The Church of the Good Shepherd

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

November 29, 2026, at 8:00a



The Church of the Good Shepherd
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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are glad you are here! If you are new to Good Shepherd or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a Welcome Card, located in the pews, and place it in the offering plate on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or hand it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. Please call the parish office at 703-323-5400 if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing from a priest. If you are interested in learning more about the sacrament of baptism, please talk to a priest.

FAMILY ROOM

While all children are always welcome in the Sanctuary, families are also welcome to use the Parlor (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary) which has toys and room to move around as well as a livestream of the service.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

We offer Christian Formation for all ages at 9:00a on most Sundays, September through May. Classes include **Shepherd Kids** for K-3rd grades, **Faith Explorers** for 4th-6th grades, **EYC** for youth in grades 7th-12th, and **Sunday Adult Forum** for adults.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James O. Pippin Jr. and Frank B. Proctor from their families.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.
People Christ have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.
People Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Redmond Self, *Associate Rector*

The Nicene Creed

All 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 of the People Form II

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world and for this gathering: that we may become a transformed and transforming community, renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace and for goodwill among and within nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for mercy, justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the imprisoned, the sick, and all those in need of healing, especially those added to our parish prayer list this week [_____]. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for those who serve in the armed forces. Pray for those in areas of conflict or strife.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for those who have died [, especially _____]. I ask your prayers also for those who mourn [, especially _____]. Pray for the dead and those who grieve.

I ask your prayers for all the blessings of this life. Pray for grateful hearts.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Presentation of the Gifts

All All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

People have mercy upon us.
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
People have mercy upon us.
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
People grant us thy peace.

The Invitation & Communion of the People

Communion Instructions:

To receive holy communion, offer your cupped hands to receive the host and then proceed to a chalice-bearer to sip from the cup. If you would like communion by intinction (host dipped in wine), give the appropriate gesture (fingers of one hand in the palm of the other) and the host will be dipped in the wine and offered it to you. Also, gluten-free communion is available, just ask the priest. As always, receiving communion in one kind (e.g. bread only) is considered full and complete.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

People Amen.

The Dismissal

The Priest bids the dismissal.

People Thanks be to God.

COMNG EVENTS

ADVENT WREATH MAKING FOR ALL AGES
THIS MORNING! At 9:00a (Atrium)
A wreath is more than a circle. For our church home, it is a symbol of God (everlasting life and love), family, and community. Join us in the Atrium for wreath making for all ages.

***A CHRISTMAS STORY* – THE MUSICAL!**
November 27-29 & December 4-6
Reserve your seat today for the upcoming hilarious story set in the 1940s about 9-year-old Ralphie, who desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. The antics keep coming and will fill your family with holiday spirit.