

Shepherd's Staff

April 3, 2025

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for April 3, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:00a Formation for All Ages:

- Children's Formation (Rooms 2,4)
- EYC Youth Formation (LL Conference Room)
- 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 Parish Breakfast (Parish Hall)

12:00p Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary 12:00p Biblical Greek Class (Parlor)

Weekday Worship:

Tuesdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)
Wednesdays at 5:30p - Contemplative Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
Thursdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)



Living Water: Baptismal Covenant Class

Concludes Tonight, April 3, 6:30p (Zoom)

"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever." Join Rich Leland and the Rev. Redmond Self for a teaching and discussion series on the Baptismal covenant. What promises did you make at your Baptism? How can we better live into our promises to God?



Come to the Parish Breakfast

This Sunday! April 6, 11:30a (Parish Hall)

Join us following the 10:15a worship service for a hot, delicious breakfast prepared by our very own Bigfoot Gourmet. It's a great opportunity to meet and greet old friends and new. To those who attend the 8:00a service, we hope you'll come back and join us!

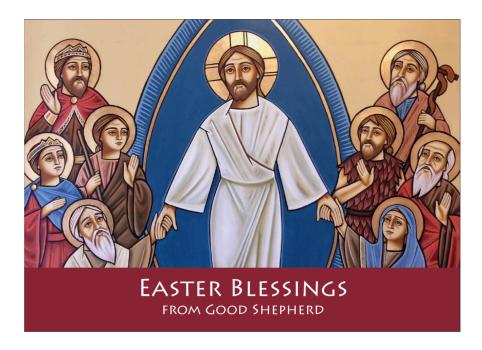
As you join us this Sunday for the Parish Breakfast, **please bring one (or more) of the items for our Foyer Food Basket:** Tuna, peanut butter, rice, soup, cereal, pasta & sauce, macaroni and cheese. On behalf of our neighbors in need, thank you.



Text in Community

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30p (Zoom)

Join us for discussion of "Circle of Hope" by Eliza Griswold. Philadelphia's Circle of Hope church grew for forty years, planted four congregations, and then found itself in crisis. Generational rifts, an increasingly politicized religious landscape, a pandemic that prevented gathering to worship, and a rise in foundation-shaking activism, "Circle of Hope" tells a propulsive, layered story of what we do to stay true to our beliefs. It is a soaring, searing examination of what it means for us to love, to grow, and to disagree.



Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with Good Shepherd!

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION - April 13

8:00a - Palm Sunday Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10:15a - Palm Sunday Choral Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 16

5:30p - Contemplative Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17

7:30p - Choral Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

12:00p - Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

3:00p - Tolling of the Church Bell (Narthex)

7:30p - Choral Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

EASTER DAY - April 20

8:00a - Easter Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Sanctuary)

9:30a - Children's Egg Hunt with Cascarones (Grove & Lawn)

10:15a - Easter Choral Holy Eucharist with Festal Music (Sanctuary & Livestream)



Time for Easter Flower Memorials & Dedications

While the Nave is bare of flowers during Lent, your Flower Guild is busy making glorious plans for Easter! You will find donation envelopes in the pew backs. To make a memorial donation or to give thanks, please complete the donation envelope and place it in the Sunday collection plate or the safe in the Volunteer Office. Make your check payable to the church with Easter Flowers in the memo line. You may also donate online through REALM, but be sure to email your memorial or dedication to Peg Morris to be included in the Easter leaflet. All donations are appreciated as they not only cover Easter but support the Flower Guild throughout the year. Thank you.



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 12:00p (Sanctuary)

Join us as we walk the Passion with Christ using the ancient practice of the Stations of the Cross.



Palm Sunday - Palm Procession, Passion Narrative, and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 13, 8:00a and 10:15a (Sanctuary)

On the Feast of Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. We begin the service with the Liturgy of the Palms and a procession of the faithful carrying palms, representing the palm branches the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. The service continues with a reading of the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Matthew and the celebration of Holy Eucharist.



Good Shepherd Players Present: "1776"

Sunday, April 27, 6:00p (Parish Hall)

Join us for a staged concert version of "1776" Sunday, April 27 at 6:00p.. Meet Adams, Jefferson, Franklin and more! This classic musical tells the dramatic story of the events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Purchase tickets here.



Join Us for Summer Camp Fun at Good Shepherd!

This summer, Good Shepherd will host three exciting musical theater camps for youth of all ages! From storytelling and imagination in Imagination Station for our youngest stars, to a production of "Finding Nemo Jr." for elementary and middle schoolers, and our high school two-week intensive, "Mean Girls High School Version". There's something for everyone! Each camp combines creativity, performance, and fun while fostering a love for the arts. Don't miss these incredible opportunities to learn, grow, and shine on stage! For more details, click here or contact Elle Ames.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, April 3

11:00a Stronger Memory Program (Parlor) 6:30p Living Water: Baptismal Covenant Class (Zoom) 8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom) 9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary) 9:00a GS Players "1776" Rehearsal (Sheads Hall) 9:00a Spring Grounds Cleanup

Sunday, April 6

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, April 7

Office closed
9:00a AA (Room 6)
2:00p Knit and Purl for Love (Parlor)
7:00p Ring and Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)
7:00p GS Players "1776" Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

Tuesday, April 8

1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
7:30p Text in Community (Zoom)
8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 9

1:00p Staff Meeting (Sheads Hall) 5:30p Ames Performing Arts(Sheads Hall) 5:30p Contemplative Eucharist (Sanctuary) 7:00p GS Players "1776" Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)



UPDATED!! Community Resources

Here are some local resources for those of us caught in sudden employment transitions.

NEW! Fairfax County Federal Workforce Resource Hub

NEW! NOVA's \$1Million Training Opportunity for Recently Unemployed Federal Workers and Contractors

NEW! Fairfax CORE's From Fed to Founder

NEW! Michelle Singletary provided some financial guidance to federal workers through two <u>Color of Money</u> columns in the Washington Post. She discusses priorities for bill-paying as well as some services available.

Work in Fairfax-NOVA - this website from the Fairfax County Economic Development that lists 90,000 open positions, job fairs, and other career resources in the area.

Fairfax County offers a free weekly webinar designed to connect job seekers with the resources they need to find a job in NOVA. <u>View how to register here.</u>

Virginia Has Jobs - this website lists job openings by region.

<u>Enroll Virginia:</u> A network of community-based organizations committed to helping Virginians access high quality, affordable health coverage.

Virginia Employment Commission: Virginia Employment Commission: Apply for Unemployment Insurance. Instructions on how to file, click here.



Good Shepherd Preschool Enrolling for 2025-2026!

Welcoming children 2.5 - 5 years old

Good Shepherd Preschool has provided quality, play-based learning for over 50 years! One step inside our school will tell you that it's a special place - a place known for its nurturing environment and broad, enriching curriculum. Click here to visit the website. Call 703-323-6120 or email to schedule a tour.

Be the Prayers of the People

For the special concerns of: Becky Fial, Bill and Karen Schuiling, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Ron Campbell, Josie Donnelly, the Anderson and Ames families, Martha Hull and family, Jeff Dutton, Chepi and Bob DiCalogero, David Pope, Peter Marshall, Heather Dewvit, Rick Guy, Paula Palmore, the Bowers family, Charles Kemp, Thomas Morris, Gabriel Neagle, Lee McKenna, Joe and BJ Herzog, Mary Helman, Fran Samuelson, Judy and Ray Caddell, Anne Jackson, Doug Smith, Helen Demestihas, Betty, David Chamberlain, Rachel Garff Burkett, Dick Jansson, Don Brown, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Maureen Murray, Ivan, Joseph Nolan, Linda W., Max Dube, Carol and George Brock, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, David Jones, Carol, Bill, Manuel Vega, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Ted Stevens, Keith Cronyn, Vic Saltsman, Josh R., Steve Goldman, Mark, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Joe St. Germain, Catherine Mitchell, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Heather, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Rita Farris, Toddy Fox, Scott Allen, Shannon Allen, Emily Leanne Bucur.

For the repose of the soul of: Tina Anderson, Bill Hull.

For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Incarnation, Christ Church, Alexandria; St. Mark's, Richmond; St. Paul's, King George; The Fork Church, Dowell.

For the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially Ryan Brock, 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 <u>Darlene Lane</u> 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.

Though there are no flowers in the Sanctuary during the solemn season of Lent, memorial donations and thanksgivings are still welcomed.

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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