

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024



Welcome to Good Shepherd. We welcome your full participation in this service. Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982. Hymns with LEV refer to the Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal. Numbers with an S prefix refer to the Service Music section in the front of the Hymnal. Please turn off any cell phones before the beginning of the Eucharist.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

O God, your Son Jesus Christ promised to be with us whenever we gather in His name. We thank you for Good Shepherd Church and the love that holds us together. Make us eager to gather for worship. Inspire us to learn and grow spiritually, as individuals, and as a faith community. We seek knowledge of Your will for us. We pray for our strength and courage, wit and wisdom, and the humor and creativity to follow Jesus, so we can love people and change the world. Amen.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

AT THE PROCESSION *Come, thou long expected Jesus* H 66

Lighting of Advent Candle

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service Begins BCP 355

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

The following is sung, all standing

Kyrie eleison S 96

Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT *All sit.* **Micah 5:2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Remain seated.

Canticle 15

BCP 91

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand

Sequence *Day by Day* (2x)

Hymnal 654

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev Keith Fallis

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

As we wait with pregnant expectation for the coming of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who sends his Son in the womb of a virgin.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Sean our bishop and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in oppressed, and for those in prison.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Gracious God.

(Congregational petitions)

Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

Confession of Sin *All kneel.* BCP 360

Peace *All stand.* BCP 360

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

“Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoiced in God my Savior.’”
(Luke/Canticle 15)

Offertory *Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah: Benedictus Dominus Deus* S 248

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

During the offertory, we joyfully respond to God’s gift of Jesus Christ by giving to the church for its work. To support Good Shepherd financially, please place a gift in the offering basket or scan the QR code to give any amount.



Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

Sanctus

[BCP 362]

S 131

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, without regard to denominational affiliation. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion and would like to receive a blessing from the priest, come forward, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing. At Good Shepherd, we offer Gluten-Free communion with a separate chalice. We also provide non-alcoholic wine.

Communion Hymn *Lo, He comes, with clouds descending*

Hymnal 58

Closing Prayer

BCP 366

Closing Hymn *O Come, O come Emmanuel* (vs 5, 6, 7)

Hymnal 56

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent (Gloria, Shawn, Roman)

Volunteers

Greeter: John Algeo

Crucifier: Rae Hopson

Torch Bearers:

Eucharistic: Lesa Nelson

Lectors: Charles Betzler, Ted Garvin

Psalms: Alana Herron

Oblationer: Gloria Wiley

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour-Join us after the service for coffee & Finger Food/Snacks
in the parish hall

Happy Birthday Bryson Baker

Mon Dec 23 *Happy Anniversary Marty & Shanna Means*

Tues Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Office Closed

10pm Carols

10:30pm Festival of Midnight Mass

Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day

Thurs & Fri Office Closed

Sun Dec 29 1st Sunday after Christmas Day (Candy, Shelia)

Volunteers

Greeter: Mary Watt

Crucifier: Jeremy Sullivan

Torch Bearers:

Eucharistic: Bill Barnes

Lectors: Rynd Barnes, Gloria Wiley

Psalms: John Algeo

Oblationer: Alana Herron

8am Softly Spoken Eucharist

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour-Join us after the service for coffee in the parish hall

Happy Birthday Roman Shelton & Kevin Wilson

Happy Anniversary Jimmy & Kelley Naifeh

Mon Dec 30 *Happy Birthday Julia Naifeh & Sam Naifeh*

Tues Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE

Office Closed

Wed January 1, 2025 NEW YEARS DAY

Office Closed

Happy Birthday Mary Watt

Fri Jan 3 *Happy Anniversary David & Jamie Miles*

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

As we begin the Advent Season, flowers are not used at the altar. Poinsettias are used during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase, they are \$25 a piece and may also be given in memory or honor of anyone or occasion.

ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 19, UNITY SUNDAY....GET YOUR CHILI RECIPE READY....Election of new Vestry Members & Convention Delegates.

What is Advent?

Advent-The first season of the church's liturgical year, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and running until the first Eucharist of Christmas. Advent is a season of preparation for remembering Christ's incarnation at Christmas and for the fulfillment of his promise to return in power and great glory. The liturgical color is purple.

Advent Calendar-Used to mark the passing of days in the Advent season. Advent calendars usually have a series of doors to open, leading up to the nativity scene revealed on December 24.

Advent Wreath-A circle, usually covered with evergreen foliage, with four candle holders. Candle colors may vary: four purple or white, or three purple and one rose or pink.

Christmas-December 25, the Feast of the Christ's nativity and incarnation continues for twelve days and ends on January 5., the eve of the Feast of Epiphany.

-from "A New Dictionary for Episcopalians"

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- **Adult Formation:** Sunday, 9:15am
- **Holy Eucharist:** 8am and 10:30am
- **Unity Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of the month



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a Poinsettia in honor of and/or in memory of someone, please fill in the following information and return to the church by Sunday, December 22nd.

Cost: \$25.00 each

I would like _____ Poinsettias. (how many?)

Given by: _____

In memory of _____ / In honor of

_____ My Christmas Poinsettias may be taken to shut-ins.

Or you may take your Christmas Poinsettias any time before Jan 12, 2025.