5 the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

1 to take away transgression, and rule in equity,  
 2 whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight,  
 3 and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow,  
 4 his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end,  
 5 his Name shall stand forever, his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

**Dismissal****Postlude**

Little Prelude in C

JS Bach

**Prayer is available at the altar rail**

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**Those Who Serve:****11:00 am:****EMs:** Janet Beall, Jane Boritz; **Lector:** Jerry Taylor;**Intercessor:** Rachel Baughn; **Usher:** David Gribble;**Altar Guild:** Georgia Bethel, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tawanna Dutton;**Altar Linens:** Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Nursery:** Jean Gora, Kathy Marcel;**VPOD:** Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Jan Freeman; **Videographer:** Mike Gora;**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 after each service **January 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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 (forms can be found on the credenza in the Narthex) and return to the Office.

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.

**Absentee Ballots**- 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.

**Pledge cards** – If you have not yet completed and returned your pledge card for 2026, do not fear! You still have time. If you did not receive a pledge card and would like one, blank ones along with Time and Talent forms are located on the table near the choir room in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

**Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am service. There will be a covered dish luncheon. Signup sheets will be posted in the hallway so please let us know if you will attend and what dish you'd like to bring. Please also let us know if you are able to help setup and/or cleanup.

**Deadline for Monthly Newsletter**—the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights** - no later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

**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!

**SAVE THE DATE:** 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 go online at Redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.

**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.

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin, Announcements and Weekly Highlights-  
Wednesday by 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 **January 13, 2026** are:

Town: Linda Milt

City: Aline Conley

Tusquittee: David & Teresa Gribble

## 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, 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 Miller, Randy Emberg, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Jacob Halfon, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Don Roman, Eileen Adams, Lynne and Mark Walter, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Jack Hungerford, Lynne Blanks, Steven Harper, Pat and Candi List, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Chris Stringer*

### **Good Shepherd Ministries:**

This week we pray for *The Meals for Friends Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

## Calendar

### Monday

#### *January 12*

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Library Maintenance
10:45 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

### Tuesday

#### *January 13*

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

### Wednesday

#### *January 14*

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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

#### *January 15*

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

### Friday

#### *January 16*

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

### Saturday

#### *January 17*

No Scheduled Events

### Sunday

#### *January 18*

***Second Sunday after the Epiphany***  
***Vestry Voting!***

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (I)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist (II)
12:00 pm	Lunch & Cursillo (Parish Hall)
12:00 pm	EM & EV Meeting





## **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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