

The Church of the Good Shepherd



2nd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 8, 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.

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 8, 2024 | | DECEMBER 15, 2024 | |
| 8AM | 10AM | 8AM | 10AM |
| <p><u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> NATE CIA ALFONSO</p> | <p><u>READERS:</u> JUDY ELLIS BECKY RYDER</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> CHUCK & DONNA TOLLEY</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> MAURICE PARKONEN</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE</p> | <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> S.G. PRESTON & ALLY PRESTON</p> |



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Ready The Way”
(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 our hearts, Lord God,
to prepare the way of your Son Jesus.**

**By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation;
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: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Reader: Let us recite responsively by half verse

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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”

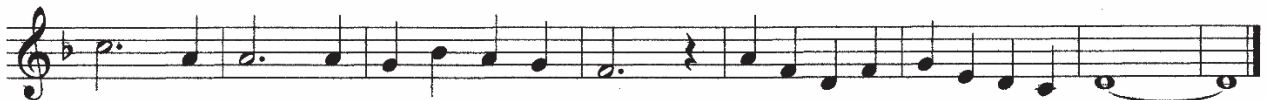
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(10AM Service)

(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!

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism

of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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)

“Savior”

Sarah Hart

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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)

"Christ The Lord"

(see page 10)

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-joyce! 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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Refrain



Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way



of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1



1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and



1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,



1. and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

Verses 2, 3



2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-



2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace



2. and } read-y the way for you, Lord.
3. as we }

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1. Dark - ness hangs, the world is ach - ing, Yearn - ing for the
2. As we wait with hope for res - cue Love de - scends and
3. Part - ing clouds re - veal his won - der: Might - y King in
4. On us now the Son is shin - ing, Lift - ing us to



1. com - ing light. In his ris - ing, hope a - wak - ing,
2. all is well. Proph - ets tell, “Your God is with us.
3. vic - to - ry. Trem - bling earth and roll - ing thun - der,
4. his em - brace. Shame is cursed, no more con - found - ing;



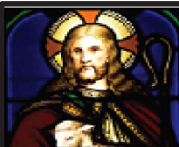
1. Love has come to steal the night. In our hearts true east we’re
2. Heav - en’s gift, Em - ma - nu - el.” He is here, but hid as
3. Blaz - ing sun and quak - ing sea. Now he comes, our King, in
4. Lift your head and know his face. Love in - car - nate, breath in -



1. fac - ing, Toward the com - ing of our Lord. Morn - ing ris - ing,
2. low - ly In the poor and mys - ter - y. Where the bread and
3. glo - ry; Saints re - joice and dark - ness flees. Ris - ing rays of
4. dwell - ing, Now in truth is truth made known. We are his and



1. gloom now flee - ing; Christ re - turned! His word is true!
2. wine are of - fered He is here: our God and King.
3. light his char - iot, Christ the Lord has made us free.
4. he for - ev - er Is our God and he a - lone.



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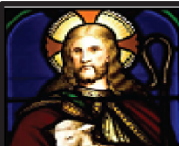
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