THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AND

RALEIGH MENNONITE CHURCH

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025 at 10:15 AM



It is with great joy that two communities of faith join together as one today in love to celebrate, to worship and to enjoy fellowship!

Clergy

The Rev. Melissa Florer-Bixler
Pastor, Raleigh Mennonite Church

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser
Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Justin Gabbard
Associate Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd

Are You Visiting Today?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: Shall We Gather at the River**?** Charles Callahan

Introit: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart Hal Hopson

Processional Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell Hymnal 377

Organ Introduction, congregation sings a cappella. Choir sings first verse dispersed among the congregation. Procession begins at the start of verse 2.

Gathering Sentences

Leader:	If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,	Lider:	Si se siente muy a gusto aquí, o si està cansado o preocupado,
People:	**you are welcome.**	**Grupo:**	**¡Bienvenido!**
Leader:	If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,	Lider:	Si su fé es fuerte, o si su fé està maltratada o fràgil,
People:	**you are welcome.**	**Grupo:**	**¡Bienvenido!**
Leader:	If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet.	Lider:	Si està ansioso por adorar a Dios, o si necesita estar en silencio,
People:	**you are welcome.**	**Grupo:**	**¡Bienvenido!**
All:	**God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.**	**Todos:**	**Dios nos da la bienvenida a todos para adorarle y nos promete estar con nosotros aquí hoy.**

The Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

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.

A Song of Praise: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (verses 1 and 2) Hymnal 410

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 300

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel and Godly Play

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Chapel and Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson **Isaiah 62:1-5**

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of
your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Lord, Who at Cana's Wedding Feast Dietrich Buxtehude

Lord, who at Cana's wedding feast Didst as a Guest appear, Thou dearer far than earthly guest, Vouchsafe Thy presence here. For holy Thou in deed dost prove The marriage vow to be, Proclaiming it a type of love Between the Church and Thee. This holy vow that man can make, The golden thread in life, The bond that none may dare to break, That bindeth man and wife, Which, blest by Thee, whate'er betides, No evil shall destroy, Through care-worn days each care divides And doubles ev'ry joy.

Jennifer Seiger, mezzo-soprano Pamela Nelson, flute

The Gospel **John 2:1-11**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Pastor Melissa Florer-Bixler

Sharing Time

The Prayers of the People, Form VI BCP, p. 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially for Raleigh Mennonite Church, The Church of the Good Shepherd, and all Christian communities whom the Spirit gathers in unconditioned welcome and reconciliation. We lift up our clergy, our ministry leaders, our youth, our children, and those yet to come into our midst.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Kirk Andrews and Glenda Holloway.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All **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.**

The Absolution BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: All are welcome *(the congregation is invited to sing)* Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace, here the love of Christ shall end division: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome in this place.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology Old Hundredth

Invitation to the Communion Table

Leader: The table has been prepared,
as Jesus requested,
and we are invited to the meal.

People: Come to the table—

Leader: like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve,
like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God's reign.

People: Come to the table—

Leader: like Martha, hosting and leading with confidence,
like Mary, full of love and grief.
People: Come to the table—
Leader: like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious,
like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.
People: Come to the table—
Leader: Jesus offers the bread and the cup.
People: Come to the table of Christ.
Leader: May God by with you!
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God.
People: It is good to give thanks and praise.
Leader: It is a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One.
With your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal 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.

Leader: O God, Ancient of Days,
your love brought galaxies into being,
summoned water and sky, earth and all creatures,
and made us in your image.
Through the ages you have cared for all you created.
When we wandered, you called us to return to you.
In the fullness of time, you sent us the Messiah, Jesus Christ,
to teach the law of love.
He lived what he taught
and loved his enemies to the end.
In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived,
laid down, and took up again for us.

Send you Spirit upon us
so that the bread we break and the cup we share
may be the communion of the body of Christ.
Send your Spirit upon us
so that we can live, conformed to Christ,
who taught us to pray…

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,
"When you share bread together,
remember me."

All: **Blessed are you, abundant God,**
for you made bread to strengthen us:
you gave us this bread as a sign of your body.
Let our sharing be a taste
of the bread of heaven that feeds the word. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant.
When you drink it together,
remember me."

All: **Blessed are you, bountiful God,**
for you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us;
you gave us this cup as a sign of your blood.
Let our sharing be a taste of the wine we shall drink
in your joyful feast. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation and Communion

Communion Hymns:

Let us break bread together on our knees — Hymnal 325

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness — Hymnal 339

Post Communion Hymn: O day of peace that dimly shines — Hymnal 597

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Leader In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

All: **In deep gratitude**
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Send us
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, God, may we glorify you
as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of heaven. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah — Hymnal 690

The Dismissal — BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

Please join us immediately following this service in Shepherd's Hall for our annual Chili Cook Off and fellowship. All are welcome!

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jennifer Tlusty in loving memory of John & Virginia Keaton and Johnnie Keaton.

Serving Today

Ushers	Jack and Nan Boyne
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Ali Cherry and Ella Grayce Cherry
Intercessor & Chalicist	Jennifer Tlusty
Livestream & Sound	Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jane Mayhew; Janet Watrous; Rebecca Lamb; Kathy Acton; Reginald Fuller; Elise Abernathy; Mike Newton-Ward; Derek Tahj'e Corron; Gary Blaettler; Pam Zullinger; Carrie Petr; David Lovelace; Glenda Farmer; Judith Fernandez; Pete Crum; Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Dorothy Allen Smith; The Andrews Family; The Holloway Family; the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires, especially those impacted by Hurricane Helene and wildfires in Southern California.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Kirk Andrews and Glenda Holloway.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill; Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill; Church of the Advocate, Chapel Hill.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Use the QR code to the right to give online.
Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.

Good Shepherd Announcements for Sunday, January 19

Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!

Today

In addition to today's services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15 AM:

- At 9 AM
  - **Sunday School for Kids** (4-12 yo)
  - **Adult Formation –** *How to Read the Bible* led by Debbie Moyer in the Ennis Suite *(please read more about it on the reverse side)*
- At 10:15 AM
  - **Children's Chapel & Godly Play**
- At 11:30 AM
  - **Annual Chili Cook Off & Fellowship**
- At 5:30 PM
  - **Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)**

January at a Glance

Please see the parish newsletter for details

January 2025	
19	• Joint Worship with RMC at 10:15 AM • Chili Cook Off & Fellowship at 11:30 AM
20	Parish Office Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
22	Eucharist Service at 12 Noon
25	Out and About Supper Group at 5 PM
26	• Combined Worship Service at 9 AM • Annual Meeting at 10:15 AM *Nursery, Kids' Sunday School, Children's Chapel & Godly Play will be available today!*
29	Eucharist Service at 12 Noon

Don't Miss the Annual Chili Cook Off Today!

Come join the fun in Shepherd's Hall as we taste the outstanding offerings of our beloved chili makers! Yummy cornbread will complete the meal. Will Gigi Giersch retain her chili crown? Come find out! You'll also have the opportunity to meet our vestry nominees.

Out & About on Saturday, January 25th

OUT & ABOUT is a longstanding Supper Group at our Church of the Good Shepherd that affirms our LGBTQ families and friends. We gather monthly at a host's home for a potluck supper, fun & fellowship. **Contact: Brother Paul Henry, OSF at 954.448.8931**

Next Gathering: Saturday, January 25th at 5 PM
Where: 391 Virginia Water Drive, Rolesville 27571
Host: Brother Paul Henry, OSF

Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 26th

On the 26th, we'll have one combined worship service at 9 AM, immediately followed by the Parish Meeting in the church. Nursery, Kids' Sunday School, Children's Chapel & Godly Play will be available.

The parish is richly blessed to have a slate of most wonderful vestry nominees for this year's election, to be held during the Parish Annual Meeting. Nominees are

- Drew Elliot
- Jason Hingerton
- Harry Johnson
- Susan Lewellen
- Michael Riddle

To the Women of the Church

The Daughters of the King will be hosting a short "get to know us" on Sunday, February 2nd in the Ennis Suite, immediately following the 10:15 worship service. If you are curious, come, ask questions, and get to know us...what we are about and what we do. **Contact: Mary Jezierny (919.243.0826)**

Adult Formation @ 9 AM During January

How to Read the Bible

Led by Debbie Moyer in the Ennis Suite

Start the new year with us as we explore how to read and understand the Bible. You may feel like a novice and don't know how to start, or you may be looking for opportunities for spiritual growth and deepening your Bible reading and study. This four-week class will cover a variety of topics and methods and resources:

1. Bible Overview - What's in the Bible and how do I find it? We'll explore the parts of the Bible, the types of literature in it, and the time frame and timeline.
2. Translations - What's the difference between different Bibles, and which one is best for me? This is a great opportunity to read and compare different translations of familiar Bible passages.
3. Study Aids - What can help me understand the Bible? We'll explore different types of helps and sources for these (including online resources).
4. How to Read and Understand the Bible - Where do I start? We'll explore various options for reading, studying, and gaining insight into the Scriptures. We'll look at plans, study options, and methods of contemplation.

Throughout the month we'll share about what works for us, what are the areas where we struggle, and where we want to develop/ learn/ grow in our Bible-reading.

Needed: Men's Winter Clothing and More!

Cleaning out your closets? Food Not Bombs is a long-running mutual aid group in need of men's winter clothes and shoes, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, underwear, sleeping bags, and tents for distribution every Saturday in Moore Square. Items should be clean and in decent condition. Please place your donations in the labeled bins in the PLC foyer during church and Parish Office hours. **Contact Bethany Pergerson** (bethany.pergerson@gmail.com) with any questions! Thanks for helping us spread the warmth!

Did You Order 2025 Pledge Envelopes?

Don't forget to pick up your envelopes! They're ready for you to pick up at the Front Desk in the Parish Life Center.

Church Mouse - Volunteers Needed!

The Church Mouse Program is a program of volunteers who reach out to young adult members of our parish in their first year away from home (college, military, etc). Each volunteer joins a team of CGS members and our goal is that each volunteer is in charge of one care package over the course of a year. This helps to keep our young people connected to the Good Shepherd community and know that we are cheering for them and praying for them as they go out on their own for the first time. Interested in helping? Contact: Karen Boyne karenboyne@hotmail.com

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All Are Welcome Here

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

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