

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

We are a dwelling place
where loving God and neighbor is embraced and lived.



2nd Sunday in Advent
4 December, 2016

We welcome all to our parish church, and hope that,
if you are visiting, you will feel at home in this community of faith.

Please sign the guest register near the main entrance
so we may get to know you a bit better,
and please let someone know if you have questions or comments.

Our celebration of Holy Eucharist is open
to all who desire to participate.

The 8:30 am service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
(the smaller of the two books found in your pew)

At the 10:30 am service we make use of this bulletin, plus the BCP, and the Hymnal 1982.
(the larger of the books in your pew in which many of our hymns may be found.)

**** For Today's Collect, Psalm, and Lessons, see the insert.**
The Lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Children are welcome always! -
the sound of children is precious to God.

Sunday School is from 9:30 am-10:10 am for children between 3-8 years old and during the 10:30 service
for those 8-12 years old

Restrooms
are located in the hallway between the church and Jewett Hall



Please join us in Jewett Hall for Coffee Hour.

8:30 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite 2

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION	Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355
COLLECT FOR PURITY	BCP P.355
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	See Insert
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY	Insert
The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10	Insert
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Insert
THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13	Insert
THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12	Insert
THE SERMON	The Rev. Ann Markle
THE NICENE CREED	BCP, p. 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III	BCP, p. 387
THE PRAYER FOR TRANSITION:	

Ever-present God, you call us to a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not yet reached our destination. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement, and help us to stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey continues as a journey of trust. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN	BCP, p. 360
THE PEACE	
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS	

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A	BCP p. 361
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP p.365
THE BLESSING	
THE DISMISSAL	

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist - Rite 2

PRELUDE: "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"	Johann Pachelbel
OPENING HYMN 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"	Winchester New

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Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 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.
 - 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!
- (second half of chant)*
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13
SEQUENCE HYMN 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"
THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12
SERMON
THE NICENE CREED
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THE PEACE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Arise, Shine"

George Elvey

*Arise, shine for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee,
And the gentiles shall come to thy light
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
(text from Isaiah 60:1-3)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS HYMNAL S-130

Franz Peter Schubert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Franz Peter Schubert

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 364

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who desire communion are invited to receive communion, or you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, just cross your arms across your chest to indicate you desire a blessing rather than communion.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMN 597 "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Jerusalem

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

CLOSING HYMN 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Ascension

Postlude: Voluntary on "Winchester New"

C. S. Lang



PRAYERS

For those who are ill or in need: Dale H., Jeremy and Yuliya New, Esther, David Noller, Jessica, Susan, Chuck H, Chuck G, Liz and Jarrett, Ben B, Marie G, Doug, Louie, Vince, Sophia, Kim, Liga, Ken, Bruce Aikman, Billy, Sue Winter, Ben, Connie, Porter, Sandy, Mike, John and Gary and family and Debi's friend, Carol.

For God's peace in the world, for all affected by war, terror, pain, and loss; that we may reach out in support for all in need; that we may stand up, speak up, and defend all who are vulnerable; that we may embrace all God's people as our family.

We pray for all whose work is caring for others, and for all who work in hospitals and humanitarian agencies; for Jeff Lodinsky, and all who serve the country through the State Department, and for Eli Holden and all who serve in the military, and for first responders everywhere.

We pray for all who have birthdays or special remembrances this week.

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed and for all who mourn.

We give thanks for the steadfast faith and ministry of our Partners in Ministry, the people of Ascension Church at Good Shepherd and that of our Parish Choir.

Holy God of Love, we offer you these prayers just as we are - - full of hope, full of sorrow, full of ambivalence, full of whatever it is we feel at this moment and in this place - - because what we know, God, is that regardless of where we are and how we feel, you love it when we pray. Amen.



Liturgical Servers

December 4

8:30 am

Chalice: Zoe Koston

Lector: Kathy Boone

10:30 am

Crucifer: Renee Lalonde

Chalice: Meachem/Spina

Lector 1: Debi Overton-Niles

Lector 2: Patty Mertens

Intercessor: Kathleen Niles-Overton

Altar Guild: Meachem/VanBaak

Ushers: Longo/Lodinsky

Counters: Barry/Bommer

December 11

8:30 am

Chalice: Zoe Koston

Lector: Steve Cammarata

10:30 am

Crucifer: Deb Wiesner

Chalice: Wiesner/Barry

Lector 1: Jo Meachem

Lector 2: Carol Burns

Intercessor: Susan Andrews

Altar Guild: H. Lodinsky

Ushers: Barber/Cumbo

Counters: Coleman/AikmanB

Around the Parish

Episcopal Relief & Development Appeal

Through the end of December, Episcopalians and friends are invited to participate in Episcopal Relief & Development's 2016 Holiday Matching Gift Challenge. With generous support from a group of exceptionally committed donors, gifts to any listed fund during this time will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000. The match amount benefits the Global Needs Fund, sending help where it is most needed to fight poverty, hunger, disease and disasters worldwide. "As I look back at the good we were permitted to do over the past year with the resources entrusted to us by our compassionate, caring community of supporters, I'm filled with gratitude," said Rob Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief & Development. "The Holiday Matching Gift Challenge presents a huge boost during a critical time, enabling this organization to continue its excellent work in collaboration with local partners in nearly 40 countries worldwide." Donations to any Episcopal Relief & Development fund made online, over the phone or via mail before year-end – including through Gifts for Life, the organization's alternative giving catalog – are eligible for matching. Matching is automatically enabled when supporters make a gift. For new and existing monthly donors, any scheduled contributions during the challenge will also be matched. "It is always so heartening to receive calls and emails from people across the country who want to make sure that their contribution will count for matching," said Xerxes Eclipse, Episcopal Relief & Development's Director of Donor Services. "People love giving to a cause that promotes sustainable development and empowers communities around the world to live fuller, healthier lives. What's really exciting is the chance to double their gift through the holiday challenge!" Between now and December 31, all contributions will be matched. Click here to donate online, or call 1.855.312.HEAL (4325). Gifts can also be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. - See more at: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2016-press-releases/episcopal-relief-and-development-launches-500000-holiday-matching-gift-challenge#sthash.e6QrvSM9.dpuf>

Good Shepherd Women's Group

We have just finished studying the lives of "Wicked Women of the Bible", and have selected *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr as our next book. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, It is a beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant *New York Times* bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. We meet monthly, usually on the first Saturday morning of the month to discuss what our reading means to us as women of faith, as well as breakfast and sharing what is going on in our lives. We welcome new members, including those who may not attend Good Shepherd. If you would be interested in joining with us in reading this excellent book, please speak with Carol Burns to have her order you a copy!

Sunday School Newsflash!

Our Sunday school crew is involved with a little service project in conjunction with the Ascension Pet Food Pantry. Once a month, we repackage small bags of dog and cat treats for distribution with the pet food. The children put colorful labels with a short message on the bags. We are looking for donations of dog treats (in a variety of sizes) and cat treats that we can count out and repackage. Sandwich size and snack size zipper baggies would also be appreciated. If you wish to donate, please leave your treats in the Children's Chapel in the front left corner where all our Sunday school materials are located. Thank you so much!

Around the Diocese

Discover Sundays

Programs take place at 2:30 p.m. at the
Diocesan Ministry Center, 1064 Brighton Rd,
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Programs are free; donations gratefully accepted
Registration is requested for all programs

January 15, 2017

Buffalo's Jewels - Stained Glass Windows

In September, Discover Sundays participants explored the La Farge and Tiffany windows at Trinity Episcopal Church in Buffalo.

This program, held at the Diocesan Ministry Center, takes a deeper look at some of Buffalo's outstanding stained glass in houses of worship and private homes. The presentation includes windows designed abroad as well as in the United States.

Speaker Chuck LaChiusa is the creator of the award-winning website Buffalo Architecture and History (buffaloah.com), an informative and comprehensive resource for Buffalo's historic built environment. A retired English teacher at City Honors School, he is a photographer, speaker, and President of the non-profit tour organization Explore Buffalo.

Register at bit.ly/buffalojewels

February 19, 2017

Film: Amazing Grace 2006, Rated PG

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found Was blind, but now I see. Amazing Grace is based on the life of antislavery pioneer, William Wilberforce (1759-1833). At the age of 21, Wilberforce was elected to the House of Commons, spending two decades persuading those in power in the English establishment to end the inhumane trade of slavery. An introduction to the movie will be given by Professor Andrew Nichols of the History and Social Studies Education Department at Buffalo State. Free popcorn, pop and candy. Register at bit.ly/amazinggracefilm

March 19, 2017

Spring Ahead into Gardening

Have you always wanted a beautiful landscape overflowing with wonderful annuals and perennials? Does that luxurious lawn always seem to be out of reach? Or maybe your vegetable garden just doesn't seem to perform. Gardening expert David Clark will offer tips and techniques to ready our home and parish gardens for the Spring season. Bring your questions! A reception will follow the presentation. Register at bit.ly/clarkgardening

May 7, 2017

The Perils of Plastic

Dr. Sherri Mason, Professor at SUNY Fredonia, will present the latest information about fresh water plastic pollution. The study of plastic pollution started in the world's oceans. Dr. Mason and her team conducted the first-ever survey for plastic pollution within the open water of the Great Lakes. She will present the results from these studies as well as impacts upon fish, birds and other wildlife. She will offer suggestions on simple ways we can help to lessen the problem. A reception will follow the program. Register at bit.ly/perilsofplastic

Kenmore – Nativity Scenes & Bake Sale (December 3 & 4)

Church of the Advent (54 Delaware Rd., Kenmore) will offer a display of Nativity scenes, and a bake sale, on Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4. Come view over 200 Manger Scenes put on display by the members of the Church. Displays are from all over the world and are made of all sorts of products- wood, cloth, china, felt etc. Enjoy some great baked goods from the bake sale.

The hours on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 6 to 8 p.m. The hours on Sunday will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is free to attend, and all are welcome!

Springville – Christmas Cookie Sale (December 10)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 591 East Main Street, Springville, NY is holding it's annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 1pm.

"All of St. Paul's wonderful bakers are busy preparing their delicious fresh baked cookies for all of your Christmas needs." says Vicar Gary Schindler. "Our Annual Cookie sale is known far and wide for the plentiful offering mouth watering cookies and sweets. These delectable goodies will be perfect for your holiday table."

Make sure to stop by and pick up a dozen or so to help support the works and mission of St. Paul's, Springville.

Attica – Christmas Fair, Bake Sale & Luncheon (December 10)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church (30 Favor St., in Attica) will hold Christmas Fair from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, December 10. Featuring many Vendors, crafts, basket raffle, bake sale & lunch. This event coincides with our town wide "Attica Winterfest". Come shop with us!!

Tonawanda – Christmas Party (December 12)

St. Philip's Episcopal Church will host its annual Christmas Party at the Diocesan Ministry Center (1064 Brighton Ave., in Tonawanda) on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The event will feature a buffet dinner and music for dancing.

The cost of admission is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to St. Philip's Episcopal Church and mailed no later than November 21, 2016.

The Very Rev. Canon Gloria E.E. Payne-Carter, Rector, will be acknowledged with a special tribute as she plans to retire at the end of the year.

Buffalo – Christmas Cookie Walk (December 17)

No time to bake this year? No problem, we will do the work for you.

Come pick from our variety of cookies to share with your favorite people this Christmas!

This event will be held at St. John's-Grace Episcopal Church, 51 Colonial Circle (Richmond at Bidwell), Buffalo, on Saturday, December 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

LeRoy – Open House (December 17)

In celebration of its 200th anniversary in 2017, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1 East Main St., LeRoy is sponsoring a Photo Contest open to all ages. The sanctuary of St. Mark's Church, decorated for Christmas, will be open to photographers for interior photos on Saturday, December 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Considered the most photographed building in Genesee County, St. Mark's has a beautiful natural setting above Oatka Creek with architecture in the English Gothic style. Information and complete details about the contest are available at www.stmarks-leroy.org and at the church.



Out and About

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo offers Evensong And Compline Services.

Based on the services held daily in the medieval Church, **Choral Evensong** as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England has been sung regularly since the 16th century. Many people enjoy the contemplative feel of Evensong.

The word "**Compline**" is from the same root as the word "complete." As the last service of the day, this stunningly beautiful candlelit service features a small group of singers, offering Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony.

All services are held at Westminster in the Sanctuary unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday Choral Evensong

6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel, September-May

Evensong Services at 4PM with Organ Prelude at 3:30PM
Compline Services at 8PM

Sunday, Dec. 11th Compline
Westminster Schola

Sunday, Feb. 12th Compline
Westminster Schola

Sunday, March 12th
Choral Evensong Westminster Choir School



The Work of Christmas

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

-- Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas*, 23

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Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Dr. R. William Franklin

Priest: The Rev. Ann Markle

Parish Administrator: Janice Beam

Music Minister: Debi Overton-Niles

Sexton: Greg Evola

Treasurer: Pat Lalonde

Wardens: Charlie Ohl, Nancy Cich

Clerk of the Vestry: Kathy Boone (asst. Clerk: Gloria Longo)

Vestry

Class of 2016: Debbie Wiesner, Elaine Richau

Class of 2017: Katie Thomas, Patty Mertens

Class of 2018: Joe Spina, Carol Burns