

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

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. ***The Sunday Nursery will not be open on October 11 & 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			
September 27, 2026		October 4, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 10)

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.

**God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 25 responsively by half verse

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Gospel Acclamation:

"Alleluia"

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 4)

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 Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

“Children Are a Gift from Heaven”

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Chil - dren are a gift from hea - ven, each soul trust - ing and u -
nique; God's ex - am - ple of faith's jour - ney for all peo - ple who will
seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a
dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Children Are a Gift from Heaven". It is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score consists of four lines of music, with measure numbers 4, 8, and 12 marked at the beginning of the second, third, and fourth lines respectively. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: (10AM Service)

“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

Pat Barrett

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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 Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"Oceans"
Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, Salomon Ligthelm

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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: "Sing of The Lord's Goodness" *(see page 9)*
(10AM Service)

VERSES



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield-ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour - age in our dark-ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trump-et,



1. come to him and bless his name._____ Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death._____ His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high;_____ sol - ace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp;_____ praise him with the cym - bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days._____
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all._____
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God._____
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days._____

REFRAIN



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel - o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor - ship him and bless his name.____



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
 3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain;
- Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Loud praise to Christ our King;
 2. Let prais-es fill the sky;
 3. Life shall not end the strain;
- Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re-joice;
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at-tend;
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,



1. Praise is his gra-cious choice:
 2. His love shall nev - er end:
 3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more:
- Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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go to the funeral.
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will be glad they did.

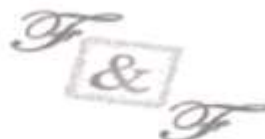
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