

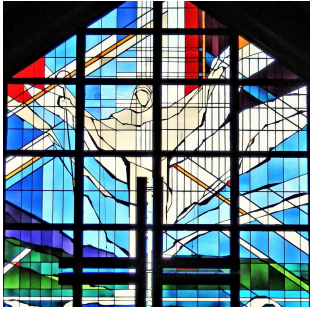


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

December 12, 2024

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:00a Formation for All Ages:

- Children's Formation (Rooms 2,4)
- EYC Youth (Room 5)
- Parenting in the Pews (Shepherd's Nook)
- Sunday Adult Forum (Big Room)

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

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

11:30a Kid'sJAM (Atrium)

2:00p Good Shepherd Goes to Greenspring Eucharis (Greenspring Village Chapel)

3:30p FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)

4:00p EYC Youth Hibachi Dinner (Samurai Restaurant, Fairfax)

6:00p GS Players Christmas Cabaret (Parish Hall)

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



Good Shepherd Goes to Greenspring

This Sunday! December 15. 2:00p (Greenspring Village Chapel)

Join us for our monthly Eucharist worship service at Greenspring Senior Living Community. 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.



EYC Youth Hibachi Dinner

This 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!



Good Shepherd Players Present: Christmas Cabaret

This 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.



Dec. 15 Deadline for Christmas Flower Memorials & Dedications

This Sunday is the deadline to make a Christmas memorial or dedication. Your Flower Guild is ready to adorn the church both inside & out to lift your spirits as you worship at Good Shepherd this Christmas. Please complete a Flower Guild envelope found in the pew backs and leave it in the Sunday collection plate or place it in 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 [Peggy Morris](#) so your memorial or dedication will be included in the Christmas leaflet.

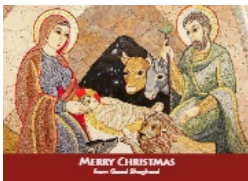
Thank you for supporting the Flower Guild with your Christmas donation which supports our ministry throughout the year.



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.



Worship with Good Shepherd this Christmas!

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



Thanks from a Grateful Parish

All the time folks are doing nice things for Good Shepherd, the parish we all love and support with our time, talent and treasure. Have you seen our Grove at night? Please thank Doug Price and Perry Brown for lighting it again and adding a huge new tree to brighten the season! Also, a huge thanks to Judy and Ray Caddell for donating 21 new trees added to our grounds this week. Most were required by Fairfax County to allow the separation of the Dove property for sale in the future. We are truly blessed and thankful. Now come all ye faithful and enjoy our beautiful grounds!

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 Gibson](#).

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.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, December 12

11:00a Stronger Memory Program (Parlor)

2:00p Luke Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Friday, December 13

Office closed

9:00a AA (Room 6)

7:00p AA (Room 6)

Saturday, December 14

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)

8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)

9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)

10:00a Daughters of the King Luncheon (Room 6)

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, December 16

Office closed

9:00a AA (Room 6)

2:00p Knit and Purl for Love (Parlor)
7:00p Ring and Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)
7:30p Finance Committee Meeting (LL Conference Room, Zoom)

Tuesday, December 17

1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
7:30p Vestry Meeting (LL Conference Room, Zoom)

Wednesday, December 18

1:00p Staff Meeting (Sheads Hall)
5:30p Ames Performing Arts (Sheads Hall)
5:30p Longest Night Healing Eucharist (Sanctuary)
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: Arthur Klos, Elaine Sasser, the Owens family, the Schrenk, Baker, and Lincoln families, the Bakhtin family, Renee Torres, the Cleary and Lynch families, the Worosz family, Anne Jackson, Doug Smith, Helen Demestihias, Cindy, Eric, the Cantwell family, 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: Bob Owens, Anne S. Schrenk, Richard "Dick" Baker, Jr., Nikolay Bakhtin, Len Cleary, Mary Anne Worosz, Jack Cantwell.

For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Christ Church, Gordonsville; Grace Church, Bremo Bluff, La Iglesia Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. James, Warrenton.

For the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Sarah Thomas' birthday.

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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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