



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2



The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the “great cloud of witnesses” mentioned in Hebrews 12.

During Good Shepherd’s Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on November 2 we will remember with love and gratitude the congregation members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Each will have a bell engraved with his or her name. After the service, the bells will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year’s All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate these Good Shepherd members and all the saints during worship:

Betty Ciccolella (10/31/24)

Paige Frierson (12/9/24)

Bobby Cannon (1/29/25)

Karin Salisbury (2/8/25)

Silas W. Holmes (3/23/25)

Dale Richardson (3/29/25)

Jeannine Jameson (6/26/25)

Michele Morrison (9/7/25)

Rosemarie Brown (9/24/25)



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The hymn "For All The Saints" often gets stuck in my head, and now that the season has arrived, it's finally the perfect time to sing it.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! -William H. How

Certain hymns have that effect—they instantly connect us to a feeling or a moment. Like how "A Mighty Fortress" makes us think of the Reformation, or "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!" instantly brings us to Christmas Eve. It's part of the beautiful mystery of our faith. Our worship engages all of our senses: the sound of a hymn, the cold touch of the baptismal waters, the taste of wine, the sight of the sanctuary. These are all ways God connects with us.

"For All The Saints," and All Saints' Day itself, powerfully connect us not only with God and with the members of Christ's body who are present with us today, but also with those faithful members who have gone before us.

Because Christ lives, we live—now and forever. We who are still living on earth are one in Christ with those who have died and find their rest in Christ. One day we will all be reunited because, for those who are in Christ, death is no longer the final word. We died to sin and death through our baptism and were raised to new life in Christ—a life that lasts. We give thanks for that gift of life this All Saint's Day.

We are one in Christ with all the great heroes of the faith—Peter, Mary Magdalene, Martin Luther, Mother Teresa. But we are also one with the saints we knew personally. When I hear this hymn, I think of my grandmother. I thank God for her quiet, strong, and faithful example.

The first All Saints' Day after she died in 2007, I felt empty and sad. Yet as the service unfolded—as we lit candles for the departed, sang "For All The Saints," and confessed our belief in the communion of saints—I realized for the first time that what we do in church is exactly what the heavenly multitude has been doing for all time: praising God.

Each time we gather for worship, we sing the unending hymn they sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the Highest!

We are joining a song that has been going on forever and will go on forever, shaking the very rafters of heaven in praise of our God, who defeated death and gives us life. That is a powerful truth.

This All Saints' Day and always, remember that all those whom we love who have died—parents, grandparents, children, friends, and all of God's beloved saints—find their rest in the same God who sustained them in this life and who sustains us in our life together.

That list of saints includes all those faithful souls who helped make Good Shepherd the amazing congregation that it is today. From the ones who built the foundation to the ones who worked quietly behind the scenes, this is a time to thank God for those faithful folks.

But that list of saints also includes YOU! As God continues to lead and guide us, you are one of those faithful souls God has called to trust, to love, and to follow. One day, future generations will look back on our life together and they will thank God—for all the saints.

Let us continue to live into this life together. Let's boldly approach the future, knowing that God is at the helm and that we have work to do—work to which we have been called and for which we have been gifted. Following the example of those faithful saints who have gone before us, let us labor together in this kingdom of God until we find rest in the one who holds us safely.

I am thankful for all of you, dear saints of Good Shepherd,

Pastor Andrew



GROUNDING IN GRATITUDE

Join us each Wednesday in November from 4:00 – 5:00 pm for a community practice rooted in grace, gratitude, and gentle yoga. Grounding in Thanks-giving and in preparation for the reflective season of Advent, we will cultivate open hearts and calm minds.

We'll move mindfully and find stillness with each class offering chair yoga, breathwork, and meditation. GSLC member, Mary Aitchison (RYT-200) will guide these sessions in Classroom 1. All are welcome, no experience is needed.

I have received such lovely and thoughtful inquiries, so thought it helpful to share those insights here as well. This offering is free – it is free of cost and free of judgment. This is a supported chair yoga practice – we will remain seated throughout our time together, as even with this, there is opportunity to engage the whole body. My intention is to create an offering that is accessible to all. Truly, all are welcome. There are well-documented physical and mental benefits to this type of practice – I ask you to honor your body, whatever your capability or experience. It is perfectly fine to join us, sitting in peace – sometimes that is where the greatest experience is attained. You are invited to wear whatever is comfortable to you – something that allows you to move freely is recommended. For me, it is heartening and very special to practice in community – I am continually inspired by our beautiful, kind, and supportive community, here, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

With peace and love, Mary

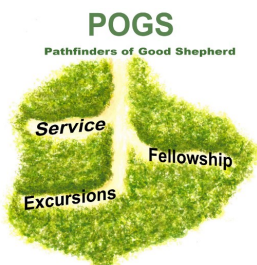
CONGREGATIONAL - MEETING -

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, November 23, 2025, for the purpose of accepting nominations from the floor for both Congregational Council and Foundation Board.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, to elect new Council Members, Foundation Board Members, and to approve the proposed 2026 Budget. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation.



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

November 12
12 Noon in the FAB
Covered Dish

POGS will meet November 12 in the FAB at 12 noon. It will be a covered dish Thanksgiving meal. The turkey will be provided. Our speaker will be a representative from the VA's Center for Development and Civic engagement. We will learn how this department of the VA is helping our Veterans and how we can continue to serve them.



Helping set up and clean up afterward is greatly appreciated.



LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 2.
Be sure to turn your clocks
BACK one hour
Saturday night!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



You have the opportunity to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please use the **Seasonal Flower Offering** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia.

The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$15.00 each**. Make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place it in the **Seasonal Flower Offering envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

Place your check and the order form in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 14**. The first 75 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the late Christmas Eve Service.

JOIN US FOR A
**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

DECEMBER 7, 2025
FROM 4 PM TO 6PM

Good Shepherd FAB

Bring an appetizer to share and a voice to sing along with Christmas carols as we sign cards, bake and decorate cookies, fill stockings, and join in fellowship together as we celebrate the Christmas season! A few items will be needed, see the sign up board in the narthex.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
DEB WHITLOW



Sunday School Classes

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes

Come and See (CL 1), Fellowship (CL 2) and Around the Corner (Parlor)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (**Youth Room**)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (**E-112**)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (**E-111**)

11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (**E-115**)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (**E-115**)



TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Tuesday mornings at 11:30
in the Conference Room.

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, November 25, the week of Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Join us virtually on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.
for a Microsoft Teams meeting.

A link is sent in a weekly email on Tuesdays.

There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday, November 26, the week of Thanksgiving.

UPDATES FROM THE LEARNING COMMITTEE

- ♦ Adult Sunday School continues to be a strongpoint of our learning program. The Come and See and Fellowship classes meet each week to learn and grow in community.
- ♦ Our Confirmation Class, made up of seven 5th-7th graders, is currently learning about the church year and about Martin Luther and the Reformation.
- ♦ The Learning Committee is putting together a rotation of teachers and substitutes for our youngest learners in the K-3rd grade class.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Good Shepherd will ring the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, December 13 at Lowes Foods on Forest Drive. We need one or two people for each one-hour time slot between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning November 16.



GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Walking in the Spirit—Pass it on!

Lutheridge Spring 2026

April 24-26, 2026

Registration is open.

Mark your calendars!



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2 & Parlor)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Children's Sunday School (E-111)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 11:05 - 11:25 am Preschool Music (E-115)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Choir (E-115)



November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue
2 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE All Saints Sunday	3	4 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
9 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE	10 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (CL 2) 5:30-7:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conference Room)	11 Veterans Day 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee
16 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday 6:30 pm Council meeting (CL 2)	17 6:30-9:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conference Room)	18 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
23 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Congregational Meeting	24	25 No Bible Study (Conf Rm)
30 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Noisy Offering First Sunday of Advent		

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
NOVEMBER 15**

*Please see an updated church calendar
and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.*

*Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 4:00-5:00 pm Grounding in Gratitude (CL 1) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6 10:00 am Mary Group meeting (FAB) 3:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conference Room) 5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)	7	8 10:00 am-3:00 pm [private event] Tanzania Task Force meeting (Conference Room)
12 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 12:00 pm POGS (FAB) 4:00-5:00 pm Grounding in Gratitude (CL 1) 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry (Conf Rm) 5:30 p.m. WELCA Board (Parlor) 5:30 p.m. Worship Life (CL 2) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	13 5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (Conference Room)	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
19 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 4:00-5:00 pm Grounding in Gratitude (CL 1) 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry (Conf Rm) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	20 11:30 am Dorcas Group meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group meeting (off site)	21	22
26 No Virtual Bible Study 4:00-5:00 pm Grounding in Gratitude (CL 1) No Choir Practice	27  Happy Thanksgiving CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

To honor our veterans, the Social Ministry committee has chosen the VA Food Pantry to receive our November monthly emphasis contributions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has established food pantries at various medical centers across the country to address food insecurity among veterans. By providing access to nutritious food and additional support, these pantries play a crucial role in improving the overall health and well-being of veterans across the nation. Good Shepherd works with the VA Food Pantry volunteers to purchase special food that the veteran clients request and typically do not receive through other means which are then distributed through the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause any time during November by placing your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designated for the VA Food Pantry.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in September for 34 families serving 100 individuals.



SOCIAL MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE



**Hope.
Healing.
Renewal.**



LDR Carolinas

Due to the generous contributions of the GSLC congregation, we sent \$1,265.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Carolinas for our August Social Ministry monthly emphasis. LDR Carolinas is an organization grounded in faith focused on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disaster and on building a network of resources across North and South Carolina to respond when

disasters occur such as Hurricanes Helene and Chantal. Thanks be to God for your continued help for our neighbors who suffer through emergency situations and their aftermath!



THANK YOU

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

*Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.
Thank you for the \$250 Walmart gift card. This
will be used to help the needs of some of our
students.*

Forest Lake Elementary

Dear Friends,

I read recently in a newsletter that the average ramp costs \$800. I am sending you a check for this amount as a memorial in honor of Curtis. His birthday is October 20 and he has been gone for five years in mid-November so this seems a good time to tell you all how much the Ramp Ministry meant to him. He loved spending a Saturday with you guys as you worked together to provide this vital ministry. He would always return home on Saturday energized and full of stories.

Thank you for all that you do.

*With love,
Anita Easter*



NOISY OFFERING

The fifth Sunday in November, November 30, 2025, is another opportunity for our congregation to show their support of an organization chosen by the GSLC children to receive the coins (the noisier, the better), bills and checks contributed for the noisy offering. The children chose Pawmetto Lifeline to benefit from this month's noisy offering. This organization's mission is to create a community in which no healthy, adoptable pet dies because it is homeless. Pawmetto Lifeline is the only organization with a comprehensive plan to solve the problem of homelessness as it relates to our companion pets through education, legislation, adoptions, and an aggressive spay/neuter program. Please send your contributions to the church office any time during the month, make an online contribution or, best of all, give directly to the excited children showing their compassion for other living beings on the fifth Sunday. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Noisy Offering or Pawmetto Lifeline.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: MARY MARGARET HOY

DATE	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23	11/30	12/7
GREETER	Verna Sawyer	Frances Plyler	Bud and Sally DePriest	Mary Aitchison	Karen Lucas	Earline Suydam
USHERS	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Mary Stallings, Mike Brown	Mike Weaver, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector: Rebecca Richardson Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector: Barbara Nagy Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: James Isenhower C: Jan Haigler	A: Jackson Nabors C: Blake Gross	A: Callen Gilbert C: Adam Ortiz	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	A: James Isenhower C: Savannah Gross	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Ellen Brown	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck	Rebecca Richardson, Becky Shealy	Karen Lucas, Jim Tucker	Donna Foster, Mary Stallings	Mike Sanchez, Steve Steck	Lavina Chandler, David Lucas



WELCA
 Save the Date
 WELCA Board Meeting
 November 12
 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome

NOVEMBER 2025 MEETINGS

*Please call the church office to reserve a room
for any upcoming meetings.*

November 6	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.) Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.) Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
November 8	Tanzania Task Force (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
November 10	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
November 11	Social Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
November 12	Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.) WELCA Board (5:30 p.m.) Worship Life (5:30 p.m.)
November 13	Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
November 16	Council (6:30 p.m.)
November 19	Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
November 20	Dorcas (11:30 a.m.) Tamar (6:30 p.m. offsite)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1 Judy Kinney	11 Mary Stallings	25 Pat Butterfield
2 Chloe Porter	14 Brett Bostic	25 Marilyn Hogan
3 William Snodgrass	14 Ronnie Roche	25 Kappy Steck
4 Sabra Lindler	14 Patrick Roof	26 Rebecca Netzel
4 Sara Loyd	15 Jack Morris	27 Cheryl Beaman
5 Donna Foster	18 Matt Burrows	27 Christian Houghton
6 Cheryl McDonald	18 Robert Ellington	28 Sam Seay
8 Teri Holmes	20 Larry Evans	29 Erica Traylor
10 Sue O'Cain	20 Billie Jones	29 Ben Wuori
10 Nancy Schaefer	22 Molly Kate Herrmann	30 Grayce Boozer
10 Greg Struthers	24 Anna-Marie Plyler	30 John Calhoun
11 Anne Rush	24 Ashleigh Taylor	30 Bettie Stroud

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

FIRST READING – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

PSALM – Psalm 149

Sing the LORD’s praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 6:20-21

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

NOVEMBER 9 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

FIRST READING – Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

PSALM – Psalm 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus’ imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

GOSPEL – Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

NOVEMBER 16 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

FIRST READING – Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble

in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

PSALM – Psalm 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God’s fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

NOVEMBER 23 – CHRIST THE KING

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today’s reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah’s unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

PSALM – Psalm 46

I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

GOSPEL – Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one’s life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God’s hands.

NOVEMBER 30 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering.

Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”

PSALM – Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” (Ps. 122:1)

SECOND READING – Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.

GOSPEL – Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

WITH PRAYER

Joey Allison	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Neal Inman	Barbara Sutton
Gwen Barnes	Marianne De Werd	Billie Jones	Bubba Willis
Trisha Benson	Lena Duncan	Lisa Lehman	Elaine Zornow
Grace Boozer	Larry Evans	Sara Loyd	Peter Zornow
Steve Bowden	Violet Fetner	Mary Clare McAbee	
Victoria Brown	Bob Fortner	Joyce Mobley	
Alice Buckner	Bonnie Hammond	Joann Nagy	
Charles Buckner	Trisha Holman	Harry Oakes	
Lavina Chandler	Kitty Howard	Gloria Oakes	
Cheryl Christian	Judy Hoy	Justine Parker	
Dot Correll	Sara Hydrick	Frances Plyler	



PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Shawna Ashton—friend of Bryson Palmer, Verna Sawyer's great grandson	Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
Brenda Bearden—friend	Jim Podell – friend of Debi Powell
Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family	Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell
Ron Blanton – friend of Frances Plyler	Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush	Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler	Joe Roche – brother of Ronnie Roche
Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend	Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders
Betty Cox—former member	Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass	Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee
Idona Erwin—friend of member	Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family
Susan Fisher—cousin of Penny Sox	Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini	Vicki Tippins—friend of Marcia Woodward
Maxine Floyd – niece of Kappy Steck	Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson	Tim Walker – friend of Frances Plyler
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow	Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew	Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler
Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum	Zelma Winbourne – mother of Deb Whitlow
Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard	Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow
Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law	
Tiffany Kent—daughter of Rod Kent	
Naomi Lambert—sister of Laura Leigh Smith	

SYMPATHY

Evelyn Herring—mother of Mark Whitlow
Kathy Killian—sister of Bobbie Storey

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes

Come and See (CL 1), Fellowship (CL 2) and Around the Corner (Parlor)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (**Youth Room**)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (**E-112**)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (**E-111**)

11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (**E-115**)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (**E-115**)

November 2 **All Saints Sunday**

Sunday Schedule above

November 5 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 9 Sunday Schedule above

November 12 12:00 noon POGS Luncheon & Meeting (FAB)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 15 **December Newsletter Deadline**

November 16 **Food Pantry Sunday**

Sunday Schedule above

November 19 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 23 Sunday Schedule above

Congregational Meeting

November 27 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28 Church Office Closed

November 30 **First Sunday of Advent**

Noisy Offering

Sunday Schedule above