

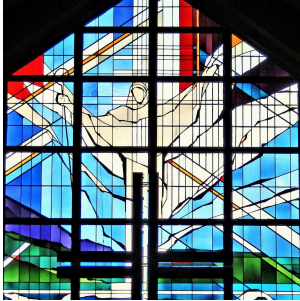


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

December 19, 2024

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

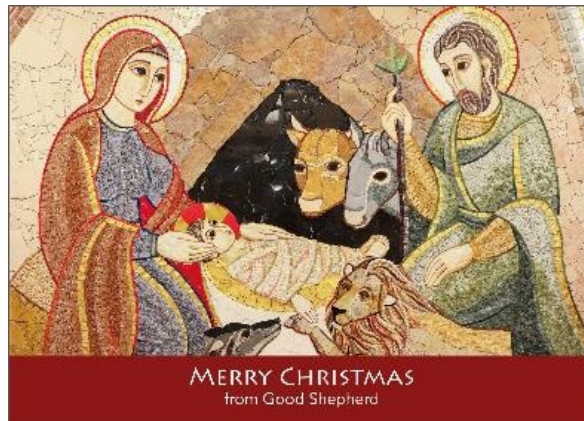
10:15a Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

11:30a Pageant Walk-through (Sanctuary)

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

**Formation classes do not meet.

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



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00p Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

5:00p Christmas Eucharist with Festal Music & Candlelight

8:00p Christmas Eucharist with Festal Music & Candlelight (+ Livestream)

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:15a Christmas Holy Eucharist



StrongerMemory Resumes Thursday, January 9

Thursdays, 11:00a-12:00p (Parlor)

[Goodwin Living](#) will continue offering a StrongerMemory program for all interested in learning how to support brain health and cognitive change. Sessions meet Thursdays from 11:00a-12:00p in the Parlor. No registration required and you do not need to attend every session. [Click here](#) for further information.

Good Shepherd Wants You to Serve on Vestry!

Do you think you might be interested? The vestry candidate nomination period will open on January 6, 2025. If you would like to know more about serving on vestry, please contact [Charles Sisson](#) or [Fred](#)



Thank You for Your Generous Christmas Gifts!

The **Christmas Boxes Ministry** would like to thank all who helped to brighten a child's Christmas by donating! Through your generosity, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 39 children as well as gift cards for 40 teenagers affiliated with Jubilee Housing. We also raised over \$1500 for FACETS, which will provide Christmas gifts for 30 more children. Special thanks to the Knit & Purl ministry for making cozy knitted items, and to Good Shepherd Preschool for making cards. Thank you also to many other parishioners for their generous donations of toys for Food Justice DMV!



A heartfelt thank you to the generous Good Shepherd parishioners who donated over \$3,700 for the 2025 **Faith, Hope, & Joy Scholarship** campaign. I am truly grateful for all contributions received during this very special Outreach project. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and may God Bless! - Howard Lincoln

Year-End Finance Reminders

- **Pledges:** Please review your pledge and prayerfully consider bringing it up to date by the end of the year.
- **Stock Donations:** If you wish to donate stock, or have money sent directly to the church from a financial institution, please contact [Deb Angerman](#), for instructions. Also let Deb know what the money is designated for and to whose account it should be credited.
- **End of Year Contributions:** Contributions must be claimed in the years they were delivered, per the Diocese of Virginia. A contribution must either be in the hands of the church or postmarked by December 31, 2024, to be considered a contribution for 2024. Pre-dated checks delivered to the church or postmarked after the end of the year will be considered contributions for 2025.
- **Receipts for reimbursement** are due to the office by December 31.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

Please note that the church office will be closed December 25, 26, and 27. The office will also be closed January 1, 2025.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, December 19

No scheduled events.

Friday, December 20

Office closed
9:00a AA (Room 6)
3:30p FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)
7:00p AA (Room 6)

Saturday, December 21

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)
9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)
10:00a Senior Choir and Brass Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00p Christmas Eve Pageant & Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
5:00p Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Festal Brass (Sanctuary)
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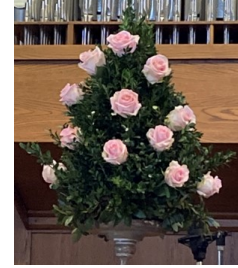
Office closed

10:15a Christmas Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

7:00p Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)

Be the Prayers of the People

For the special concerns of: Yvonne Davy, Sam Conner, the Klos family, Elaine Sasser, the Owens family, the Schrenk, Baker, and Lincoln families, Renee Torres, the Cleary and Lynch families, the Worosz family, Anne Jackson, Doug Smith, Helen Demestihias, Cindy, Eric, Karl Baetcke, Betty, David Chamberlain, Cynthia Cable, Peggy Miller, Marjorie MacArthur, 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, 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, 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, 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: Arthur Klos, Bob Owens, Chloe, Anne S. Schrenk, Richard "Dick" Baker, Jr., Len Cleary, Ann Marie Worosz.

For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's, Richmond.

For the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

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 Barteel, 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday are given to the Glory of God.

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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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Comments? Email our Wardens: Peter Gaiser (Senior Warden) and Ben Woodson (Junior Warden). wardens@good-shepherd.net.

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