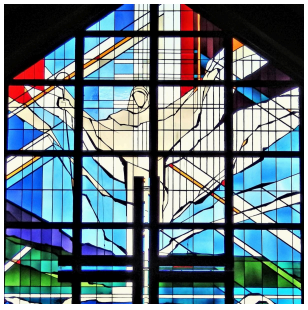
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

November 25, 2026

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent
8:00am Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Advent Wreath Making for All Ages! (Sheads Hall)
9:15am Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)
10:15am Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary & **Livestream**)
2:00pm A Christmas Story: The Musical (Parish Hall)
3:30pm FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)

Weekday Worship:
Tuesdays at 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
Tuesdays at 8:00pm - Compline (Zoom)
Wednesdays at 5:30pm - CANCELLED for Nov. 25 ~~Contemplative Holy Eucharist~~ ~~(Sanctuary)~~
Thursdays at 8:00pm - Compline (Zoom)

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ATTENTION: Church Hours For Thanksgiving Week

The church office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25; Thursday, Nov. 26; and Friday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving. We will resume our regular schedule beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1. **There will be no Wednesday evening services.**
Happy Thanksgiving!

Grounded in Faith, Growing in Service

Click here to pledge in Realm.

Stewardship Moment

What happens at Good Shepherd that you don't see?

I don't see the work that is done to prepare for our services and other church activities. But I know that much is done by our music ministry and our extensive outreach teams. Jesus commands us to love each other as He loves us. At Good Shepherd, **you are never alone**. But we also engage with our community and those in distant lands who need assistance. Love is a full-time enterprise, and I thank God for my fellow parishioners who are committed to obey the Lord's command. **Good Shepherd has taught me the true meaning of "holy day of obligation."** It is not a date on a calendar when one must attend a religious service in order to have a right standing with God. Rather, it is every day. Every day we must seek to love each other as Jesus loves us. **"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17**



What Are You Waitng For? Get Your Tickets NOW!

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. Click here to reserve your seat today!



Advent Wreath Making For All Ages

Please bring your wreath ring if you have one from last year.

Sunday, November 29 - 9:00 am (Shead's Hall)

Kick off the Advent season with the annual Advent Wreath Making Event. Enjoy breakfast treats while spending time with your parish family! Wreath forms, candles, and greens provided.



Advent Book Study

Thursdays beginning December 3 at 2:00pm - Parish Hall

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." - Luke 2:10 The days are growing darker, and Advent is upon us! Starting Dec. 3, join the Rev. Redmond Self for an Advent book study as we discuss the season of Advent and themes of waiting and preparation in the Gospels.



Parish Breakfast followed by *Creator of the Stars* Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 13

Breakfast at 11:30am (Parish Hall) Concert at 12:00pm (Sanctuary)

Join us for breakfast and then make your way back to the sanctuary for the Good Shepherd Holiday Concert featuring the Good Shepherd Adult and Youth Choirs, and the Ring & Rejoice Handbell Choir. Sit back, relax, and soak in the warmth of the sanctuary as you enjoy beautiful holiday music.



ELF Movie Night! - EYC Youth

Sunday, December 13 - 5:30 pm Room 6

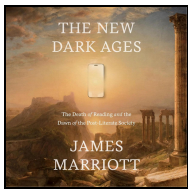
EYC Youth 7 -12th grade are invited to the ELF Movie Night!

Don't be a cotton-headed ninnymuggins this holiday season! See you there!



Collecting Warm Winter Jackets for the Unhoused

The Lamb Center, a daytime drop-in shelter for the unhoused in Fairfax, is urgently seeking warm winter coats and jackets. The Outreach Committee will have a collection box in the narthex **through November 30** to collect gently used winter jackets (men's and women's). It's a win-win for you. Clean out your closets and donate usable jackets to our neighbors in need.



Text in Community

The New Dark Ages by James Marriott

Instant ***Sunday Times*** Bestseller - The evidence is clear—we are now entering a post-literate society. In this urgent and timely account, James Marriott shows the potential impact of this shift and offers a passionate defense of the written word.
Click here to get your book today!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING



Christmas Memorials & Dedications for Flower Guild

Contribution Deadline: Tuesday, December 15

Time to light the Advent wreath! Hard to believe, but it's Advent I on Nov. 29th! Your Flower Guild has planned a glorious Christmas for Good Shepherd. We hope you will donate in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for your many blessings. Please complete a Flower Guild envelope found in the pew backs and place it in the Sunday collection plate or the safe in the Volunteer Office. Please make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd with Flower Guild in the memo section. You may also donate through REALM, but be sure to email **peg.morris@verizon.net** by Dec. 15th so your dedication will be included in the Christmas leaflet. Thank you for supporting the Flower Guild, as your donation covers not only our Christmas costs but supports our ministry throughout the year.

Christmas Boxes

Contribution Deadline: Sunday, December 13

'Tis the season for making spirits bright - and the Outreach Committee needs your help in doing just that for children in our area!

There are two ways you can contribute:

1. Shop for a child affiliated with Jubilee Housing in DC.

Pick up a wishlist at our table on Sunday, 11/29 or 12/6!
2. Donate through Realm (or via check at our table) to help FACETS purchase gifts for local children.
Thank you for your generous donations!



Scholarships: Faith, Hope, & Joy School in Honduras

Contribution Deadline: Tuesday, December 22, 2026

Since 2005, Good Shepherd has generously supported scholarships for 16 grade-school children attending the **Episcopal Bishop of Honduras'** school at the Faith, Hope, and Joy community, which parishioners of this church helped build near San Pedro Sula, Honduras, following the devastation of hurricane Mitch in October 1998. The next school year begins in February 2027 and each student scholarship costs $400 for the academic year, but any amount is welcome. To contribute, make your check payable to **Honduras Development Network (HDN)** and write **2027 Faith, Hope & Joy Scholarship** in the memo line. Please send your check to the church. You will receive a tax receipt directly from HDN in January.
Contact: Howard Lincoln.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Wednesday, November 25
Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday; reopens Tuesday, Dec. 1
5:30pm Contemplative Eucharist - CANCELLED
NO EVENING SERVICES
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)

Thursday, November 26
1:00pm Stronger Memory Program (Zoom)
8:00pm Compline (Zoom)

Friday, November 27
Office closed
9:00am AA (Parlor)
3:00pm FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)
7:00pm A Christmas Story: The Musical (Parish Hall)
7:00pm AA "Happy Hour Group" (LL Room 6)

Saturday, November 28
7:30am Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
8:30am Flower Guild (Kitchen)
9:00am Altar Guild (Sanctuary)
2:00pm A Christmas Story: The Musical (Parish Hall)
7:00pm A Christmas Story: The Musical (Parish Hall)

Sunday, November 29
See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, November 30
Office closed
9:00am AA (Parlor)
7:00pm Ring & Rejoice Handbells (Sheads Hall)

Tuesday, December 1
12:00pm Holy Eucharist - Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle (Sanctuary)
1:00pm Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
8:00pm Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 2
10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Contemplative Eucharist
7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting & Holiday Party (Parlor)
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)

Prayers of the People



For the special concerns of: Jason Perry, Matt Melnyk, Johnny Rosario, Matt Coppola, the Gray family, Tom Shier, Debbie and Mark, Bishop Michael Burbidge, Rachel, Eli Gladden, Dina and Sebastian Servetti, Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, the Helman family, Judith Bell, Shaun Kerr, Tanner Snow, Darcy Meilus, Ron Blagg, the family of Howard Jackson, the Doherty family, Reichmuth family, Steve Goldman, Greg M.. Jim Dooley, John Barth, Angel Hunt, Judy and Ray Caddell, Diane Stevens, Luke Margolis, Laura Hammer, Chen Hollifield, Richard Morris, Ricardo Cruz, Marlene Bekey, 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 Ehlke, 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, Ivey Virgil, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, David Jones, Max Dale, David L., 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 Demestihas, 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, Scott Allen, Shannon Allen.

For the repose of the soul: Helen Curtain, Charles Goldbeck.

For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially: Mark Jaskot, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, 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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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

Comments? Email our Wardens: Fred Gibson (Senior Warden) and John Dohn (Junior Warden). wardens@good-shepherd.net.

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