

GOOD SHEPHERD

Episcopal Church and School



*Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light.*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist

Rite Two

November 27, 2022 ♦ 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.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

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.*



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 pew 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 begin 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 • 58 (stanzas 1-3) *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending!*

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 kingdom of God is drawing near.

People **O come, Emmanuel.**

Celebrant O Lord, you are our Father and we are the clay.

People **You are the potter and we are the work of your hand.**

The first Advent candle is 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 • 58 (stanza 4) *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

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 • S102 *Holy God, Holy and Mighty* (sung three times)

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 *sung by all*



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- 1 I was glad when they said to / me, *
"Let us go to the house of the / LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, O Je-/ rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at unity with it-/ self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the / LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je-/ rusalem: *
"May they prosper who / love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness within your / towers.

- 8 For my brethren and companions' / sake, *
I pray for your pros-/ perity.
- †9 Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
I will seek to do you / good."
†*Sung to the second half of the double chant*

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

HYMN • 73 *The King shall come when morning dawns*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Derek M. 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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Village of Tequesta, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people and the Church of Haiti in this turbulent and uncertain time. let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Bud Heithaus, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence.

With hope-filled hearts and confidence in your plan, we pray together for this time of transition.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on the people of Good Shepherd as we search for a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of our vestry and search committee, fill us with patience and confidence, strengthen us in this time of transition, enliven us to continue your good work, that we may be a beacon of faith, hope, and love in this place. And as we prepare this community for a new pastor, may a new pastor be prepared for this community; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Good Shepherd of your sheep. Amen.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

CONCLUDING COLLECT *Prayed by Celebrant*

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a moment.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *prayed by the Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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 OFFERING

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

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Good Shepherd's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. 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.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

When Will We See God's Son?

Stevens

The people stand.

DOXOLOGY • (blue Hymnal, 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer 1 – Enriching Our Worship*)

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

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 • S161

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

An Advent Prayer

Pote

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 Almighty God, by whose providence our savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN • 68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

POSTLUDE

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God.

The altar greens are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the blessing of my daughter Janice Fenwick on her birthday by Eleanore Browne.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 27, 2022

Visit GoodShepOnline.org for comprehensive information.

Generosity 2022. Have you returned your pledge card for 2023? These cards are important for planning purposes. If you haven't pledged yet, please submit yours online or with a paper card so we can confidently live into our mission of being a beacon of faith, hope, and love in 2023. 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

Guided Labyrinth Walk. Today, November 27, at 11:30 AM at the outdoor Labyrinth Garden. The next guided walk will be December 19, at 11:30 AM.

***TONIGHT* Advent Wreath Making.** Today, November 27, at 4:00 PM. Bring some fresh greens to create a seasonal wreath for lighting throughout the season. Wreathes will be blessed at the 5:00 Church on the Green service.

***TONIGHT* Church on the Green at 5:00 PM.** Spiritual Lessons from the Seasons of Nature and the Church. Second and fourth Sunday of each month outside on the field behind the Parish Hall. Bring a chair or blanket and your family and friends for this service with Holy Eucharist, music, and fellowship under the stars. **For this evening's service, if you would like a blessing on your advent wreath or calendar for this season's use, please bring it along!**

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.

Treasure Coast Youth Symphony. TOMORROW - Monday, November 28 at Good Shepherd. A Musical Feast with Holiday Flavor. Tchaikovsky, Handel, Stravinsky, Copland, Von Suppe, Williams and more... Doors open at 6:30. Concert begins at 7:00. \$10Adults; \$7 Students Cash only at door.

Good Shepherd School Poinsettia Fundraiser. Pick up your poinsettias on Tuesday, November 29 after 3:00 PM behind the Parish Hall.

On Tuesday, November 29 join the men of Good Shepherd for an evening of food, fun and fellowship at the Good Guys Grill. \$30/person. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Advent Program in 3 parts: A reading of Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. Beginning Wednesdays, November 30 – December 14 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 pm, followed by programs for children, youth and adults. Books will be available for a \$3 donation. Spend the Season of Advent preparing for a joyful Christmas.

The Theological Book Study concludes on Thursday, December 1 at 4:00 pm in the library. We will conclude our discussion of Brian McLaren's book *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned*. Contact Mary Lou Crifasi for more information. episcogal@gmail.com

Toy Drive: Good Shepherd Church and School are sponsoring a Toy Drive for children in need at Jupiter Elementary School. Consider donating an unwrapped toy for a child 5 – 10 years old. If you need ideas for gifts, scan the QR code to see the Wish List on Amazon. Please drop off the toys by December 5.



Morning Glories Christmas Brunch: All women of the church are invited to attend brunch on Friday, December 9 at 11:00 am at the Gallery Grill. \$30/person includes brunch, beverage, tax and tip. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Seating is limited so reserve early! All reservations must be made by December 5.

Join the Sunday Tech Team! We would love to introduce you to this important Good Shepherd ministry. Sound techs are needed for the 8:00 AM service. Livestream operators are needed for the 10:00 AM service. Visit the sound booth any Sunday morning for details. Sound enhances worship for everyone present, and Livestream makes church possible for people who can't be here in person or are looking for a church home. Training provided!

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

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Derek M. Larson
Acolyte Server	Megan Smith
Crucifer	Edgar Lail
Torch Bearers	Elliot Gouery, Kate Hanssen
Verger	Larry Smith
Reader	Lucille Lanpher
Intercessor	Michael Loomis
Eucharistic Ministers	Tracy Smith, Jim Couillard, Alicia Howard
Ushers	Andrea and Rob Taylor
Greeters	Susan and Greg Bendlin
Vocalists	Ian Anderson, Hector Mori, Lydia and Paul Schweizer, Debbie White and the Parish Choir
Organist	Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Altar Guild	Dawn Gasperino, Jeanne Couillard
Coffee Hour	Mike Howard

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