

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

VOLUNTARY: *Alla Marcia* (Scipio)

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

*Please stand as the organ introduces the processional hymn.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: **Ye servants of God**

Hymnal 535

*(the service continues on p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

BCP, p. 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(read by all in unison)*

BCP, p. 355

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

GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Will all of those going to Children's Chapel please come forward?

*The Celebrant and Congregation continue in unison:* **Children of God, go forth to receive God's Word. May it light your way, fill your hearts with love, and your lives with hope and joy. Amen.**

*Those going to Children's Chapel will now follow the cross on the way.*

**THE LESSON:** Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 70** *[read responsively by half verse at the asterisk]*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \* O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \* because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \* come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \* O Lord, do not tarry.

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound

of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

**Hymnal 436**

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON:**

The Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP, p. 358**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)**

**BCP, p. 388**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

**BCP, p. 360**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host;  
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-y Ghost. O— praise him, O— praise him,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

PROPER PREFACE:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP, p. 364
FRACTION: Jesus, Lamb of God	Hymnal S-166
COMMUNION HYMN: This is the hour of banquet and of song	Hymnal 317
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:	BCP, p. 365
CLOSING HYMN: Jesus lives! Thy terrors now	Hymnal 195
DISMISSAL. <i>Celebrant</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. <i>People.</i> Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.	
VOLUNTARY Improvisation on <i>Mowsley</i>	

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

We pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish,  
The Church of the Anunciación in Florida, Cuba.

We pray for those whose lives have been disrupted, or who have suffered loss, damage, or death from  
recent hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters.

We pray for those who are ill, especially for  
Wilson, Dorothea, Dennis, Curry, Vladimir,  
Patricia, George, Debbie, Jacquelyn, Betty, Jack, Geoff Skye

We pray for strength and guidance for  
Emma, Jen, Rachel, Jeff

We pray for those who have died.  
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially for  
Zachary, Brooker, Derek, Carrie

We pray for those attending the New Beginnings retreat at Camp Weed this weekend, especially  
Corbin and Emily Puckett

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week

Blake Parks	11/12
Peggy Ezell	11/13
Doreen Roman	11/18

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ross and Jean Krueger in thanksgiving  
for their wedding anniversary.

The attendance on November 5, 2017  
8:00 am: 17      10:00 am: 111  
2017 Budgeted Offerings: \$395,000  
Year to Date Actual Offerings through November 5, 2017: \$314,399  
Needed Each Week: \$7,596  
Received November 5, 2017: \$9,060

## Announcements

- Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd – Good morning! We are pleased that you are worshiping with us this morning and we invite you to fully participate in our services. This leaflet outlines the service from the red Book of Common Prayer, including page numbers for the services, hymn numbers from the blue hymnal, scripture readings and further directions related to our services. Following the 8:00 am service we invite everyone for coffee and conversation in Craig Lounge. Following the 10:00 am service we invite everyone to join us in Worsham Hall for our monthly potluck lunch. We hope you will join us weekly at the service of your choice. Peace and blessings!
- Welcome Fr. Bob Cowperthwaite – We are pleased and privileged to have The Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite as our guest celebrant and preacher today. Please be sure to greet him after the service.

**WELCOME To Parents of Young Children: RELAX!** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They may tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priests, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but PLEASE come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember the way that we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.



**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH:** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

- Nursery – Our nursery is staffed every Sunday by Miss Seida and Miss Anela from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The nursery is located in the Toddler room of the school wing. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher who can direct you to the nursery.
- Children’s Worship Activity Bags – We welcome all children during our worship services. Activity bags are provided with age-appropriate items so that children can be engaged during the service. Please don’t hesitate to speak to an usher at any time during the service for these special additions provided for your children.
- Sunday School starts today! – Children ages 4 -10 are encouraged to attend Sunday School, which will take place during the 10:00 am service beginning today. The children will process out after the Collect of the Day and return for communion with their families. Thank you to everyone who has offered to teach. If you would like to be a teacher or classroom assistant for Sunday School, please speak with Susannah Sands.
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – OneJax Institute and Congregation Ahavath Chesed (The Temple) invites you to attend the 100th Interfaith Gratitude Service on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6 - 7pm at The Temple, 8727 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32217. In a world divided, and after enduring natural disasters and disasters of our own making, this service reminds us to treat others with kindness, to be grateful for all that we have and to approach each other with compassion. It offers us reasons for hope. The service is free and open to the public. Canned goods will be collected for Feed a Needy Neighbor. RSVPs appreciated: 904.620.1529 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/100gratitude>
- Thanksgiving Outreach – It is time to turn our attention to the less fortunate in our community and plan our Thanksgiving Meal Outreach. This year we will cook after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, Nov. 19th. It should only take a couple of hours. We will meet at the church to deliver on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23rd, at 10:00 am. Here are the ways you can help:

**Cook:** Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church; please fill out completely

**Deliver on Thanksgiving Day** to the families; sign-up sheet in the back of the church; please fill out your information completely; names phone numbers and addresses of the families will be provided

**Provide a pie or other dessert;** deliver to the church kitchen by Tuesday, Nov 21st; sign-up sheet is in the back of the church

Last year we provided a traditional Thanksgiving Meal for 179 people (35 families) to be enjoyed in their own homes! Please consider helping this year. Questions –call Susannah Sands 228-0815 or [suannahsands@hotmail.com](mailto:suannahsands@hotmail.com)

- Congratulations to Zachary Russell! – Many of you know Zack as the boy soprano in Good Shepherd’s Chancel choir singing as soloist from time to time. Zack has been cast as Amahl in First Coast Opera’s production of Amahl and the Night Visitors, which will play on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm in Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. Amahl and the Night Visitors is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem. For more information about the production visit - <http://www.emmaconcerts.com/event/holiday-traditions-first-coast-opera/> Congratulations, Zack! We are proud of you!
- Food Pantry Volunteers Needed – The Food Pantry at St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Avenue (between Blanding and Cassat), is looking for volunteers to help bag food and assist clients on Wednesdays between 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. You can work for an hour or two or the entire shift. Call Susan Snyder at 908-5184 for more information.
- Good Shepherd Christmas Cards – This year’s Christmas cards featuring the artwork of fellow parishioner Ivonne Gomez can be purchased following church services in Craig Lounge or during the week in the church office. Christmas cards from previous years are also available. Proceeds from the card sales help to support the arts at Good Shepherd. Cards may also be purchased from our online store - <https://squareup.com/market/the-episcopal-church-of-the-good-shepherd>. Many thanks to Kate Medill for all her work in coordinating this special project.
- Summer Camp 2018 Pre-registration – Early bird registration is open now! Don’t miss out on this discount and a \$5 credit to our camp store! SENIOR SESSION AND HARRY POTTER WEEK ARE FILLING UP FAST! Choose from our exciting 2018 weeks. Why pick just one? For more information, check the Diocese of Florida website, [www.diocesefl.org](http://www.diocesefl.org).
- Donations to St. Catherine’s Food Pantry – This week we are suggesting condiments such as olive and canola oils, mustard and mayonnaise. Please note that all non perishable items are accepted and sincerely appreciated. We also need more paper bags. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

- Blessing Box - Our blessing box at the Forbes Street entrance is in need of donations of non-perishable food items, especially those in pop-top cans. We have added a basket in the narthex to receive donated items for our neighborhood ministry. Please be as generous as you can.

# Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Children's Chapel &  
Cherub Choir (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

*The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

9:15 am Sunday Conversation (Craig)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
Sunday School (Craig)

## The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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