

# GOOD SHEPHERD

*Episcopal Church and School*



*Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist  
*Rite Two*

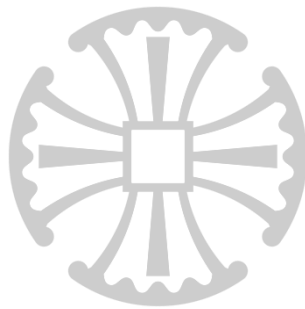
December 5, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

## MISSION

We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

## VISION

We are called to be a vibrant spiritual and educational community resource, radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere.



## WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School. We are glad you decided to join us for worship this morning. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card in your bulletin and place it in the Offering Plate later in the service. After our worship, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. Visit our Information Desk to receive an olive wood cross from the Holy Land and learn more about the life and ministry we share together at Good Shepherd.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This morning we continue the season of Advent - the first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." During the season of Advent, our worship is focused on the themes of hope, waiting, and expectation.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST



## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

HYMN • 65 (stanzas 1&2) *Prepare the way, O Zion*

*Before the final stanza of the entrance hymn, the procession will pause for the lighting of the advent wreath.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.  
*People* **O come, Emmanuel.**

*Celebrant* The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd.  
*People* **He will gather the lambs in his arms.**

*The first two Advent candles are lighted.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God of hope, creator and sustainer of all that is, you hold all things in your hands. May the light of your holy presence fill our hearts, our minds, and our lives as we await your coming in power and great glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN • 65 (stanza 3) *Prepare the way, O Zion*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

TRISAGION • WLP 843 *Sung three times*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

CANTICLE 16 - THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH (*Luke 1: 68-79*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight  
    all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

THE SERMON    The Rev. Derek Larson

*A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.*

*The people stand*

## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Almighty and loving God, in whom we put our hope and trust, come quickly and hear the prayers of your people.

O Christ, Redeemer of us all,

**We pray you hear us when we call.** *(From Advent Hymn 60)*

Fill the Church throughout the world with wisdom, understanding, and courage, that we may beckon the coming of your kingdom and be ready on the day of the Lord. On this first Sunday of the month, we pray especially for the Altar Guild.

*Silence*

To us the path of knowledge show,

**and teach us in her ways to go.** *(From Advent Hymn 56)*

Make your presence known upon the earth and satisfy creation's longing for restoration, that all the lands of the world may be marked with peace, justice, and abundance.

*Silence*

Savior of the nations, come!

**Virgin's Son, make here your home.** *(From Advent Hymn 54)*

Guide the leaders of this land in the ways of righteousness, that discord, selfishness, and hatred may give way to unity, service, and love.

*Silence*

Bid thou sad divisions cease,

**and be thyself our King of peace.** *(From Advent Hymn 56)*

Permeate our communities and neighborhoods with a sense of collaboration and compassion, that Tequesta, Jupiter, Hobe Sound, and Juno Beach may be places of genuine community and welcome.

*Silence*

And let each heart prepare a home,

**where such a mighty guest may come** *(From Advent Hymn 76)*

Breathe life into all your children experiencing physical or emotional distress, hunger, loneliness, injustice, or oppression, that we may find healing, comfort, and relief from our affliction.

*Silence*

Born to set thy people free,

**let us find our rest in thee.** *(From Advent Hymn 66)*

Receive into your loving arms all those who have died, [especially Richard,] that your promise of everlasting life may be fulfilled.

*Silence*

Rule in all our hearts alone,  
**raise us to thy glorious throne.** *(From Advent Hymn 66)*

We bring before you our own hopes, concerns, and praises.

*The congregation is encouraged to offer additional prayers of petition, intercession and thanksgiving.*

O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
**We pray you hear us when we call.** *(From Advent Hymn 60)*

Let us pray now for our own parish family.

**Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of Good Shepherd truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Concluding Collect *(prayed by celebrant)*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you as you celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and always. **Amen.**

### THE OFFERTORY

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Although we are not able to pass the alms basins at this time, you may place your gifts in the offering plates at the back of the church. You are also invited and encouraged to continue your support of the mission of the Church through online giving or by mailing your offerings to the church office.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Comfort Ye My People*

from *The Messiah* by Handel

*The people stand.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to you O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that comes -

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People and Celebrant*

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM • LEVAS 270

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

## **THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

*Every Valley*

John Ness Beck

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*All stand*

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN • 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 5, 2021

Visit [GoodShepOnline.org](https://GoodShepOnline.org) for comprehensive information.

- **Find meaning in the Advent season through Morning Prayer.** Each weekday at 9:00 AM you can participate online through the link on the Prayer page under the Worship tab at GoodShepOnline.org.
- **Generosity 2022.** The wholehearted response to this stewardship campaign is truly an expression of your Why! Thank you for allowing us to continue to be a beacon of Faith, Hope, and Love. If you give with a recurring electronic gift, we would still appreciate your estimate for the new year so that we can plan appropriately. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and you can always pledge online on our Giving Page. Thank you! [GoodShepOnline.org/Giving](https://GoodShepOnline.org/Giving)
- **Theological Book Study (TBS) for Advent meets on Tuesdays at 5:30.** This 4-week program will read Amy Jill Levine's "Light of the World" (available on Amazon) which explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. All are welcome. **You can even join the group from home on Zoom!** Please come to the next meeting having read the third chapter. The Zoom link will post on the Study page of our website under the Grow tab.
- **Home Communion** is available for those unable to come to church. Please contact the church office so that we may arrange for a home visit. 561-746-4674
- **Christmas Service Schedule has posted.** *December 24*, Family Service at 4:00 PM, Festive Candlelight Eucharist at 7:00 PM, and Solemn Choral Eucharist at 10:00 PM. *December 25*, Christmas Eucharist at 10:00 AM.
- **Christmas Flowers can be ordered online.** Christmas flowers in memory or in thanksgiving may be made now through December 20. The form can be found on the Christmas page under the worship tab.
- **Food Packing for Haiti Online Registration is OPEN!** Good Shepherd has a goal of registering at least 40 volunteers to support this outreach effort. Bring a friend and join us for the fun.
- **Good Shepherd Toy Drive is in full swing.** Please bring unwrapped toys to the Good Shepherd School lobby or the church office.
- **Artie's Party Save the Date.** The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Artie's party will be held February 22, 2022. All proceeds of this annual fundraiser benefit our outreach program. An event you won't want to miss.
- **Grow Sunday will feature special guest, The Rev. Canon Licia Affer.** The next Rector's Forum will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> and will cover the topic of Practicing Theology.

## OUR STAFF

The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf, *Rector*  
The Rev. Derek Larson, *Assistant Rector*  
Merike Seely, *Parish Administrator*  
Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds, *Music Director*  
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Erik Pariseleti, *Technology Coordinator*  
Evelyn Seely, *Digital Media Assistant*  
Ann Ballard, *Volunteer Office Assistant*  
Mary Lou Crifasi, *Volunteer Office Assistant*

## OUR VESTRY

Heather Graham, *Senior Warden*  
Mike Howard, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Chittum, *Clerk*  
Mike Greene, *Treasurer*  
  
Beth Bohnsack  
Beverley Cunningham  
Gwen Gouéry  
Kathy Hawken  
Steve Pollard  
Tracy Smith  
Rob Taylor  
Matt Ulman

## TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Derek Larson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Clayton Scharf, Megan Smith, Sophie Riddle, Grady Scharf
<b>Verger</b>	Tracy Smith
<b>Reader</b>	Peggy Chittum
<b>Ushers</b>	Cameille, Walch, Tom Walch
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandy English, John English
<b>Vocalists</b>	Ian Anderson, Peter Carras & Debbie White
<b>Organist</b>	Timm Johnson-Reynolds
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marion Downing, Judy Collins
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Dave Loetell





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