

The Church of the Good Shepherd



3rd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 15, 2024

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***The Sunday Nursery will be closed on December 29.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
DECEMBER 15, 2024		DECEMBER 22, 2024	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> HERB WILLIAMS</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> MCHELLE MURRAY</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI JANE MANDELL</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> PAT PROBERT & SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> JUDY ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> RICH SOUZA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> JOELLA CRUZ</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> SCOOTER HOLCOMBE S.G. PRESTON</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> JESSI MERRICK & KERRI GALLAGHER</p>



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Hope, Peace, Joy and Love”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus' commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess of the ways we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. *Amen.***

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

Reader: Let us recite responsively by half verse

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

"Alleluia"

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(10AM Service)

(please stand as you are able)



Come, Lord Je-sus come, our light, our love; come fill our hearts with hope on this new day. Al-



le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: VENI EMMANUEL, Ancient plainsong 13th cent.

Text: adapt. from Daniel Charles Damon, ©2000

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?"

He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (please be seated)

The Prayers for Healing (all are invited to come forward to receive prayers for healing)

Healing Music:

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Carlson
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"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

arr. Ortega/Shreiner
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The Prayers of the People (please stand as you are able)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share the sign of peace verbally with those around us. We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

“Children Are a Gift from Heaven”

(page 10)

The Announcements

(please be seated)

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:

(10AM Service)

“Into The Darkness”

Maggi Dawn

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song:
(10AM Service)

"Holiness"

Sarah Hart and Tom Booth
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The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Emmanuel"

(see page 8)

"Emmanuel"

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Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and
 earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 ___ That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 ___ To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
 ___ That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
 ___ Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,

(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 ___ Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
 ___ And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 ___ And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
 ___ And be for us the King of Peace.

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"Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"

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Unison

Hope, peace, joy, and love!

These are gifts You bring from a - bove.

Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, come to be

light of Your hope,
peace,
joy,
love,
re - flect - ed in me.

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MUSIC: Randy Edwards, 1999

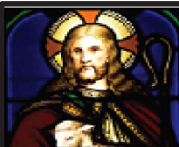
BAUGH
Irregular

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Chil - dren are a gift from hea - ven, each soul trust - ing and u -
4 nique; God's ex - am - ple of faith's jour - ney for all peo - ple who will
8 seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a
12 dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with measure numbers 4, 8, and 12 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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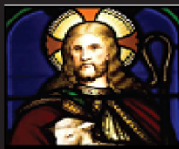
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