



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Weekly Highlights

February 6, 2026



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Christian Education

Episcopal 101

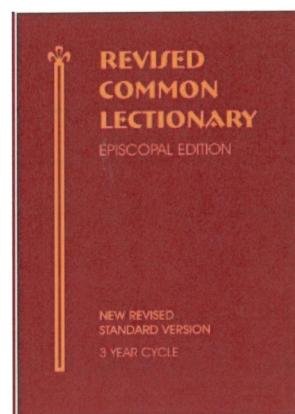
This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church. If you are new to the Episcopal Church— its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Your Vestry and the **Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund** Board of Trustees invite you to join them for a **catered dinner on Friday, March 13th** in the Parish Hall. Watch for details on the bulletin board and in future Sunday bulletins.

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 10, 2026** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Lou Lanwermeyer
<u>City:</u>	Suzy Christensen
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	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, Jacob Halfon, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne (Jean-ee) Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit (Bros-zite), Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez (Da-lease), Janice Lemaire (Le-mair), Anne Hourdequin, Mere (Mary) Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Randy Emberg, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Jack Hungerford, 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

Good Shepherd Ministries -

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



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:00am:

EMs: Deanna DuBose, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Michael Wright;
Intercessor: Susanne Treacy; **Usher:** Paul Swanson; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss;
VPOD: Aline Conley; **Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki
Flower Guild: Barb Field

11:00 am:

EMs: Sharon Kyser, Janet Beall; **Lector:** Jane Boritz;
Intercessor: Laurel Adams; **Usher:** Tom Griffiths;
Altar Guild: Georgia Bethel, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Tawanna Dutton;
Altar Linens: Carolyn Cline-Griffiths; **Nursery:** Kathy Marcel, Barb Field;
VPOD: Aline Conley; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field; **Videographer:** Glenn Marcel;
Greeter: Kevin Conley

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Leader: Joe Rybicki
Prayer Minister: Beth Hitchcock

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Altar Guild: Gail Criss



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday

February 9

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

Tuesday

February 10

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire

Wednesday

February 11

9:00 am	Exercise
11:00 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Thursday

February 12

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

Friday

February 13

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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Saturday

February 14

Sunday

February 15

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

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Praise the Lord!

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD,
WHO GREATLY DELIGHTS IN HIS COMMANDMENTS!
HIS OFFSPRING WILL BE MIGHTY IN THE LAND;
THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT WILL BE BLESSED.
WEALTH AND RICHES ARE IN HIS HOUSE,
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.
LIGHT DAWNS IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT; HE IS

gracious, merciful and righteous.

IT IS WELL WITH THE MAN WHO DEALS GENEROUSLY
AND LENDS; WHO CONDUCTS HIS AFFAIRS WITH JUSTICE.
FOR THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER BE MOVED;
HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER.
HE IS NOT AFRAID OF BAD NEWS;
HIS HEART IS FIRM, TRUSTING IN THE LORD.
HIS HEART IS STEADY; HE WILL NOT BE AFRAID,
UNTIL HE LOOKS IN TRIUMPH OVER HIS ADVERSARIES.
HE HAS DISTRIBUTED FREELY; HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR;
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER; HIS HORN IS

exalted in honor.

PSALM 112:1-9

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