

The Church of the Good Shepherd



4th SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 22, 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!

At The Church of the Good Shepherd, we do not pass a collection plate during our Services. Please place your pledge payments or donations, in support of the ministries of the church, in the offering boxes located at the entrances of the Church. You may do this either before or after the Service. Thank you for your financial support, which allows the message of God's love and acceptance to shine forth through the ministries and services of our Good Shepherd community.

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 22, 2024		DECEMBER 29, 2024	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> RICH SOUZA <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> JOELLA CRUZ	<u>READERS:</u> SCOOTER HOLCOMBE RICHELLIS <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> DANANNA & BECKY HANSEN <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI <u>NURSERY:</u> JESSI MERRICK & KERRI GALLAGHER	<u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO	<u>READERS:</u> JO-ANN FINN CECILY KOST <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> JUDY GOVON & RICHE BALANCA <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> RICHELLIS <u>NURSERY:</u> NO NURSERY



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

“Oh Come, Devine Messiah”
(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 your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that binds us,
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: 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.**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

Reader: Let us recite responsively by half verse

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.

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 1:39-45

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

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

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."

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 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 Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

“Light of The World”

Lauren Daigle
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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: "Breathe of Heaven" (Mary's Song)
(10AM Service)

Amy Grant
CCLI License #20734687

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: "Emmanuel"
(10AM Service)

(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.

Text: Refrain, Steve Angrisano; verses based on Advent 'O' Antiphons.
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“Oh Come, Devine Messiah”

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1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
 long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
 cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
 deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior,
 shall your God - head see.



haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of



grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877
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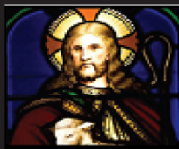


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