

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 26, 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. 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 Summary of the Law Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings (See 11:00 service)

The First Lesson Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

The Psalm Psalm 84:1-6

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Holy Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 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: Amy Nicolson, Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Mary Anne Koos;

Intercessor: Michael Wright; **Usher:** Kathy Wright; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

VPOD: David Gribble; **Ingles cards:** Dave Field

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Trusting Jesus

J. Kilpatrick

Processional

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Hymnal 535

Descant

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and
 2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -
 3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be
 4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in
 fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -
 ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our
 Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.
 ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.
 u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.
 ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

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Salutation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People *Glory to God for ever and 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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
 and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name;
 do not forsake us!
Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

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

Psalms 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God (vs. 1-2)

Hymnal 398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

*Celebrant
People*

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Hymn *I sing the almighty power of God (v3)* Hymnal 398

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form 6 Book of Common Prayer p. 392

Confession 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.

Absolution Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory

Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship I*The people remain standing*

<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 our thanks and praise.</i>

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

Blue Songbook pg. 75

Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Communion *The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymnal 645

The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and pastoral. The lyrics are arranged in six lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The first line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The second line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The third line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The fourth line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The fifth line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The sixth line of music has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps.

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

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

1 Let us, with a glad - some mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
 2 Let us blaze his Name a - broad, for of gods he is the God:
 3 He with all - com - mand - ing might filled the new-made world with light:
 4 He the gold - en - tress - ed sun caused all day his course to run:
 5 The horn-ed moon to shine by night, mid her span-gled sis - ters bright:

Refrain
 for his mer - cies ay en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

6 All things living he doth feed,
 his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
 praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain

Words: John Milton (1608-1674); para. Psalm 136. Music: *Monkland*, melody from *Freylinghausen*, 1704; adapt. John Antes (1740-1811; arr. John Bernard Wilkes (1785-1869).

Dismissal

Postlude

Celebration

R. Thompson

Prayer is available at the altar.

Flowers are given today in thanksgiving for the life of Sharon Sanderson.

Those who serve:

11:00 am

EMs: David Cady, Jane Boritz; **Lector:** Jerry Taylor; **Intercessor:** Laurel Adams; **Usher:** Kim Brabon; **Altar Guild:** Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson; **Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson; **Nursery:** Judy Bourne, Hattie Sheehy; **Flower Guild:** Helga Reaves; **Videography:** Jay Miller, **VPOD:** Phil Cox; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King; **Greeter:** Mili Arias

Christian Education

Wednesday- Lectionary Bible Study

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

1Peter 4:10 – Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

Have you made your choices regarding how you might continue the generosity and service that is the legacy of Good Shepherd? If you have not already done so, please return your pledge cards and Time and Talent choices to the church (to the office or in the drop box in the Narthex) by **November 2**. That is Ingathering Day, when we thank God for the many blessings he provides, and which allow us to bless others with our gifts of time, talents and treasures. There will be **one service of Holy Eucharist that day at 10:00 AM** with a parish brunch to follow. Good Shepherd will provide ham and biscuits. Please bring a side dish to share. Signup sheets are in the hallway.

Put your Halloween costumes on and join us for a night of family fun! Please join us on Friday, **October 31st (set-up begins at 4:00 pm)** on the Hayesville Square. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. **CANDY DONATIONS will be collected thru Wednesday, October 29th!!!** Questions? Please contact Pam Roman @ 828-332-1211.

We will be **collecting pet donation items** needed for local animal organizations in honor of St. Francis throughout the month of October. More information can be found in the October Newsletter, on the bulletin board in the information hallway, or by the collection bin, located in the Parish Hall, where if led, you may leave your donation.

Good Shepherd is a major supporter of **Christmas Care**, a program that helps provide clothing to children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of 430 children and this year hopes to match or exceed last year’s \$90.00 per child amount,

but it all depends on donations.

How can you help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a **Thanksgiving tree** in the Narthex during November; when you make a donation in any amount you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. God is so good to us, one way we can give thanks is to cover our Thanksgiving tree with ornaments!

Come join is for our **Christmas Cards** class on **Thursday, November 13th from 12:30p - 4:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Create beautiful cards your family and friends will love to receive! You will be able to make 5 cards, choosing from 8 designs! Cost is \$15. If you have time, additional cards can be purchased for \$3 per card. No experience necessary. Supplies will be provided. Sign up in the information hallway.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

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.

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 **October 28, 2025** are:

Town: Aline Coney

City: Jan Freeman

Tusquittee: David & Teresa Gribble

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, Ella Angelillo, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Helen NaiSmith, Teresa and David Gribble, Mary Strange, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Sallie Free, Meagan Borro, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Meghan Hoffer, Kelly Crawford, Jim Toncos, Randy Emberg, Mere Samsil, Lillian Mann, Eileen Adams, Bruce Beall, Jay Miller, Andrew Fairweather, Bob Wilkerson, Lynne Blanks, Gracie Wilkinson, Doug Stuart, Mike Gora, Gayle Graziano, Rick Sanderson & family, Amy Center, Dr. Brian Mitchell, Gail Rose, Jacob Halfon*

Good Shepherd Ministries – This week we pray for *The Birthday Card Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday
October 27

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
11:00 am	Private Group

Tuesday
October 28

10:00 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	BOTF
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
7:00 pm	Soaking Prayer

Wednesday
October 29

9:00 am	Exercise
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday
October 30

6:45 am	Order of St. George
10:00 am	Yoga
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Friday
October 31

	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
9:00 am	Exercise Class
5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Hayesville Square)

Saturday
November 1

No Scheduled Events

Sunday
November 2

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm	Ingathering Brunch (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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