

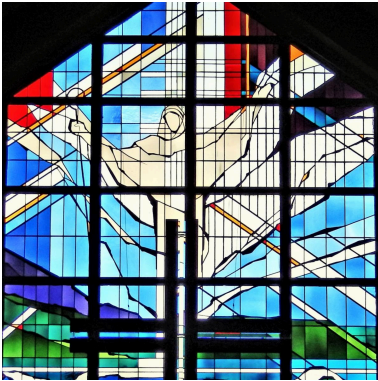


# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Shepherd's Staff

December 5, 2024

*Celebrating Community and Serving Others!*



### Sunday Schedule for December 8

#### Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

9:00a Formation for All Ages:

- Children's Formation (Rooms 2,4)
- Parenting in the Pews (Shepherd's Nook)
- Sunday Adult forum (Big Room)

9:00a Stewardship Meeting (Parlor)

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

**10:15a Holy Eucharist Worship Service** (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

11:30a Kid's JAM (Atrium)

12:00p Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

4:30p VAF Christmas Concert with GS Youth Choir (Christ Church)

7:00p BBNV Family Christmas Concert (Parish Hall)

**Weekday Worship** Wednesdays at 5:30p ~ Contemplative Service (Parlor)



### Not So High Tea - Cancelled Today

Please join us on January 2! Contact [Kathy Straight](#).



### Vocal Arts of Fairfax Presents "Sounds of the Season"

**Sunday, December 8, 4:30p (Christ Church, Fairfax Station)**

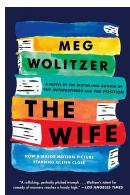
An evening of joyful performances kicks off the inaugural season of the Vocal Arts of Fairfax, just in time for the holiday season. Enjoy classics with a VAF twist, new favorites, and music from our Good Shepherd Youth Choir.



### Brass Band of Northern Virginia: Family Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 8, 7:00p (Parish Hall)**

Celebrate the joyous season with the Brass Band of Northern Virginia. The program will feature sacred and secular musical favorites and is free!



### Text in Community

**Tuesday, December 10, 7:30p (Zoom)**

Join us for a discussion of "The Wife" by Meg Wolitzer. The novel explores the role of "the wife" in society and the expectations and pressures that come along with that. And, it tackles the conundrum many women face of choosing to harness their talents or devote themselves to their families...or some balance between the two. Contact [Rich Leland](#) for the Zoom link.

### Good Shepherd Goes to Greenspring

**Sunday, December 15. 2:00p (Greenspring Village Chapel)**

Join us for our monthly Eucharist worship service at Greenspring Senior Living Community. We gather in the Chapel to praise God as we enjoy fellowship with our Greenspring neighbors. Good Shepherd's Ring and Rejoice Handbell Choir will join us in worship. Following the service our Youth Choir will offer Festal carols. All are welcome.

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### **Good Shepherd Players Present: Christmas Cabaret** **Sunday, December 15, 6:00p (Parish Hall)**

Enjoy sounds of the season at our casual Christmas Cabaret. Bring some cookies or an appetizer to share as we spread some holiday joy. Bring the family! Admission is FREE.



### **EYC Youth Hibachi Dinner**

**Sunday, December 15, 4:00p (Samurai Restaurant, Fairfax)**

Join us for our Third Annual Hibachi Dinner on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00p at Samurai Restaurant at University Mall in Fairfax. Delicious food and fiery entertainment await all those who attend!



### **Longest Night Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, December 18, 5:30p (Sanctuary)**

In recognition that the holiday season can be especially challenging for some, we will celebrate a contemplative Advent Eucharist of light and hope. Our worship will create a place to bring any grief, sorrow, or concern that may weigh upon your heart, as well as provide time for quiet reflection during this busy season.

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### **Worship with Good Shepherd this Christmas!**

**Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**3:00p Pageant & Holy Eucharist II (Sanctuary)**

**5:00p Holy Eucharist II with Festal Music & Candlelight (Sanctuary)**

**8:00p Holy Eucharist II with Festal Music & Candlelight (Sanctuary + Livestream)**

**Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

**10:15a Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)**

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING**



### **Make Christmas Bright for a Child!**

**Contribution deadline: Sunday, December 8**

Good Shepherd's Outreach Committee would like your help making Christmas a little brighter for children in our area. We have three options for contributing:

- Shop for a child affiliated with Jubilee Housing in DC. Pick up a wish list at our table in the Narthex on Sunday, November 24 or December 1.
- Donate through [Realm](#) (or via check at our table) to help FACETS purchase gift cards for families.
- Bring your gently used toys to Good Shepherd to be donated to children affiliated with Food Justice DMV.

Thank you for your generous donations in support of local families!

### **It's Time for Christmas Memorials & Dedications**

Your Flower Guild is busy planning arrangements to enhance our Christmas worship services! If you would like to remember a loved one or make a dedication, please complete the Christmas flower envelope in the pew back and place it in the collection plate on Sunday or in the safe in the Volunteer Office. **Make your checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd with Christmas Flowers in the memo section.** You may also donate on [Realm](#) but be sure to email your dedications/memorials to [Peggy Morris](#). All donations are

appreciated as the Flower Guild is solely supported by your gifts. Plus, donations at Christmas and Easter help carry us through the year. Thank you.



## Scholarships: Faith, Hope, & Joy School in Honduras

### Contribution deadline: Sunday, December 8

Since 2005, Good Shepherd has supported scholarships for children attending school at the Faith, Hope, and Joy community. Each student scholarship costs \$360 for the academic year, but any amount is welcome. Contact: [Howard Lincoln](#).



## Parish Ministry Calendar

### Thursday, December 5

11:00a Stronger Memory Program (Parlor)  
2:00p Luke Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
7:00p BBNV Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Friday, December 6

Office closed  
9:00a AA (Room 6)  
7:00p AA (Room 6)

### Saturday, December 7

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

### Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

### Monday, December 9

Office closed  
9:00a AA (Room 6)  
7:00p Ring and Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

### Tuesday, December 10

1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)  
7:30p Text in Community (Zoom)

### Wednesday, December 11

1:00p Staff Meeting (Sheads Hall)  
5:30p Ames Performing Arts (Sheads Hall)  
5:30p Contemplative Evening Prayer (Parlor)  
7:00p Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)  
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

## Be the Prayers of the People

**For the special concerns of:** Doug Smith, Helen Demestihias Cindy, Eric, Len Cleary, Laura and Phoebe Finazzo, John Santillo, the Cantwell family, Marti Rideout and family, Karl Baetcke, Betty, David Chamberlain, Cynthia Cable, Peggy Miller, Marjorie MacArthur, Bala Balakrishnan, Rachel Garff Burkett, Michael J. Crawford, Cheryl Armstrong, Tess Allen, Steve Foerster, Charlie Kemp, Dick Jansson, Don Brown, Liz Martin, Calvin Kraft, Jewell Gould, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Ray and Judy Caddell, Maureen Murray, Kathy Straight, Bob Owens, Ivan, Carolyn, Joseph Nolan and family, Linda W., Joseph Kemp, Chepi and Bob DiCalogero, Terry, Max Dube and family, Jim Mroz, Carol and George Brock, Barton Fox, Mary Beth Wafer, Elizabeth Ames, David Jones, Carol, Bill, Manuel Vega, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Monique Lynch, Marion & Donald Cooney, Joe Herzog, Larry Packard, Ted Stevens, Keith Cronyn, Jackie Brittain, Vic Saltsman, Josh R., Steve Goldman, Scott Gorham, Mark, Rich Allen, Evan, Rod McFadden, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Barbara Schneble, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Betty Martin, Ann Johnston, Joe St. Germain, Catherine Mitchell, Jana Allen, Warren Phillips, Christine Jouannet, Heather, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Rita Farris, Toddy Fox, Scott Allen, Shannon Allen, Emily Leanne Bucur.

**For the repose of the soul of:** Jack Cantwell, Rob Rideout.

**For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Emmanuel, Rapidan; St. James the Less, Ashland; St. Andrew's, Burke.

**For the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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

Email [Darlene Lane](#) 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.*

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**The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rick Daniels. Flowers are also given in celebration of the baptisms of Tanner Patrick and Elle Ruth Zabriskie from the Borcheller family.

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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.



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