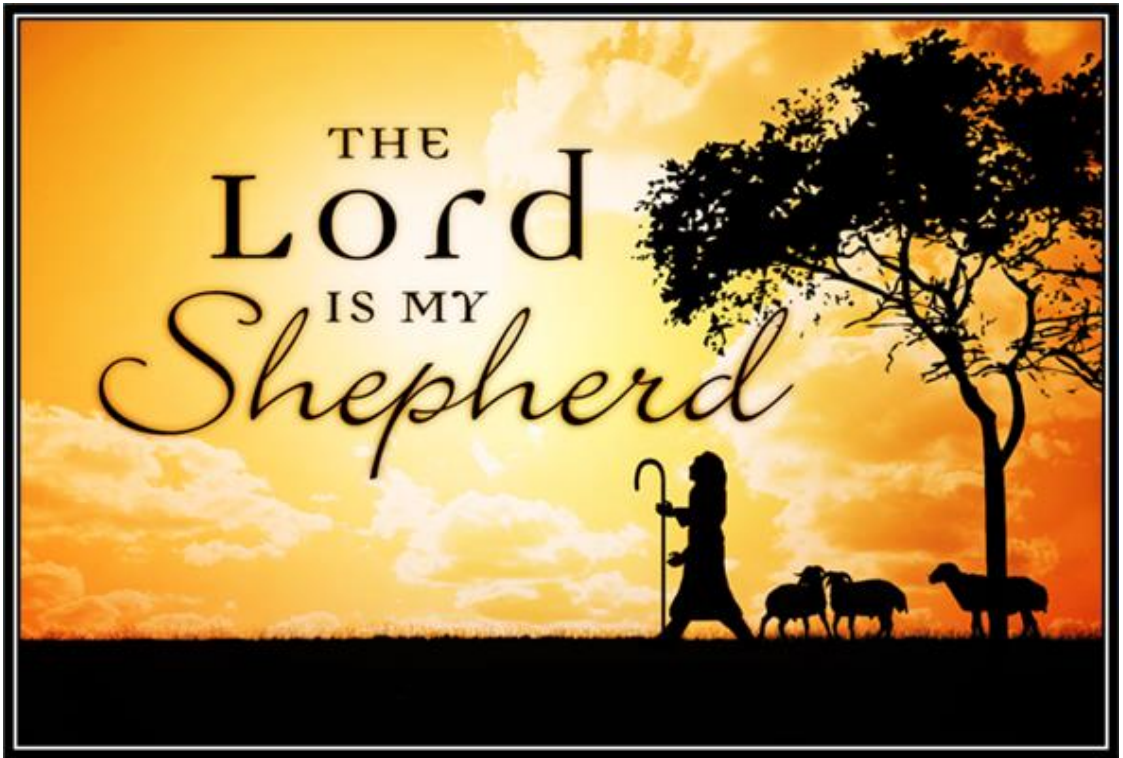


The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026



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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, usually 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. **No Sunday Nursery on January 18 & 25.**

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 18, 2026		January 25, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM	<u>READERS:</u> BECKY RYDER JUDY ELLIS	<u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK	<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 be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

**Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter
to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God.
Keep your church firm on the rock of this faith,
so that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-6, 12

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 40 responsively by half verse

- ¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.**
- ⁴ Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- ⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- ⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- ¹² You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Gospel Acclamation:

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REFRAIN *(please stand as you are able)*

You are the light of the world! You are the light of the
world! Let your light shine for all to see!
You are the light of the world! _____

Paul A. Tate
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The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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.

(please be seated)

The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"Shed A Little Light"

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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 Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"Light On A Hill"

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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: "I Want To Walk As A Child of The Light" (see page 8)
(10AM Service)

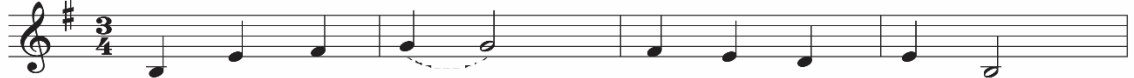
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"Christ Be Our Light"

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Verses



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. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. 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.
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
 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,
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing 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.
 Walls made of liv - ing stone.
 Mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



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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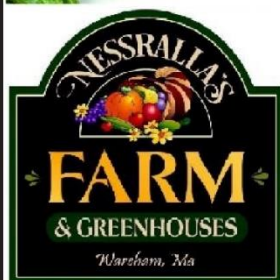


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