The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 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			
October 25, 2026		November 1, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song "We Are One In The Spirit" *(see page 8)*
(10am Service) *(please stand as you are able)*

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 (*8am Service only)*

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 God, you are always ready to forgive us,
by the presence of your Spirit you renew our hearts.
Inspire us for a holy life,
and bring us to the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 *(8am Service only)*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:137-144 *(8am Service only)*

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 119 responsively by half verse

137 You are righteous, O LORD, *
and upright are your judgments.
138 You have issued your decrees *
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

[139] My indignation has consumed me, *
because my enemies forget your words.

[140] Your word has been tested to the uttermost, *
and your servant holds it dear.

[141] I am small and of little account, *
yet I do not forget your commandments.

[142] Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

[143] Trouble and distress have come upon me, *
yet your commandments are my delight.

[144] The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; *
grant me understanding, that I may live.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 *(8am Service Only)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Lukje.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Song: "Let The Children Come" *(see page 9)*
(10AM Service)



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 *(8am Service only)*

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: "Let The Children Come" *(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: "This Little Light of Mine" (*see page 7)*
(10AM Service)


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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3. Je - sus gave it to me;
1-3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



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Verse: Parents brought their children in hopes that He would see them
When they heard that He was teaching nearby.
But as soon as they came, the disciples sent them on their way.
Their request had been denied.

Bridge: He said "Do not forbid them from seeking my Kingdom
for it belongs to such as these."

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