

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025



The flowers in the church have been donated:
In Loving Memory of Matthew C. Finn Jr
On the 16th Anniversary of his passing
by Jo-Ann & Dante Finn

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 not be open on October 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			
October 19, 2025		October 26, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH	<u>READERS:</u> TED JUDY ELLIS	<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM	<u>READERS:</u> CHILDRENS SERVICE
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"Christ Be Our 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

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.

**O Lord God,
tireless guardian of your people,
you are always ready to hear our cries.
Teach us to rely day and night on your care.
Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 121 responsively by half verse

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵ The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." 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)

"Let Us Pray"

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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:

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

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: "My Evening Prayer" (see page 10)
(10AM Service)

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

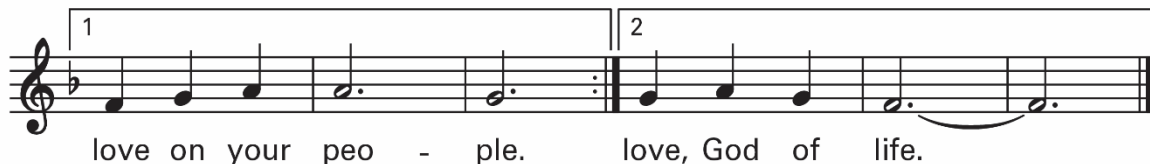
Dismissal

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

The Concluding Song: "Rain Down" (see page 8)
(10AM Service)

"Rain Down"

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2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



2. kind-ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

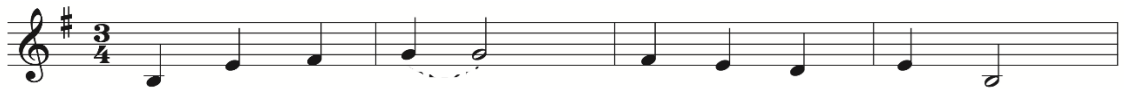


1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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"Christ Be Our Light"

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1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 shared un - til all are fed.
 mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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"My Evening Prayer"

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1. God, be in my head and in my un - der - stand-ing.
2. God, be in my heart as I lay deep in slum-ber.
3. God, be in my eyes when I a - wake to morn-ing.



1. Be my ev - ery thought and be my eve - ning prayer.
2. Let shad-ows de - part and sweet-est dreams be mine.
3. Be first in my sight, all that I long to see.



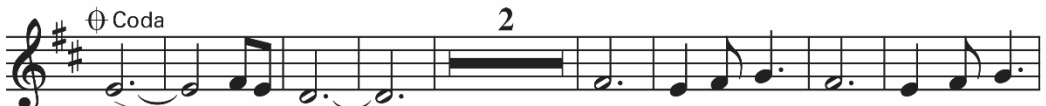
1. In the dark - ness, a - lone with the moon and her
2. Send the an - gels to breathe heav-en's peace in - to
3. Seek-ing out on - ly that which is love - ly and



1. stars, let me know that you are here.
2. me. Through the night, Fa - ther, be here.
3. true, all the beau - ty of



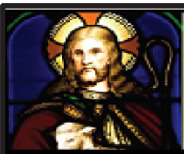
1. Be in my head, God, be my ev - ery - thing.
2. Be in my heart, God, fill my ev - ery dream.



3. you here, be in my eyes and in my



3. head and in my heart. God, be my un - der-stand-ing.



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