



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SUNDAY EDITION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST



Sunday Schedule	Nursery For Little Ones	Sunday School Classes
<p><b>8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Rite I)</b></p> <p>8:45 a.m. Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant</b></p> <p>11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist</b></p>	<p><b>Nursery For Little Ones</b></p> <p>0 - 2 Yrs. from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon</p> <p><i>Infants are also always welcome in the Sanctuary. Rocking chairs available in the Side Narthex.</i></p> <p><b>Children's Chapel</b></p> <p><b>3 Year Olds - 2nd Graders</b></p> <p>Children's Chapel is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. It is located near the Courtyard. <i>The children will join their families in Church before Communion.</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday School Classes</b></p> <p><u>Children age 3 - 1st grade:</u> Water Street #107</p> <p><u>Children 2nd - 5th grade:</u> Water Street #104</p> <p><u>6th Grade Confirmation:</u> Water Street #105</p> <p><u>Youth 7th-12th:</u> Water Street #106</p> <p><u>Faith &amp; Work:</u> Dobbins Hall Classroom</p> <p><u>Episcopal 201:</u> Munds Hall</p>

## LAST BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP OF 2018 IS TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 FROM 8:45 - 9:30 A.M. IN MUNDS HALL AUDITORIUM

If you have never experienced our delicious Sunday morning breakfast, you should give it a try. Once you do, you may never have Sunday breakfast at home again. It's THAT GOOD! Today is the last breakfast fellowship for 2018. We will resume on January 6, 2019!

## LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 2018 IS TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 9:30 A.M.

Our Sunday School classes for 2018 will conclude today. We have new Sunday school classes offered in the new year: *The Christian Life* led by Rev. Milton Black and Rev. Philip May, *Will Our Children Have Faith* led by Rev. William Campbell, and *Inquirers' Class: Being Episcopalian 101* led by Rev. Frank Fuller. Everyone will want to make it their New Year's resolution to attend one of these great classes!

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

The Christmas Pageant is a beautiful tradition at Good Shepherd. The children and youth of our congregation make the story of the birth of Jesus come to life. Join us in the Courtyard after the pageant for a reception. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the pageant this year.

## CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

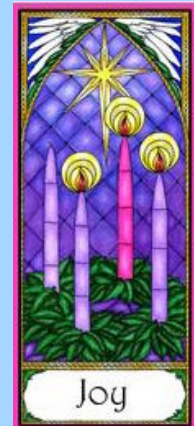
The Ministries of Music of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Parkway Presbyterian Church will present a Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols this afternoon in our sanctuary. The adult choirs and handbell choirs will present the carols and youth from both churches will read the lessons. This service of joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus is patterned after the traditional service held every year at King's College, Cambridge.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OFFERED IN JANUARY

WEDNESDAYS JANUARY 9 - 30 FROM 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

If you would like your children to receive their first communion, classes will be offered four Wednesday evenings in January. Classes are designed for parents and children together. A child may take communion at any age. The decision of when to take communion is left up to the child and his or her parents. This is a special time in a child's life in the Church. Contact the Church Office if you are interested at 361-882-1735 or at [cotgs@cotgs.org](mailto:cotgs@cotgs.org).

## ADVENT 3



Lord,  
come  
and  
save us.

## COMING SOON

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

Two Services Offered:

4:30 p.m. Carols

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
and

10:30 p.m. Carols

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25  
& Wednesday, December 26



# The Sunday Edition



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



### Christmas Eve

**Monday, December 24**

Offering a banquet of music, scriptures, and a Eucharist celebration, we joyfully welcome the Christ Child into the world!

#### Service Times:

- 4:30 pm Christmas Carols
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist and
- 10:30 pm Christmas Carols
- 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

### Christmas Day

**Tuesday, December 25**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

This service is reflective and deeply rewarding.

## CHRISTMAS EVE FOR CHILDREN

### Christmas Eve Children's Chapel

We offer a special children's Christmas Eve service in the Children's Chapel at **5:00 p.m.** There will be meaningful Christmas liturgy, stories, music and more that is age-appropriate. Children will join the adults in the sanctuary for communion.



### Special Christmas Eve Tradition

You never know who might show up at the Christmas Eve services to surprise our children! For generations, little ones have left their shoes in the Courtyard just before the Christmas Eve services only to find them filled with candy as they depart after the service.



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### FOR CHILDREN

**Nursery:** (Sundays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)  
For infants and toddlers 0-2 years

**Sunday School:** (Sundays 9:30 a.m.)  
Water Street Classrooms for 3 year-olds thru 6th grade

**Sunday Children's Chapel:** (10:30 a.m.)  
Children ages 3 - 2nd grade

**Children's Choir:** Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

### FOR YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School** (7th-12th grade):  
in Water Street #106 at 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Group:** (7th-12th grade)  
*December 16: Christmas Pageant*

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Salvation Army Mobile Canteen:**  
The Mobile Canteen feeds the homeless on the streets of our city. We will not make a delivery in December. *However, if you have winter items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Church Office.*

**Good Shepherd's Corner:**  
Come by the Corner and do some shopping! There are some fabulous items! We will also take your donated or consigned items. Call Julie at 883-0281.

**Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry:**  
Come help build wheelchair ramps. Next build is Saturday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m. The address is 4821 Kendal Dr. 78415

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. (*Rite I*)  
10:30 a.m. (*Rite II*)  
5:30 p.m. "*Come As You Are*"  
Tuesdays: 12:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. w/*Healing Service*

### FOR ADULTS

**Sunday School Classes:** (9:30 a.m.)  
*Faith & Work* w/ Rev. Philip May in Dobbins Hall Classroom  
*Episcopal 201* w/ Rev. Frank Fuller in Munds Hall Auditorium

**Wednesday Evening Classes:**  
*I Believe in the Holy Spirit* w/ Rev. Philip May in the Parlor;  
*Episcopal 301* w/ Rev. Frank Fuller in Munds Hall Library;  
*John for Everyone* w/Matthew Bloss in Dobbins Hall Classroom

**Trinity Towers Bible Study:**  
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal:**  
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal:**  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Men's Life Fellowship:**  
Tuesdays 7-8 a.m. in the Parlor  
Join us for fellowship, meaningful discussion and encouragement.

**Men's Book Study Group:**  
Tuesdays at noon in the Munds Hall Library. Bring your lunch.

**Women's Bible Study:**  
"Isaiah" led by Elizabeth Black  
Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor; Booklets for this class are available for \$10; *Nursery provided with a reservation. Elizabeth's class is on a break for the Christmas holidays and will resume Tuesday, January 8th.*

## Please Make Your Pledge for 2019

You will find pledge cards in the pew racks. We would appreciate you making a commitment, no matter the amount. It takes all of us as members of Good Shepherd to run our facility, grounds, and programs as well as help our community through mission and outreach.

Pledge cards can be placed in the offertory plate or brought/mailed to the Church Office. You can also go on to our website at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org) and make a pledge or payment online.