



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

February 19, 2026

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

8:00a Holy Eucharist & Great Litany Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00a Formation For All Ages

- Shepherd's Kids - kindergarten thru 3rd grade (LL Room 2)
- Faith Explorers - 4th thru 6th grade (LL Room 4)
- EYC - 7th thru 12th grade (LL Room 3)
- Parenting in the Pews (Shepherd's Nook)

9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

10:15a Holy Eucharist & Great Litany Worship (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

11:30p Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Hall)

12:00p Youth Choir (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

12:30p Vestry Meeting - Elect Officers (Parlor)

Weekday Worship:

Tuesdays at 12:00p - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Tuesdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)

Wednesdays at 5:30p - Contemplative Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Thursdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)



Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, February 22, 11:30a (Parish Hall)

Welcome your newest members of the Vestry and let the last group know how much you appreciate their hard work. Join us for our Annual Parish Meeting. We will recap the year past and look forward to 2026.



Great Litany on the First Sunday of Lent

This Sunday, February 22, 8:00 and 10:15a (Sanctuary)

Join us as we inaugurate the season of Lent with the praying of the Great Litany. Spoken at the 8:00a service and sung at the 10:15a service, the Great Litany is a form of intercessory prayer used since the 5th century. It was also the first English language rite prepared by Anglican Archbishop Thomas Cranmer.

Rite of Reconciliation

During Lent Beginning Tuesday, February 24 (Sanctuary)

The Rite of Reconciliation is a sacramental rite in which those who repent may confess their sins to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution (BCP, p. 861).

Good Shepherd clergy will offer this rite immediately following the Tuesday and Wednesday Eucharists during Lent, or by appointment.



Special Sunday Adult Forum

Sunday, March 1 (Atrium)

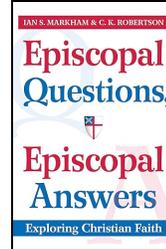
An exploration of the theological understanding of human nature and sin, and how the Anglican tradition approaches the sacramental role of confession and absolution. This class will be led by Christine+ and will consist of both sections and open discussion, with plenty of time reserved for questions.

Episcopal 101 Mini-Retreat

Friday, March 13 at 6:00p and Saturday, March 14 at 9:00a

A journey to explore faith, Episcopal tradition, and the promises made at baptism. These classes involve small group discussions, theological learning, and spiritual

formation for the laying on of hands by a bishop. Registration with Rev. Christine is required Christine.mendoza@good-shepherd.net. Please purchase your copy of [Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers](#) before the first class, so you can skim/read it.



Good Shepherd Returns to the Altar Rail

On Ash Wednesday, our congregation resumed the practice of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the altar rail. Communicants will approach the altar rail to receive the sacrament from a priest before moving to a Lay Eucharistic Minister to receive from a chalice. The altar rail is not just a divider from the sanctuary, but an extension of the people's altar. It is the place where we bring our own sacrifices as we wait to be united in communion with Our Lord and with each other. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please contact the [Reverend Redmond Self](#).



Lois Lightfoot Blood Drive

Sunday, March 15 (Parlor)

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, March 15, from 9 - 1:00 pm. There will be a sign-up table after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services on 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, and 3/8. **INOVA requires commitments from 30 people.** Walk-ups may be accepted, but **registering in advance is preferred.** The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones at dr_j433@yahoo.com.



Thank You, Good Shepherd!

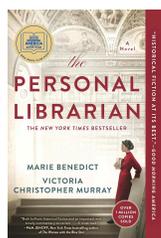
Great job, Good Shepherd! We collected over 500 pounds of food (and \$200 cash) during our Outreach "Have a Heart" food drive, most of which was donated to Food for Others, and the rest was kept back to supplement your weekly donations to our foyer food basket. Thank you for your generosity!



GS Players present *Something Rotten!*

February 27 thru March 8

Set in 1590s England, *Something Rotten!* follows two brothers who try to outdo William Shakespeare by writing the first musical ever (with hilarious results). They're helped by a soothsayer who can see the future of musical theatre, but his predictions are just a little bit...off. This Tony-winning show has it all: singing, dancing, and over-the-top comedy! Tickets available at the door or online at <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/gsmusic/something-rotten>. (This show is recommended for audiences age 13 and up!)



Text in Community

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30p (Zoom)

The March book selection for Text in Community is "*The Personal Librarian*" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation. [Click here to purchase today.](#)

From Your Flower Guild

While the nave will be free of flowers during the solemn Lenten season, the Flower Guild recognizes that important dates still occur to be remembered during those 40 days. The Sunday leaflet will still include those dedications of thanksgiving and memorial. While the Flower Guild enjoys a break from arranging flowers to the Glory of God, please know it is busy making plans for a glorious Easter! The sign-up board is in the Narthex close to the bell tower. Thanks for your continued support.



Musical Theatre Camp

Registration Now Open - Tell Your Friends!

Get ready for some fun this summer! Registration is now open for the Children's & Youth Music Ministry's three camps starting in July. This year, we are featuring Imagination Station, Frozen Jr., and Anastasia (Youth Edition). Reserve your spot today!



Good Shepherd Preschool is Enrolling for 2026-27

Welcoming kids 2.75 - 5 years old.

Good Shepherd Preschool has provided quality, play-based learning for over 50 years! One step inside our school will tell you that it's a special place - a place known for its nurturing environment and broad, enriching curriculum. Call 703-323-6120 or [email \(director@gspburke.com\)](mailto:director@gspburke.com) to schedule a tour.



Outreach Compassion Cards

Outreach Compassion Cards are available in the church office. Sending a card and making a donation to the Outreach Compassion Fund is a lovely way to let someone know you are holding them in your prayers.



Pilgrimage of England and Scotland with St. Peter's in the Woods

September 16-26, 2026

The Rev. Susan Hartzell invites you to join her and St. Peter's in the Woods on a pilgrimage tour of England and Scotland this coming September. They have some open spots on their trip and they wanted to share this opportunity with you. [Click here to see more details](#). Contact [Christine+](#) by mid-March if you are interested and I will connect you with Rev. Susan.



Be the Prayers of the People

For the special concerns of: Rita Farris, Thomas Morris, Dahl Kanold, Dianne Carman, Carol and Joe St. Germain, Landra, Dorien, Linda Fox, the Allard, Barker, Jillson, McGarry, Vitt, and Pettit families, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Samantha Kerr, Addie, Elijah, Pete Larsen, Ted Stevens, Linda Taylor, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil, Manuel Vega, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, Elisabeth Seye, David Jones, Steve Goldman, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Tom Allen, the Cronyn and Spence families, Christy Brown, Gabriel Neagle, Maryann Stinson, Elaine Sasser, Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Marlene Bekey,

Evangeline, Nancy Ehlike, Ida Portland, Steve and Diane Gaiser, Susan Marshall, the Raker family, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Rod McFadden, Kay Silver, Heather Bartee, Jenny Lundeen, Jenny Seguinot, Arline Easley, Sean, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Peter Marshall, Rick Guy, the Bowers family, Charlie Kemp, Thomas Morris, Lee McKenna, Mary Helman, Ray and Judy Caddell, Anne Jackson, Helen Demestihias, Doug Smith, Betty, David Chamberlain, Rachel Garff Burkett, Don Brown, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Maureen Murray, Linda, Max Dube and family, Carol Brock, George Brock, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Toddy Fox, Catherine Mitchell, Emily Leanne Bucur, Scot Allen, and Shannon Allen.

For those who have died: Kate Vitt, Molly DeVasher, Ron Campbell, Joanne Pettit, and Gloria Allard.

For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially Mark Jaskot, Ryan Brock, Richard Demy, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matt Allen, Michelle Miller, Kristine and Matt Hime, John Wildt, Christian Peter Grey, and Connor Miller.

Email [Redmond Self](#) to add a name or request a change to the parish prayer list.

Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for four Sundays, unless specifically requested as a long-term need.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, February 19

10:00a Flower Guild Captains' Meeting (Parlor)
12:30p SOS Luncheon (Milano's, Springfield)
1:00p Stronger Memory (Zoom)
2:00p Gospel of Matthew Bible Study (Parish Hall)
7:30p Finance Committee Meeting (LL Conference Room, Zoom)
8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Friday, February 20

Office closed
9:00a AA (Room 6)
11:00a Funeral for Ron Campbell (Sanctuary)
12:00p Reception for Ron Campbell (Parish Hall, Kitchen)
7:00p AA Happy Hour Group (Rooms 2, 6)

Saturday, February 21

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)
9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)
9:00a Youth Goes Snow Tubing (Meet at Church)

Sunday, February 22

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, February 23

Office closed
GS Players Reserved (LL Rooms 6, 2, Youth & Makeup)
9:00a AA (Room 6)
7:00p Ring & Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

Tuesday, February 24

GS Players Reserved (LL Rooms 6, 2, Youth & Makeup)
12:00p Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
12:30p Rite of Reconciliation
1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 25

GS Players Reserved (LL Rooms 6, 2, Youth & Makeup)
10:30a Staff Meeting (Sheads & Zoom)
5:30p Contemplative Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
6:15p Rite of Reconciliation (Sanctuary)
7:00p Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)
7:15p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

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Our Parish Mission and Vision

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a Christ-centered Episcopal community sharing God's love. We strive to Strengthen Faith, Build Community, and Serve Others.



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