Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Second Sunday In Advent Sunday, December 7, 2025 Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit. The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Britta Bloomberg

Altar Servers: Erica Richardson and Beth Hatcher

Ushers: Angela & Michael Ajamie

Greeter: Barbara Popejoy

~Prelude~ "Trust And Obey" By: Marianne Kim

Silent entrance of the Choir and Altar Party process to the chancel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Altar Server will light the first candle as the Lector reads.

Lector: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

Celebrant: God of Peace, Emmanuel, may the light of God be reflected in our hearts at this time. Let us be ready for the day and the hour of Christ appearing. Work in our hearts that we may prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings. Bless our celebration that it may be pleasing to you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. **Amen**



~Hymn~ #66 "Prepare The Way, O Zion"



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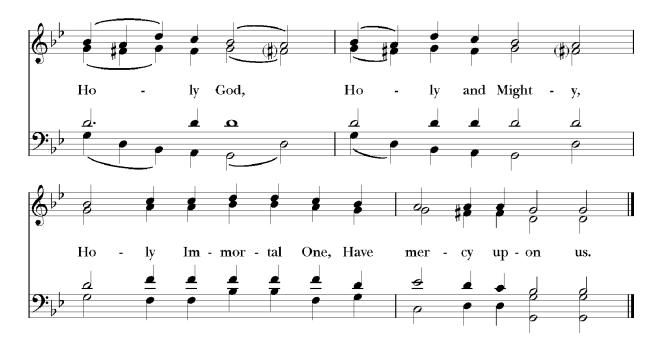
Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom,

now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise S#102 Holy God (X3)



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 (Read In Unison)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no
 more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

A Reading From Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

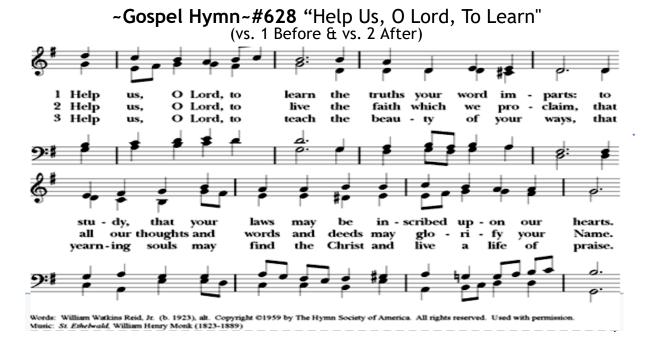
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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



The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed

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.

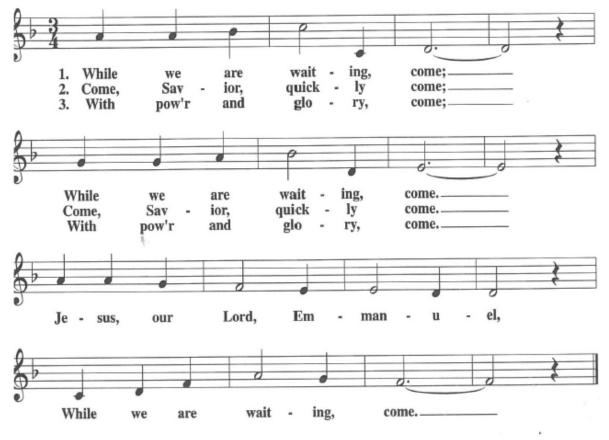
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

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~ P#130 "While We Are Waiting"



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Prayers of the People

Lector: Holy One, we pray with anticipation of the coming of the Christ child and the hope for the creation of new possibilities and visions for us and our world.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: With the dream of peace in the world, we pray for the welfare and safety of all your people in every community and nation.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: For Good Shepherd of the Hills, that those whose efforts sustain this church and its mission, our members and friends, the clergy, and the Bishop we pray for your guidance and blessings.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: In our daily life, we thank you for nourishing our soul, energizing our mind and feeding our body so that we may do your work and serve others in your name. We thank you for giving us each unique talent to use with loving purpose.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: We ask for healing for those in unbearable circumstances, the homeless, the fearful, the anxious and those that are ill and dying, especially for those individuals on our parish prayer list.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: We pray for those who have died, those we hold in our hearts, and those who have gone before us to the joy of eternal life.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Celebrant: Our hearts are open to this new advent, new beginning, and new opportunity to embrace the Christ child that came into the world. May the promise of hope, love, joy and peace live in our hearts now and always. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all 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 Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.

~Offertory Anthem~ "The Wonder Of His Love" By: Douglas E. Wagner

Come and know the wonder, Come and know the quiet peace. Come and take the hand of one who offers you relief. Come when hearts are heavy, come when needs are strong. Come and know the wonder of His love.

Come and seek forgiveness. Come and be forever blest. Come and find a place of refuge, hopefulness and rest. Come when fears surround you, come when sorrows loom. Come and know the wonder of His love. When in times of darkness and confusion, when great sadness threatens to disrupt, let your hearts on wings of love be carried, and lift you up.

12 Come and know the wonder. Come and know the wonder of His love. Come and know.

The Doxology



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer C

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

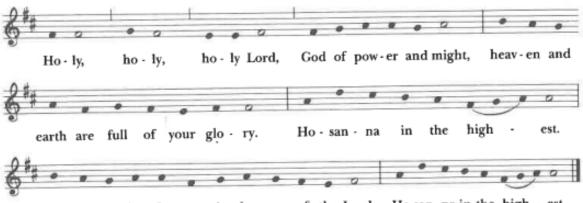
People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus #124



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant 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,

nd 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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

~Communion Hymn~ "Sleepers, Wake" By: J.S. Bach

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

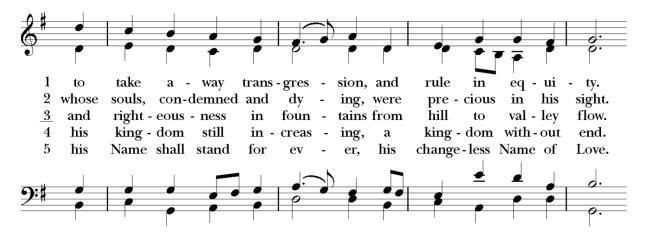
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**







Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of

the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude
"Festive Recessional"
By: Martin Ellis

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo, Jan, Edna, Mat
Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan, The Family and Friends of Todd
Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles, Aaron Parson, John, Hank
Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley, The Friends and Family of
Sharon, The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Bernice Insalaco, Cindy
Creamers, Bob S., Joan Shillingburg, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jan Kramer, Gary Zimmett, Micah Young, Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet, Mary
Pierce, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson, Fr. Joe Harte, Bernadette Davis, Joyce Ann
Diehl and Bill Diehl, Debbie Shields, Gertrude Craig, The Family Roy Longworth, Tom,
Dave Cantelme, Susie Hansen, Bence Leite, Bob, Arlo Nelson, Katie Mitchell, Lydia
Meijer, The Family and Friends of Gracia Floyd, John DeBroske, Patty, Tochia Levine,
Annamria

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Please pray for those celebrating their Anniversary: David Boyd and Linda Parker-Boyd



Flowers are given by Don & Mary Solon in memory of their son,
Shawn.

Thanksgiving
Service
Love Thy Neighbor



Offerings at a Glance!

Tuesday

Bible Study Tuesdays @ 1pm Good Shepherd Library & 7pm via Zoom

AA Group Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Sandwich/Meal Making Every Second Wednesday 9:30am

AZ Archeological Society Meetings Every Second Wednesday

Choir Practice Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM

Thursday

Foothills Caring Corps Memory Cafe, Third Thursday 10-11:30 AM

Autism Support Group, Third Thursday 6:30-7:45pm @ Norterra Panera

Youth Ministry Thursdays @ 4pm-6pm

Weekend

Hiking Ministry Every Third Saturday of the Month

Bell Choir Practice Sundays 11:30-12:30 PM

Special Offerings

Advent Bible Study Mondays 1-2:30pm December 1st - 22nd. Dandelions Women's Group Potluck December 13th @ 11 AM

Save the Date

Christmas Eve Services 4:30 PM and 7 PM Christmas Day Service 10 AM



December Potluck Coffee Hour

Please join us for our December Coffee Hour potluck on December 14th. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share. All our welcome!

Sack Lunch Ministry

We will be making Sack Lunches in Maitland Hall on Wednesday, December 10th at 9:30. These lunches will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen to help feed the homeless. We will have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

If you prefer to make the sack lunches at home, they will gladly be accepted! They can be dropped off to Maitland Hall before 10 A.M. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd: A Season of Gratitude

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we give thanks for the many blessings we share at Good Shepherd—our worship, our fellowship, and our ministry in the community. Each gift of time, talent, and treasure helps make God's love visible in our parish and beyond.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year as an expression of gratitude for all that God has given. Every pledge, no matter the size, strengthen our shared life of faith and hope.

Together, we give thanks- and together, we grow in grace.

Lynn Walsh- Stewardship Chair Good Shepherd of the Hills





We are collecting food and supplies for the Foothills Food Bank to help with their growing demand! Please drop your donations in the designated areas in the Narthex or in the back of Maitland Hall.

November Wish List

Peanut butter and jelly, Soup, Canned tuna/chicken, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Dry pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta, One pound bags of rice, Bottled water, Paper towels.



December Dandelions Women's Group Potluck

Saturday December 13th

11:00 AM in Maitland Hall

Please bring an item to share for a potluck lunch. We will socialize over yummy food.

Optional Cookie Exchange at 11:30 AM. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the form on the bulletin board in Maitland Hall. We ask you to please bring 3 dozen cookies and copies of your recipes to exchange.



Optional White Elephant gift exchange at 12

Noon. For those wishing to participate please bring

a wrapped gift or repurposed item valued at approximately \$25.



RSVP to Audra Botwin.

For questions on the white elephant please contact Lynn Walsh



Christmas Flower Dedications!

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, or honor and bless your family and friends this holy season, please fill out the form below.

Christmas Flowers have been dedicated to:

Message:

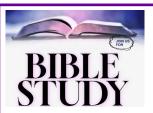
By:

Please return your forms no later then Wednesday, December 17th.

Suggested Donation of \$15 can be paid by Cash, Check or Electronic payment via our website.. (www.goodshepherdaz.org)

Please put Christmas Flower Dedication on the memo line of your check,

Please put Christmas Flower Dedication on the memo line of your or in the note section if paying online.



Bible Study

Two sessions weekly to choose from:

Tuesdays @ 1pm in the Good Shepherd library and 7pm via Zoom.

Flower Dedications!

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is back! The Flower Calendar has been posted in Maitland Hall for you to sign up for your special dates! Suggested Donation \$50.



Join the Choir or Handbell Choir!

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesday 6-7:30 PM

HB Rehearsals are Sundays from 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Open to All! For more information, on the Handbell Choir or Choir please contact; Eunkyung Suh Lee |





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