

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES AND A MEAL AFTER EACH SERVICE

Take a midweek break during this busy time of year for an Advent worship service and light lunch immediately after the service on December 3rd and December 17th. There will be a POGS Christmas Lunch on December 10th which will require a reservation that needs to be made by December 7th. There will also be an evening meal and service on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Worship begins at noon in the FAB.

Lunch will be in the FAB immediately following the service.

Evening meal begins at 5:30 P.M. in the FAB.

Worship begins at 6:30 p.m. in the FAB.

DECEMBER 24 WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion 10:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

If you are unable to attend, you may watch the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service live or any time after the service on our YouTube channel. A link will be found on our website.

- If you are watching from home and you wish to participate in the candlelighting part of the service, make sure you have candles ready for your use.
- * As they have for over 35 years, members of the Taylor family, along with friends will be providing string music beginning at 4:45 and 9:45.)

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Dear Good Shepherd family,

This is the time of year that Christmas music makes the rounds. Imagine my shock when I turned on the radio in my car on the morning of Monday, November 3, to hear Burl Ives belting out "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!" All Saints' Day was barely over and already the

push toward Christmas had begun. And I get it. Sometimes we feel we need some light, some joy, some hope that the holidays often bring. I like some secular Christmas songs just fine. I love many of our Christmas hymns. But for us, the light that truly lasts is found not in a sudden burst, but in the patient preparation and "slow burn" of Advent—a season of waiting that is one of the true gems of our faith. One Advent hymn that speaks to the way Advent comforts and confronts us as we prepare for Christ's coming is O Lord, How Shall I Meet You:

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright? Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight! Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

In this hymn we ponder what it means to truly welcome Christ into our lives. Of course, the seasonal preparations for Christ are lovely and important: decorating the house, singing the hymns and songs, and telling the story of Christ's birth as our children will do in their Nativity program.

But with these rituals, we are reminded that we are also called to inner transformation and outward living. The coming of Christ should indeed kindle something holy within us; within our hearts as individuals as well as within our church body. Christ's coming means that we think and feel differently than this world teaches us to do. It also means that we live and love differently as a result. Christ came not just to brighten a month or two of our year, but to give us lasting and abundant life.

This Advent season through Sunday worship, midweek worship and meals, the Nativity program, and your own home rituals and preparations, I invite you to be transformed in your own life. Let the light of Christ brighten your heart and mind. Then reflect that love in all that you do so everyone sees and knows the goodness of God through you this season.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Andrew PAGE 3 XLIX, ISSUE XII



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PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

December 10 @ 12:45 p.m. Following the Advent Service in the FAB



We will meet for POGS on December 10 at 12:45 in the FAB after Advent service. It will be a covered dish with the meat provided. There will be a \$5 charge to help defray the cost of the meat. We will be filling boxes for those on our Meals on Wheels route. We currently have 7 people (5 women and 2 men) on our route and will also be accepting donations of personal care items, notepads, pens and pencils, etc. for these boxes. POGS will be supplying heavy socks with non-slip soles. Reservations are required by

Service

Fellowship

December 7. Please see the bulletin insert. Come and have a fun time and fellowship with friends.

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.

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HAPPY SECOND ANNIVERSARY, JIM JOHNSON

This month we celebrate the second anniversary of Jim Johnson as Director of Music at Good Shepherd. We are blessed to have Jim and we give thanks for his musical talents and dedication to Good Shepherd. Take a moment to express your thanks for his service.



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 and Foundation Board Members and to approve the proposed 2026 Budget. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation.

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PREPARING FOR 2026

The **2026 offering envelopes** will be on a table in the Narthex starting Monday, December 1, 2025 through January 5, 2026. Please stop by and pick up your offering envelope box at your earliest convenience.

Donations are effective only in the year in which they are offered. A check received after December 31, 2025, cannot be credited for the



2025 year even if the check is dated "2025." Make sure your **mailing envelope is postmarked by December 31, 2025**.

Also available for your convenience is **online giving**. Call the church office or visit our website to further explain how to do online giving.

When completing your contribution, please do the following:

- Use your assigned general offering envelopes or a pink special envelope.
 (The pink special envelopes are located in the pews and on the table in front of the Chapel.
 If using a pink special envelope, please indicate which fund the contribution is to be applied.)
- 2. Write your name on the envelope.
- 3. Write the amount on the envelope.

Thanks,

Deb Embrey, Financial Secretary

The Flower Calendar is available to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2026.

The cost of flowers is as follows: Altar flowers \$85, Narthex Flowers \$55, and the Altar Rose is \$10.



Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2026 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year.

If you do not plan to take the flowers, please let Don Caughman or the office know. Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.

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SAVE THE DATE

Epiphany Celebration
Chili and Cornbread
Cook-Off Dinner and Devotional
January 11, 2026





FUN FRIDAYS—DECEMBER 12

We'll have a Christmas party for our Fun Fridays' guests on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the FAB. There will be crafts, singing, games and food. Please come and be a helper for the night hosting our guests who have developmental disabilities. The Fun Fridays program gives parents and guardians a break from the care of their family members for the evening while our guests have a great time with our own members. If you can be a helper on this night or would like more information, contact Susan Sturkie at 803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com.

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December Sunday School Schedule

December 7—No Sunday School classes due to the Children's Christmas Program

December 14—Regularly scheduled classes—see schedule below

December 21—Regularly scheduled classes—see schedule below

December 28—Lessons and Carols; No Sunday School classes

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)

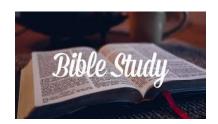
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)

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)





WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

There will be no Bible Study on December 23. There will be no Bible Study on December 30.

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 December 24. There will be no Bible Study on December 31.

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CHRISMON TREE DECORATING, LUNCH, & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Saturday, December 6 11:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Sanctuary

All Youth & Children are invited to bring their holiday spirit and join us as we come together to decorate the Chrismon Tree on **Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**.

Children will gather to learn the meaning of the Chrismon ornaments before they decorate the tree.



Immediately following the Chrismon Tree decorating, all youth and children are asked to stay to practice the Children's Christmas Program. We will meet in the FAB for pizza and practice the program.

Representatives of Columbia Metropolitan Magazine will be there to take pictures for a story they are planning on Chrismons for their December 2026 issue.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 11:00 A.M.

Please join us in the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB) after the 9:30 a.m. service for this program given by our youth and children.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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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)

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1	2 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00 am Children's Christmas Program (FAB) 4:00 - 6:00 pm Congregational Event- Christmas Party (FAB)	5:30-7:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conference Room)	9 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (CL 2)
14 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Congregational Meeting 6:30 pm Council meeting (CL 2)	Newsletter Deadline 6:30-9:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conference Room)	16 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
21 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday	22	23 No Bible Study (Conf Rm)
9:30 am Lessons and	29	30 No Bible Study (Conf Rm)



Carols Worship Service

No Sunday School

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Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at http://www.gsic.com/.

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

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3 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 12:00 pm Advent Worship Service (FAB) 12:45 pm Advent Lunch (FAB) 5:30 Advent Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Advent Worship Service (FAB) 7:15 pm Choir Practice	4 11:00 am Mary Group Chi Luncheon (off-site)	ristmas	Fri 5	6 11:00 am Chrismon tree decorating (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm Pizza lunch and run through play (FAB)
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24 No Virtual Bible Study Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)	25 Christmas Day		26	27
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
31 No Virtual Bible Study			CEMBER 24 SCHED 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p Christmas Eve Servic	. <i>m</i> .

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SOCIAL MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE

The Social Ministry committee gives a big thank you to everyone who helped with the September Social Ministry monthly emphasis! Good Shepherd gave \$1,140.00 to The Free Medical Clinic on Harden Street in Columbia which provides free quality health care to members of the community without health insurance who cannot afford their medical services. How wonderful it is

that the GSLC congregation has such a giving heart for helping the people around us!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in October for 51 families serving 159 individuals.





GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Walking in the Spirit—Pass it on!
Lutheridge Spring 2026
April 24-26, 2026
Registration is open.
Mark your calendars!

A deposit of 1/2 will hold your spot and then you may divide your payments. You may pay online or put the form and money in the offering plate. If you pay online, you will still need to turn in a registration form.

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Christmas Opportunities



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Attention Christmas Shoppers! Are you struggling to find the right gift for someone who doesn't need more stuff? ELCA Good Gifts is an alternative gift-giving campaign that supports a wide range of ELCA ministries and programs - both in the USA and around the world. Gifts start at \$10 each - with the option of sending either print cards or e-cards to your loved ones telling them how a Good Gift has blessed others in their honor. To learn more or to purchase online, go to https://goodgifts.elca.org/.



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.

ANGEL TREE

Good Shepherd is having an Angel Tree again this year.
We are supporting
Providence Home with 60
men and Women's Shelter



with 13 women. We will provide a \$25 gift card from Walmart, Visa, MC, or AMEX for each resident. If you are unable to get a gift card, a donation can be made to GSLC and designated for Angel Tree on the envelope or check. Each card is placed in a box or bag before it is delivered. There will be Christmas cards available if you would like to write a note of encouragement to add to your gift card. The tree is in the Narthex until **December 14.** The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.

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Supper Club





























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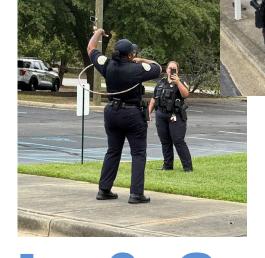
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: DON CAUGHMAN

DATE	12/7	12/14	12/21	12/28	1/4/26
GREETER	Earline Suydam	Debi Powell	Frances Plyler	Nancy Hyatt	Pat Quattlebaum
Ushers	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy	Jan Haigler, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie	Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Russ Cox, Greg Sox	Dick Sturkie, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy	Wade Wingard, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mike Brown
Worship Assistants	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector: Kerry Stubbs Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector & Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector: Steve Steck Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	A: James Isenhower C: Adam Ortiz	A: Jackson Nabors C: Becky Shealy	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Savannah Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Joey Allison, Becky Shealy	Joey Allison, Becky Shealy	Joey Allison, Becky Shealy	Joey Allison, Becky Shealy	TBD
Tabulators	Lavina Chandler, David Lucas	Karen Lucas, Jim Tucker	Donna Foster, Mike Sanchez	Mary Stallings, Steve Steck	Lavina Chandler, Rebecca Richardson

DECEMBER 2025 MEETINGS

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

December 4 Mary Group Christmas Luncheon (11:00 a.m. offsite)

December 9 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)

December 11 Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)

December 14 Council (6:30 p.m.)

December 18 Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.)

Dorcas Christmas Social (6:00 p.m. offsite) Tamar Christmas Gathering (6:30 p.m. offsite) PAGE 17 XLIX, ISSUE XII



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS 5:00 & 10:00 P.M. DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m.

Greeter Verna Sawyer

Ushers Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Jan Haigler, Bruce Shealy

Lector Don Caughman
Comm Asst Becky Shealy
Acolyte William Snodgrass
Crucifer Amanda Snodgrass

Torch Bearers Madelyn Snodgrass, Callen Gilbert

Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez

10:00 p.m.

Greeter Karen Lucas

Ushers Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler

Lector/Comm Asst Barbara Rowell
Acolyte Becky Shealy
Crucifer Eden Rowell

Torch Bearers Barbara Rowell, David Lucas

Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez

Tabulators Mary Margaret Hoy, Becky Shealy

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	William Pope	16	Jackson Nabors
	Tim Nance		Stephanee Seay
3	Una Rose Van Duys	17	Brenda Wicker
4	Dave Shelton	18	Cheryl Christian
6	Alyia Grosh		Marion Eargle
7	Devon Robinson		Michelle Isenhower
9	Charlene Fink	21	Leo Van Duys
10	Delaney Uehling		Adelaide Cannon
12	Walker Bostic	24	Chuck Henderson
	Hagan Sightler		Chris Seay
	Victoria Houghton	30	Gaye Tucker
14	Linda Van Duys	31	Andrea Keim



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LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 2025

December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

Second Reading – Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

First Reading – Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

Psalm 146:5-10

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8) **Second Reading – James 5:7-10**

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, Godwith-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7) **Second Reading – Romans 1:1-7**

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

<u>December 28 – First Sunday of Christmas</u>

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

First Reading - Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13) **Second Reading – Hebrews 2:10-18**

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

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WITH PRAYER

Joey AllisonSylvia Anne DerrickNeal InmanBarbara SuttonGwen BarnesMarianne De WerdtBillie JonesElaine ZornowTrisha BensonLena DuncanLisa LehmanPeter Zornow

Grace Boozer Larry Evans Sara Loyd

Steve Bowden Violet Fetner Mary Clare McAbee

Bob Fortner Victoria Brown Joyce Mobley Alice Buckner Bonnie Hammond Joann Nagy Trisha Holman Charles Buckner Harry Oakes Gloria Oakes Lavina Chandler Kitty Howard Justine Parker Judy Hoy Cheryl Christian Sara Hydrick Frances Plyler Dot Correll



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

Brenda Bearden—friend

Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family

Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush

Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler

Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's

friend

Betty Cox—former member

Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass

Idona Erwin—friend of member

Susan Fisher—cousin of Penny Sox

John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini

Maxine Floyd – niece of Kappy Steck

Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson

Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow

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David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew

Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum

Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard

Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law

Tiffany Kent—daughter of Rod Kent

Naomi Lambert—sister of Laura Leigh Smith

Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman

Jim Podell - friend of Debi Powell

Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell

Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce

Mobley

Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

Joe Roche - brother of Ronnie Roche

Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders

Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach

Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee

Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family

Linda Stearns—friend of Frances Plyler

Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer

Vicki Tippins—friend of Marcia Woodward

Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson

Tim Walker – friend of Frances Plyler

Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini

Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler

Zelma Winbourne – mother of Deb Whitlow

Shirlev Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

SYMPATHY

Rosemary Nance Bubba Willis Office Information

http://www.gslc.com

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9 AM-4:30 PM;

Fri. 9 AM-2:00 PM

Phone: (803) 787-4413

Pastor

Reverend Andrew Isenhower

Parish Administrator

Deborah Mitchell

Director of Music

Jim Johnson

Organist/Music Associate

Susan Sturkie

Sexton

Joey Allison

Financial Secretary

Deb Embrey

Council President

Becky Shealy

Council Vice-President

David Lucas

Secretary

Anna-Marie Plyler

Treasurer

Jan Haigler

Committee/Council Member

Communication/Don Caughman

Evangelism/Sid Havird

Finance/David Lucas

Gifts/Kate Ferlauto

Learning/Barbara Nagy

Parish Life/**Deb Whitlow**

Property/Richard Inman

Social Ministry/Mary Margaret Hoy

Worship Life/Becky Shealy

Youth & Children/Chris Herrmann

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December 1, 2025

DATED INFORMATION ENCLOSED





December 6

December 3 12:00 noon Advent Worship Service (FAB)

12:45 p.m. Advent Lunch (FAB) 5:30 p.m. Advent Supper (FAB)

6:30 p.m. Advent Supper (FAB)
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service (FAB)

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

11:00 a.m. Chrismon Tree Decorating (Sanctuary) 12:00 noon Pizza lunch and play run through (FAB)

December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. Children's Nativity Program (FAB)

No Sunday School Classes

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Congregational Event (FAB)
December 10 12:00 noon Advent Worship Service (FAB)

12:00 noon Advent Worship Service (FAB) 12:45 p.m. POGS Luncheon & Meeting (FAB)

5:30 p.m. Advent Supper (FAB)

6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service (FAB)

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

December 12 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)

December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

See Sunday Schedule on page 10

Congregational Meeting

December 15 January 2026 Newsletter Deadline

December 17 12:00 noon Advent Worship Service (FAB)

12:45 p.m. Advent Lunch (FAB) 5:30 p.m. Advent Supper (FAB)

6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service (FAB)

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Food Pantry Sunday See Sunday Schedule on page 10

December 24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

10.00 p.m. Christinas Eve Service (S

December 25-26 Church Office Closed

December 28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

No Sunday School Classes