



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Shepherd's Staff

March 5, 2026

**SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY!**

*Celebrating Community and Serving Others!*



### Sunday Schedule for March 8, 2026

#### Third Sunday in Lent

**8:00a Holy Eucharist 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 Worship** (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

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

2:00p *Something Rotten!* Performance (Parish Hall)

#### Weekday Worship:

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

**Tuesdays at 12:30 - Rite of Reconciliation** (Sanctuary)

**Tuesdays at 8:00p - Compline** (Zoom)

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

**Wednesdays at 6:15p - Rite of Reconciliation** (Sanctuary)

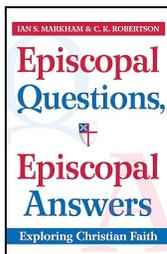
**Thursdays at 8:00p - Compline** (Zoom)

### SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY, March 8

*Get me to the church on time!*

**Turn clocks forward 1 hour before bed this Saturday night.**

Can you believe we are almost in the homestretch of winter blues? Spring is coming, and that brings longer days with more sunshine - more energy, better moods, and that feeling of possibility in the air.



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

### Rite of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays following Eucharists or By Appointment During Lent (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.



### Lois Lightfoot Blood Drive

**[RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW](#)**

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, March 15, from 9 - 1:00 pm. **INOVA requires commitments from 30 people.** The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). One blood donation can save up to three lives. And for each blood

## Lenten Organ Concert following Parish Breakfast

**Sunday, March 15 (Sanctuary)**

**From Penitence to Promise: A Lenten Organ Meditation** traces the spiritual arc of Lent from sober confession to quiet hope. The program opens with Matthias Weckmann's *Ach wir armen Sünder*, a poignant chorale meditation of repentance, and continues with three original works inspired by beloved hymn tunes and reflective prayer. The recital concludes with Josef Rheinberger's Organ Sonata No. 11 in D minor, Op. 148, whose depth and lyricism carry the listener toward a sense of promise beyond sorrow. All are warmly invited to an afternoon of contemplation and devotion in sound.



## GS Players present *Something Rotten!*

**Friday, March 6 thru Sunday, March 8 - You don't want to miss this!**

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!)



## Front Office Volunteers Needed

We need front office volunteers for Tuesday mornings 10:00a-12:30p and Tuesday afternoons 12:30p-3:00p.

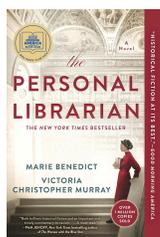
- Answer phone & greet people
- Assist with light office duties
- Get to know your parish family!

We also need more folks on our substitute list. Please let [Christine+](#) know if you are serve any of the openings.

## EYC Youth Snow Tubing Day of Fun

The EYC Youth had a fun time snow tubing in Harper's Ferry! There was plenty of snow, and temperatures were just right. A late lunch following the sliding hit the spot before returning to their busy schedules.

Thank you, Rev. Redmond and Charles Sisson, for accompanying the teens.



## 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!

**SAVE THE DATE! September 25-27**

Our sixth annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont is only six months away! Plans are taking shape and include a dynamic guest speaker, Southern comfort food, and lots of screen-free time for us all! If you have questions, please reach out to [Charles Sisson](#).



## 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.



## Be the Prayers of the People

**For the special concerns of:** Mary Helman, Ray and Judy Caddell, Nim Mercado, the Vitt family, Thomas Morris, Rita Farris, Dianne Carman, Carol and Joe St. Germain, Landra, Dorien, Linda Fox, the Allard, Barker, Jillson, McGarry, 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 Ehke, 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, 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, Shannon Allen

**For those who have died:** Noel Moreno, Dah Kanold, Kate Vitt, Molly DeVasher, Ron Campbell.

**In thanksgiving for:** the birth of Saturn Isaac Foerster.

**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.*

**Though there are no flowers in the Sanctuary during the solemn season of Lent, memorial donations and thanksgivings are still welcomed.**



### Parish Ministry Calendar

#### Thursday, March 5

1:00p Stronger Memory (Zoom)

**8:00p Compline** (Zoom)

#### Friday, March 6

Office closed

9:00a AA (Parlor)

7:00p AA Happy Hour Group (Parlor)

7:30p Performance *Something Rotten* (Parish Hall)

#### Saturday, March 7

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)

8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)

9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)

12:00p Daughters of the King (Parlor)

7:30p Performance *Something Rotten* (Parish Hall)

#### Sunday, March 8

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

#### Monday, March 9

Office closed  
9:00a AA (Parlor)  
7:00p Ring & Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

**Tuesday, March 10**

**12:00p Holy Eucharist** (Sanctuary)  
**12:30p Rite of Reconciliation**  
1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)  
7:00p Children's and Youth Formation Committee Meeting (LL Conf Room)  
7:30p Text in Community (Zoom)  
**8:00p Compline** (Zoom)

**Wednesday, March 11**

10:30a Staff Meeting (Sheads & Zoom)  
**5:30p Contemplative Holy Eucharist** (Sanctuary)  
**6:15p Rite of Reconciliation** (Sanctuary)  
7:15p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)  
7:30p Al-Anon Meeting (Parlor)

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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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