

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Second Sunday After Christmas
Sunday, January 4, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

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 Kulesza, Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Sue Jenks
Altar Servers: Erica Richardson and David Boyd
Ushers: Tom Sampson and Pete Turner
Greeter: Audra Botwin and Cynthia Farlow

~Prelude ~

“A New Year's Reflection”

By: Robert J. Powell

~Proclamation Hymn #107~

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice". It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3. The lyrics are: "1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;".

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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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 forever. Amen

~Song of Praise #96~

"Angels We Have Heard On High" (vss. 1 & 4)

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lessons A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of
the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 84:1-8 (*Read In Unison*)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #691~

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's



The Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Celebrant: 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~ #130 "While We Are Waiting"

CLAIRE CLONINGER

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1. While we are wait - ing, come; _____
 2. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come; _____
 3. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; _____

While we are wait - ing, come. _____
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come. _____
 With pow'r and glo - ry, come. _____

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

While we are wait - ing, come. _____

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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we gather this blessed day, fill our hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love given to us because you gave us a child born in a stable - Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us celebrate the good news the angels delivered to the humble shepherds long ago. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: On this Christmas Day, we pray for the worldwide church, especially for peace in the Holy Land where your Light was brought into the world. May this Light give hope and comfort to the whole human family. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: As we come to the end of another challenging year help us to be faithful in knowing we are surrounded by your love. Fill us with hope and strength to create a joyful new year filled with peace.
Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We saw your Light shine in acts of kindness, and in reaching out to those who were most vulnerable. May we always be grateful for the many blessings you have provided in our lives. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who are weary, lonely, isolated and for those who have lost hope. We pray for those who are sick and suffering, whether in mind, body, or spirit, especially those close to our hearts. May they feel the presence of your love, comfort and healing. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who have recently died. Christmas time, when there should be such joy, help those who mourn to bring their sorrows and heavy hearts to you, so that you may surround them with your love and peace.

People: Receive our prayers

Celebrant: Loving God, like the shepherds in the field, let us rejoice in the good news of hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas and throughout the year. May we glorify your name and honor you as our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

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.

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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~ "O Come, All Ye Faithful" By: John F. Wade
(Handbell Choir)

The Doxology

The musical score for the Doxology is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staves.

***3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise**

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —

— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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,
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 would like, please come forward for a blessing.

~Communion Hymn~

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" By: William M. Runyan



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.

The Blessing

The Priest gives the blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,
bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and
brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the
Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and
earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **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.**

~Recessional Hymn #680~ “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.



6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727). alt.: harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People : Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ “Introduction and Toccata Brevis On St. Anne”
 By: David Lasky



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 Zimmet, 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, Sondro Leite Jr., The Friends and Family of Tochia Levine, The Friends and Family of Jill McBride, Richard and Lucy Reed, Michelle Burr

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: Mike & Margaret Powell,
and Birthday:
Tycha Flickinger and Paula Vessels



Offerings at a Glance!

Tuesday

Bible Study Tuesdays @ 1pm Good Shepherd Library & 7pm via Zoom
(Bible Study is on holiday until January 6th!)

AA Group Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Centering Prayer Wednesdays 10:00am via Zoom

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

Centering Prayer Saturdays 9:00am

Hiking Ministry Every Third Saturday of the Month

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

We continue to welcome your pledge for 2026!

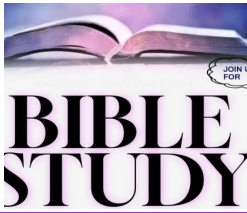
Stewardship at Good Shepherd: A Season of Gratitude

As we enter this Advent Season, 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*



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 |



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.

December 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.



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