Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King



Sunday, November 22, 2026

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. 323

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

Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The Psalm Psalm 100

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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. Bill Breedlove

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Confession of Sin 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

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

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

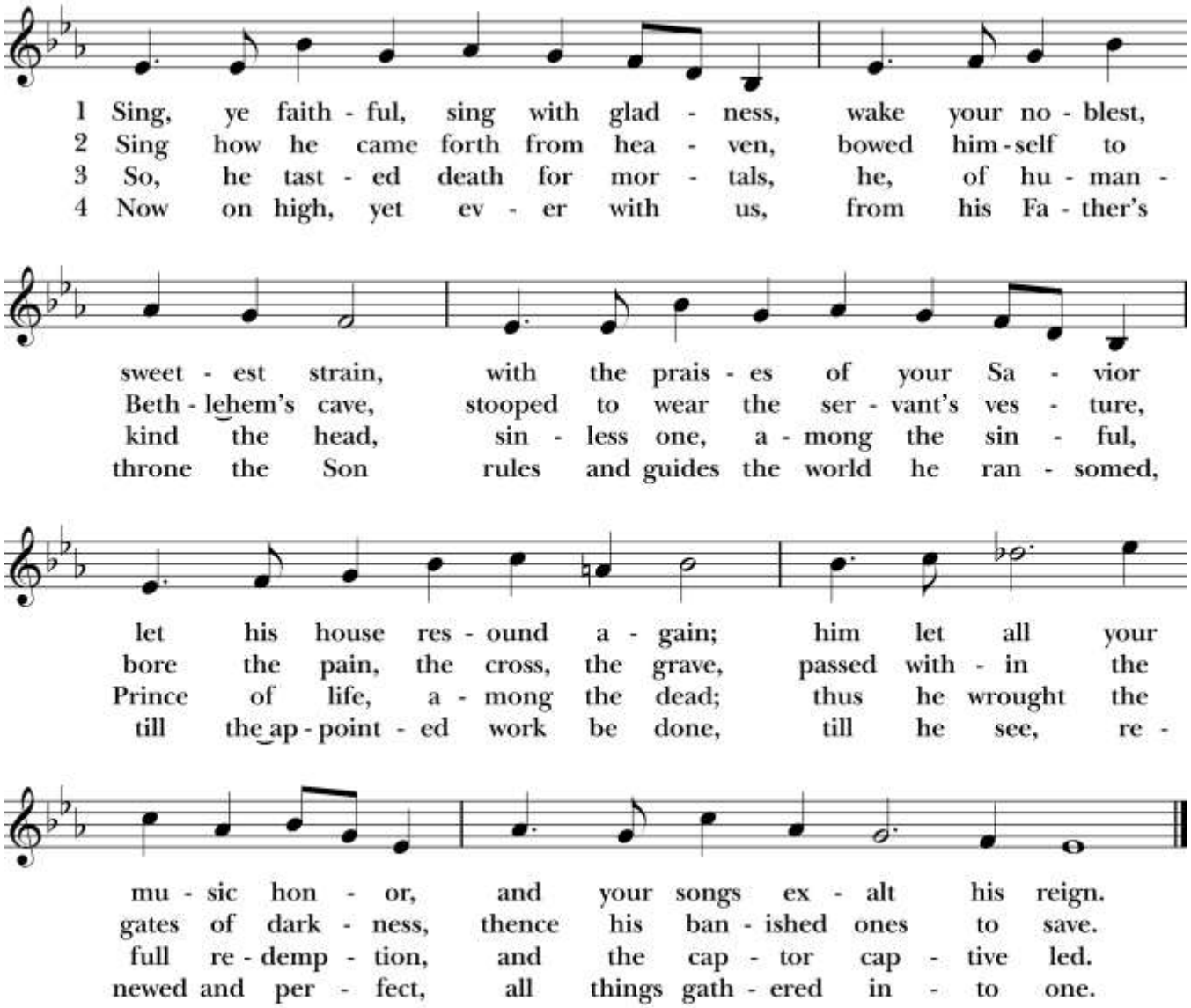
Those Who Serve:
9:00am

EMs: Deanna DuBose, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Kathy Rarey; **Intercessor:** Jerry Taylor;
Usher: Paul Swanson; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss; **VPOD:** Fr. Bill;
Ingles cards: Barb Field; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Come, Ye Thankful People, Come arr. Ted Smith and Don Hustad

Processional *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* Hymnal 492



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Salutation

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

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*.

The Gloria Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Hymn *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (vs. 1-2)* Hymnal 440



Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Hymn *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (v. 3)* Hymnal 440

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form III Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Confession of Sin Book of Common Prayer p. 393

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 Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Gordon Young

Doxology *(v. 3)* Hymnal 380

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer 361

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.*

Celebrant

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:

Sanctus S-125

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer



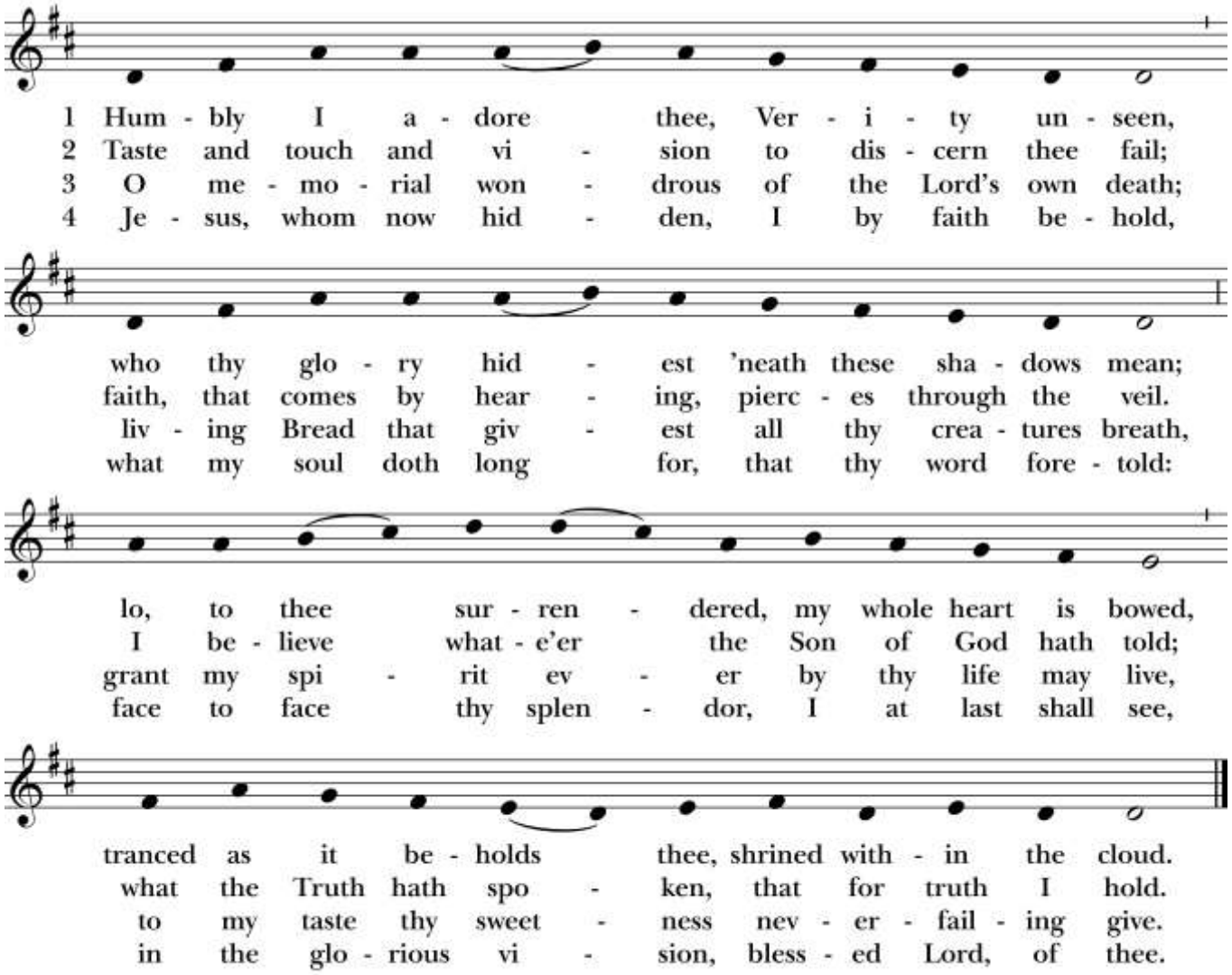
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation to Communion

Communion *Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen* Hymnal 314



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Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes



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Dismissal

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Paul Manz

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:
11:00 am

EMs: David Cady, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** David Cady; **Usher:** Jean Gora;
Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;
Intercessor: Furie Soles; **Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson;
Nursery: Liz Rybicki, Hattie Sheehy; **VPOD:** Jeff King; **Ingles cards**: Jeff King;
Videographer: Ron Dutton; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley;
Greeter: Jeanine Craig



Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 1:00pm. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

Christmas Care – There's still time to support Christmas Care of Clay County! How can you help? Good Shepherd has once again put up a Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex; when you make a donation in any amount, you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks out to Good Shepherd with *Christmas Care* on the memo line.

Holiday Reminiscing and your Family Stories is scheduled in our Parish Hall on **Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Coffee will be served beginning at 9:30am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information hallway bulletin board. Join fellow parishioner and storyteller Kanute Rarey in discussing how, when and where to tell your family stories this holiday season. What family history could you talk about this holiday? What's the best story about you that you haven't told your family yet? What do you want your family to remember and pass down to others? Invite friends and come and enjoy the morning with others preparing for the holidays. Bring memorabilia for inspiration.

On **Monday, November 23 at 2 PM**, you are invited to **decorate the Good Shepherd Christmas Tree** at the **Georgia Mountain Fairground Exhibit Hall**.

Morning Prayer – Please join us on **Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 AM** for Morning Prayer and then stay for Thanksgiving Day lunch to follow. A lunch sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway.

You are cordially invited to join us on **Thanksgiving Day at 11:30am** for an amazing feast! Church will be suppling turkey, ham, stuffing, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and smiling faces ☺ Please, sign-up in the Parish Hallway so that we can make sure we've got plenty of different food for everyone.

Advent Quiet Day - The holidays are upon us, and we have again the opportunity to set aside some time for quiet reflection and personal spiritual enrichment, before we get totally engulfed in the frenetic activities of the season. Our Quiet Day will be **Saturday, December 5th, 10:00 am – 12pm**, in the Parish Hall. The time is designed to be spent in silence, with contemplative music and a few brief meditations. The writing and addressing of Christmas cards might be done during this time. But any quiet, individual activity (knitting, needlework), or reading could be done also. Bring your own supplies for your activity or project. At noon, we will break our silence and share a pot-luck lunch.

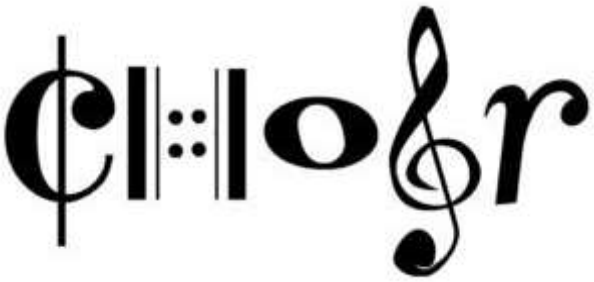
Beverages will be provided. Please bring a food item to share. This is an opportunity to invite a friend or relative to join us. All are welcome. Any questions can be directed to Bev.

Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026.
Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org

Blue Christmas – Monday, December 21 at 11am. For many, failing health, financial changes, the loss of a loved one, and other losses can make the holiday season one filled with sadness, grief, and despair instead of joy and hope. We come together this day in the presence of God to support each other, to hear God's words of hope, to receive the laying on of hands and prayer, and to be strengthened for the days ahead through receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome. A simple lunch will follow. This gathering is sponsored by the Good Shepherd Healing Prayer Ministry. Contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Annual Meeting – Ministry heads, this is your 1st notice to please submit your ministry report for the annual meeting to Amanda no later than Monday, December 28th.

Choir News



12/12 at 5pm, the Valley River Ringers! Free, please spread the word

12/13 is our cantata, Christmas Presence, 11am service

12/17 choir goes caroling at Desoto Square time TBD

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 **November 24, 2026** are:

Town:	Aline Conley
City:	Keith & Suzy Christensen
Tusquittee:	Dave & Barb Field

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit , Ann Wolf, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Jim Redmond, Cooper Godfrey, Jay Miller, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Jose and Mili Arias, Helga Reaves, Janet Beall , Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Kim Whitehearst, John Notchie, Pat and Graham Dixon, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, the Waters family, Clyde Taylor, Wendy Lubers, Elise Curl, Diane Welton, Gail Criss

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Eucharistic Ministers* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday
November 23

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday
November 24

Meals for Friends

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
12:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
5:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Undercroft)
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday
November 25

9:00 am	Parish Life Set-up (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday
November 26

Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

11:00am	Morning Prayer Service
11:30am	Thanksgiving Feast (Parish Hall)

Friday
November 27

Church Office Closed

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)

Saturday
November 28

9:00 am	Advent Quiet Day (Parish Hall)

Sunday
November 29

1 Advent

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 pm	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)



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Schedule of Chrisimas Services

CHRISTMAS WEEK

20TH- 9 & 11AM	4th Sunday of Advent
21ST- 11AM	Blue Christmas
23RD- 12PM	Holy Eucharist
24TH- 4PM	Christmas Eve Service
24TH- 10PM	Christmas Eve Social
24TH- 11PM	Christmas Eve Service
25TH- 9AM	Christmas Day Service
25TH- 2PM	Christmas Dinner
27TH- 9 / 11AM	HE (1) / Lessons & Carols

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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 Lewis, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
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: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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