

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

January 11, 2026

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 42...*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Lector *We will read responsively from Psalm 29...*

Lector Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
People **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;**
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Lector The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

People **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;**
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

Lector The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

People **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Lector The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**
Lector And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

People **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;**
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

Lector The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Acts chapter 10...

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as able.*

Matthew 3:13-17

*Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Celebrant Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

SERMON *Please be seated.* The Rev. Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *Please stand as able.*

*People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,*

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,
We pray to you.

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,
We pray to you.

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,
We pray to you.

Lector Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given for the glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Indra Eldridge, Jim Groff, and Susan Peterson. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,
We pray to you.

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Stephen Eugene Tsolis. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. (*Pause.*) We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. (*pause*) God of Light and Life,
We pray to you.

Lector Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **AMEN.**

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Celebrant says a proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Meditation on “Quem Pastores”

David Lasky

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand as able.

Celebrant announces the blessing.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

David Cherwien

SERVING US TODAY

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| Celebrant | Rev. Whitney Burton |
| Crucifer/Chalicist | Laura McGary |
| Lector | Gail Griffin |
| Prayers of the People | Laura McGary |
| Ushers | John Schmidt and Jay Harvey |



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Donna A, Nita, Anne C, Annie H, Lauren, Kelly M, Rose, Lexi M and family, Vaska, Deni, and Bob, Ada H, Charles H, Carl V, Blair B, Alice S, Allie F, Charline F, Jocelyn F, Kara M, Hope and Dave, Gloria S, Blair B, Stacy H, Dan and Gloria S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Enez P, Michael W, Andrew L, Glenn R, Mike P, Lou F, Colette S, Heather S, Linda, The Keelers, Carol C, Tony B, the people of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa, Millicent L, Lynne H, Butch N, Mary Ann W, Mara S and family, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Bonnie S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, the people of Ukraine, Jim T, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M.



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays – Indra Eldridge, Jim Groff, and Susan Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacred Ground Program at COGS is beginning this coming Tuesday, January 13. If you were not able to attend the information meetings, but would still like to participate in the program, please contact Rev. Kathy or the church office ASAP.

2026 Contribution Envelopes – If you have requested an envelope booklet for your 2026 pledges, these are now available in Kirk Hall.

140th Anniversary - The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd officially celebrates its 140th year on December 28, 2026. Beginning in January 2026, displays about the history of the church building and congregation will be presented in Kirk Hall. History Moments will be present at each Sunday Worship Service.

February 1 – 8, 2026: A week of events, history, and celebrations!

Sunday, February 1: 9 AM Official 140th Celebration Kick-Off Sunday

Tuesday, February 3: Cheese & History Reception from 6:30 to 8 PM

Friday, February 6: Fish Fry Dinner at 5:30 PM in Kirk Hall. Steve Maisel and the Hospitality Team will be providing a delicious meal with all the trimmings. Tickets are limited to 100 people. They can be purchased in advance beginning this Sunday in Kirk Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person with 6 and under free. Cash, check and credit card will be accepted.

Sunday, February 8: 9 AM Worship Service with Bishop Scharf. Reception to follow.

Good Shepherd History - The authors have completed their writing of “The Legacy Continues, the Church of the Good Shepherd since 1886” and are now offering it for pre-sale in Kirk Hall following each worship service. Price for the book has been set at \$35.00 during the pre-sale and will be \$40.00 after January 18, 2026. Cash, check or credit card are accepted.

Regular Events –

every Wednesday – Bible study at 2 PM and Evening Worship at 6 PM

today (every 2nd Sunday) - Youth Group 11:30 AM in the Youth Room

Saturday, January 17 - Soul Sisters Meeting at 10 AM in Kirk Hall. Our speaker will be Frank Kneen who will present an update on his nutrition programs and how Soul Sisters have helped him with our contributions. All members of the parish are invited to attend Frank's presentation. We will have a short business meeting after Frank's presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, January 18 - Dunedin Cares Food Pantry Collection and Cursillistas Meeting

Sunday, January 25 – Daughters of the King at 11:30 AM in the Lounge.

Sunday, February 22 – Book Club on *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi in the Patio Room.