

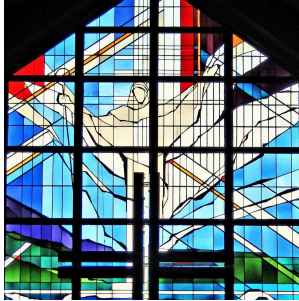


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

October 1, 2026

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Francis Observed

8:00am Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00am 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)
- Adult Forum (Atrium)

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

10:15am Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

3:00pm Blessing of the Animals (Grove & Outdoor Chapel)

Weekday Worship:

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

Tuesdays at 8:00pm - Compline (Zoom)

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

Thursdays at 8:00pm - Compline (Zoom)



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 3:00p (Outdoor Chapel & Grove)

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a very special Blessing of the Animals. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist outside and rejoice in blessing the special animals in our lives. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pets for blessing, as we relax and enjoy the fun! All furry, feathered, and scaly pets are welcome, with treats for animals, children, and the whole family.

Outreach Fall Food Drive Begins SUNDAY

October 4 - October 13

In Fairfax County, more than 105,000 people are experiencing food insecurity. **WE CAN HELP** by providing items from the list of staples that Food for Others needs most.* Every single food donation helps in the fight against hunger. The Outreach food drive will run from October 4th to October 13th. Thank you for your help.

*** Peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tomato products, soup, dried or canned beans, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tuna, and macaroni & cheese**



National Acolyte Festival

Saturday, October 10

10:00am - 11:30pm National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

Calling all parishioners! Enjoy the service and watch as participants join in the longest and most colorful procession imaginable—the Grandest of Processions—as we prepare to gather around Christ's table for a festival Holy Eucharist. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Lois Lightfoot Blood Drive

Sign-Up NOW!

Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 11

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, October 11. **INOVA requires commitments from 34 people.** The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). One blood donation can save up to



Come to the Parish Breakfast

Sunday, October 11 at 11:30am (Parish Hall)

Join us following the 10:15am worship service for a hot, delicious breakfast prepared by Bigfoot Gourmet. It's a time of fellowship and filling your belly. You don't want to miss this! 8:00am service folks, y'all come back now.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up - All Ages!

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.- noon (Gardens, Grounds)

We invite you to help us beautify our campus! This is your chance to help tidy our garden beds and clean up the grounds as we head into the fall and winter seasons. Come for however long you can, pitch in, and enjoy the fellowship. We will have gardening tools on site but feel free to bring any tools you like to use for gardening, digging, raking, and trimming.

Thank you in advance for your assistance – and we hope to see you for this important ministry! Contact [Claire Palmer](#) with any questions.



SPOOKTACULAR DRIVE-IN & TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 5:00pm, Grove & Parking Lot

Get your costumes ready!!! We are opening our decorated trunks to **ALL AGES** of ghouls, superheroes, and favorite characters. There will also be a movie playing in the grove. Bring your camp chairs and blankets to keep the chill off. Send your sign-up to [Jennifer Caldwell](#) to ensure your spot!

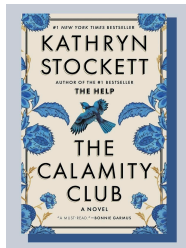
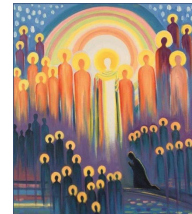
Requiem Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls

On Sunday, October 25, the Senior Choir will offer

***Requiem (A Thanksgiving for Life)* composed by Philip Ledger**

This service of music and prayer is made possible through the generosity of parishioners who support the gift of sacred music in honor and memory of those they love. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office or donate to the June Lepthien Music Fund through Realm. Gifts of any amount will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the service leaflet.

Both 8:00am and 10:15am services will include the reading aloud of our necrology, the names of those we love but have lost in the past year. Submit names you would like read aloud to [Virginia Mroz](#) no later than Monday, Oct. 19. Contact [Alex Bean](#) with any questions.



Text in Community

***The Calamity Club: A Novel* by Kathryn Stockett**

Tuesday, October 13, 7:30pm - Zoom

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * The multimillion-copy-selling author of *The Help* returns with a bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs—and the power of friendship to change everything. [Click here to read more!](#)

Help Celebrate 45 Years of Good Shepherd Players Ministry

Saturday, November 7, 6:30-9:30pm

(Church of The Good Shepherd Parish Hall)

The Good Shepherd Players board cordially invites members of the congregation that have steadfastly supported our musical theater productions over the last 45 years to attend our "Final Curtain Call/Closing Circle" farewell gala.

This final celebration of our 45-year ministry will include a musical program and sing-a-longs featuring past and present Good Shepherd Players, but most of all, time to reminisce!

There will also be plentiful hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and a dessert table. And yes, it's really free! We're ordering food based on advance registrations — so please [register now by clicking here.](#)





Outreach News:

The Lamb Center Hope and a Future Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, October 22, 6:00-8:30pm, Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in center that provides meals, clothing, and laundry, medical, dental, and counseling services to people experiencing homelessness. To support the Center's vital work, Good Shepherd's Outreach Committee has purchased a table for ten for its annual fundraising banquet to be held on Thursday, October 22, at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. If you would like to attend (at no cost to you) or if you have questions, please contact Dottie Wimberly at wimberlyd@aol.com by September 30.



Front Office Volunteer or Subs Help Needed

We need front office volunteers! It's only a 2-1/2 hour shift commitment. We also need more folks on our substitute list. I'm sure you have all the qualifications.

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

We have lots o'fun around here. Please email Virginia if you can help.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, October 1

1:00pm Stronger Memory Program (Zoom)
5:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)
7:15pm Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)
8:00pm Compline (Zoom)

Friday, October 2

Office closed
9:00am AA (Parlor)
7:00pm AA "Happy Hour Group" (LL Room 6)

Saturday, October 3

7:30am Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
8:30am Flower Guild (Kitchen)
9:00am Altar Guild (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 4

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, October 5

Office closed
9:00am AA (Parlor)
2:00pm Knit & Purl (Parlor)
7:00pm Ring & Rejoice Handbells (Sheads Hall)

Tuesday, October 6

12:00pm Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
1:00pm Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
8:00pm Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 7

10:30am Staff Meeting (Parlor)
5:30pm Contemplative Eucharist (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting (TBD)
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting (Parlor)



Prayers of the People

For the special concerns of: the family of Howard Jackson, the Doherty family, Reichmuth family, Steve Goldman, Susan Norman, Bill Lackey, Lieke Skelton, Greg M., Jim Dooley, John Barth, Angel Hunt, Judy and Ray Caddell, Landra, Diane Stevens, Luke Margolis, Laura Hammer, Chen Hollifield, Richard Morris, Ricardo Cruz, Marlene Bekey, Mary Helman, Stephen Post, Elena Johnson, Joe St. Germain, Spencer Goldman, Jane and Kirk Taylor, Cora, Robert Harrison Reed, Rod McFadden, Alfonse Russiero, Barbara Burgess, Robert Grey, Heather Abrams, Michael Dubin, Susan Marshall, Cindy, Elizabeth Anderson, Marcia Brock, Susan Generazio, Gary Halstead, Jim Zernicke, Nancy Ehlike, Margaret Donahoe, Norris and Charlene Sisson, David Stiles, Doug Smith, Craig Dubishar, Alli Houseworth, Ann Grey, John Wires, Nim Mercado, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Pete Larsen, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil,

Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, David Jones, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Christy Brown, Gabriel Neagle, Elaine Sasser, Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Evangeline, Ida Portland, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Heather Bartee, Jenny Seguinot, Arline Easley, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Anne Jackson, Helen Demestihis, David Chamberlain, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Maureen Murray, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, 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 the repose of the soul: Howard Jackson, Lee McKenna, Bill Schuilling, Faye Barnes, Jennifer Addington.

For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially: Mark Jaskot, Ryan Brock, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matt Allen, Michelle Miller, 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 two Sundays, unless specifically requested as a long-term need.

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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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