

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 1st Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 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 29, 2024		JANUARY 5, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”
(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.

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,
that in all things we may think and act
according to your good will
and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

The Psalm 147:13-21

Reader: Let us recite responsively by half verse

- ¹³ Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- ¹⁴ For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- ¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- ¹⁶ He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- ¹⁷ He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- ¹⁸ He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- ¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- ²⁰ He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- ²¹ He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel Acclamation:

"Christmastime Alleluia"

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(please stand as you are able)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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)

“Winter Snow”

Audrey Assad
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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: "Do You Hear What I Hear" Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
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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: "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" *(see page 8)*
(10AM Service)

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

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1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing,
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored;
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!



“Glo - ry to the new - born King! Peace on earth and
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be -
 Hail the Sun of Right - cous - ness! Light and life to



mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
 hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no



of the skies; with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim,
 De - i - ty, pleased as man with us to dwell,
 more may die, born to raise us from the earth,



“Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!” Hark! The her - ald
 Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el. Hark! The her - ald
 born to give us sec - ond birth. Hark! The her - ald



an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”
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“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

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Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;

go, tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born.

Je-sus Christ is born. Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when high a-bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, they all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

1. be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
2. rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
3. they trav-eled on to-geth-er to where the Babe was laid.
4. and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.; from *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940.
 Music: Spiritual.

“The First Nowell”

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Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
 2. They look - ed up and saw ___ a star
 3. And by the light of that ___ same star



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2. Shin - ing in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far;
 3. Three ___ wise ___ men came ___ from coun - try far;



1. In fields where _ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
 2. And to the ___ earth it gave ___ great light,
 3. To seek for a king was their ___ in - tent,



1. On a cold win - ter's night ___ that was ___ so deep.
 2. And ___ so it con - tin - ued both day ___ and night.
 3. And to fol - low the star ___ wher - ev - er it went.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.



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