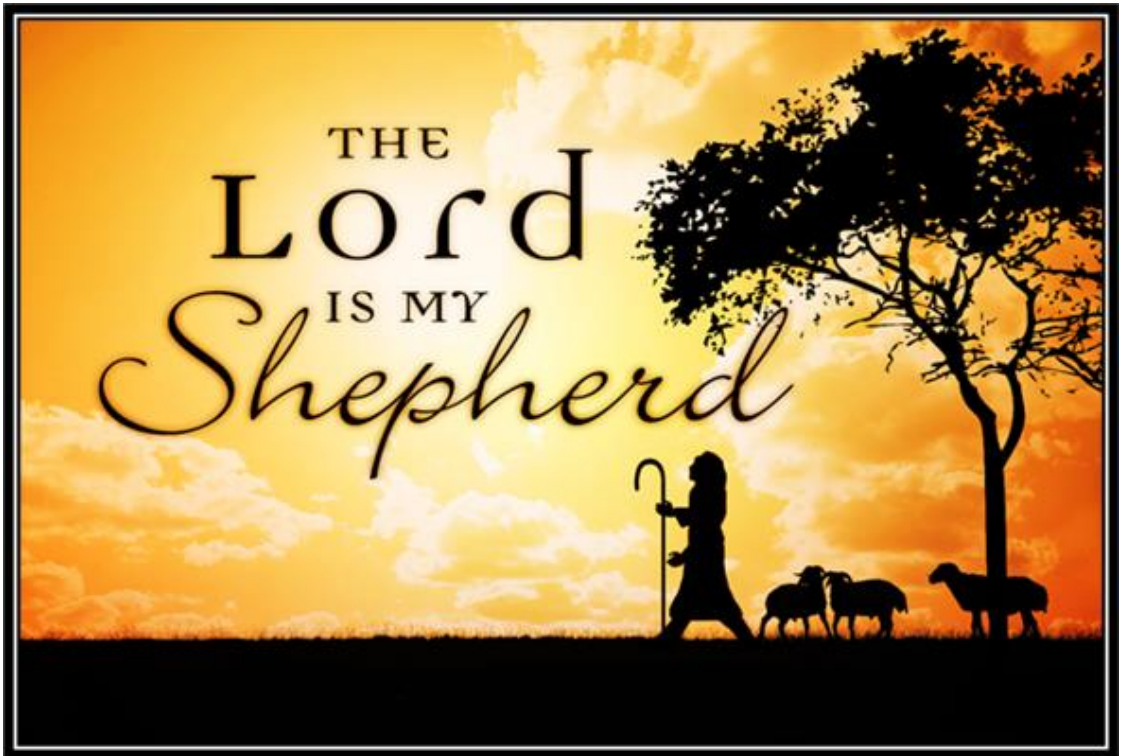


The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

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 not be open January 26.***

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			
JANUARY 26, 2025		FEBRUARY 2, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> HERB WILLIAMS <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> MC-ELLE MURRAY	<u>READERS:</u> CHILDRENS SERVICE <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> DANANNA & BECKY HANSEN <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> ELAINE GRAYBILL <u>NURSERY:</u> CHILDRENS SERVICE NO NURSERY	NO SERVICE ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY	<u>READERS:</u> JANE MANDELL SHERYL FACCHETTI <u>HOSPITALITY:</u> JUDY GOMON & RICHE BALANCA <u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI <u>NURSERY:</u> S.G. PRESTON & ALLY PRESTON



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
(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 *(8am Service)*

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 *(8am Service)*

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.

Loving God,

Your son Jesus gave his life in loving and ministry

Help us to live and to love like Jesus. Amen.

(please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 (*8am Service*)

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (8am Service)

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 27 responsively by half verse

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹² Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³ You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (*8am Service*)

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

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)

"We Will Follow"

John Burland

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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)

"Solitude Song" (Follow Me)

(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)

"This Little Light of Mine"

(see page 8)

“This Little Light of Mine”

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1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon-na let it shine.



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1-3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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"Solitude Song" (Follow Me)

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Verses

1, 4. I don't know where I'm go - in'. The road a -
 2. My own heart is a mys - t'ry and I'm un -
 3. Lord, I know if I fol - low, 7 you will

1, 4. head is hard to see. I can - not
 2. sure ___ of your will, though my de -
 3. lead ___ me from fear. So I will

1, 4. know for cer - tain where you're lead - ing me.
 2. sire to please you sure - ly pleas - es still.
 3. trust you al - ways, know - ing you are near.

2. Your voice warms win - ter's chill.
 3. My God is al - ways near.

4. I know you're lead - ing me.

4. My God, please lead me.

Fol-low me.

Fol-low me.

Yes, fol - low me.

1: to Verse 3
 2: to Bridge

Lord, I will trust you al - ways.

Where

else could I go?

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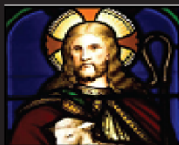
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