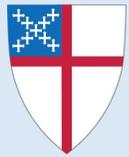


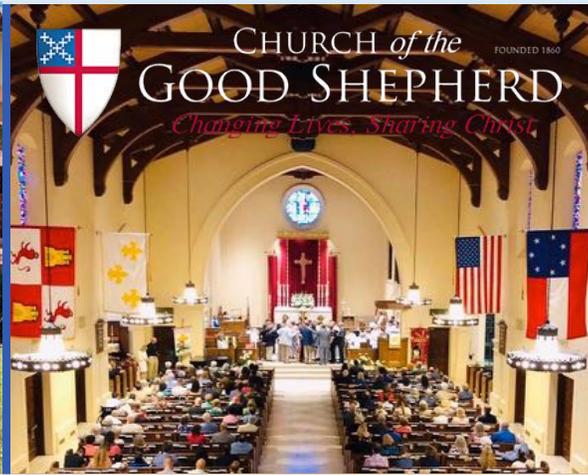
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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### From the Rector



#### King David's Prayer: 1Chronicles 29:10-14

David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Take a moment to read and reflect on the words of this beautiful prayer! King David was expressing his basic understanding of who God is and what He has done. His prayer expresses his relationship with God, and thus governs how he lives and responds to God. Each of us need to have a clear understanding of the "Why" of our faith, so that we can live into the "What." Like David, we need to have a clear understanding of who God is and what He has done, so that our lives can be governed by some basic foundational principles; also known as a theology.

Stewardship is what we believe about ownership. Giving is what we do with what we believe. Generosity is the measure of our giving that becomes part of our identity. Why do we give back to God? Because God owns everything and has given us everything, and we need to acknowledge and confirm this basic truth. Giving to God is the way that we participate in God's generous life. Giving

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to God puts our human tendencies of fear and control back into proper perspective. Giving to God puts our trust in Him, and allows us to see Him at work in our lives.

“But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given only what comes from your hand.” Generosity is a measure of our faith. I want to be a generous person because God is so generous to me. Seeing and experiencing God’s amazing generosity puts us on our knees and gives us grateful hearts. I am so grateful to be serving alongside such grateful and generous people as this community. We are truly blessed as we hold fast, and live into, these basic truths of our life in Christ.

Thanks be to God,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milton +".

## Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. ✦ 10:30 a.m. ✦ 5:30 p.m.

The Church offers three Sunday worship services in-person. We are following our Phase 2b Protocol and Guidelines in order to continue to provide a safe way to worship in our sanctuary. Please wear your mask to church.

For those who would prefer to view the service online, we will continue to offer that option. **We record one of the Sunday morning services and then email the service to our congregation.** It is also posted on our website at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org).

We also offer **Live Stream through Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.**

\*Those who have underlying health conditions are encouraged to consult with your doctor before returning to public gatherings.



### A Message from the Rev. Philip May

There are times when we realize how wonderful it is to be part of a loving community. For me the past few weeks have been one of those times. On September 3rd my mother, Elizabeth May, died after a long struggle with

Alzheimer's disease. As many of us know well, this brings a mix of emotions: sadness, nostalgia, as well as relief that a long sad chapter has ended and a glorious new one is beginning.

From my heart, thank you to all who have reached out with love and sympathy over these last weeks, and thank you for being such a community of character and support. I have been relying on that, and it has kept me going.

The next steps will be a little challenging. I feel it is important to be with my family at this time, so I will be traveling to Toronto on November 9th. This will mean two weeks of quarantine in isolation before I can emerge to officiate at the funeral service. Fortunately, I have found a nice AirBnB very near my brother's house where I can put in my time, and my siblings can slip food under the door. I'll have a few days with my family, and return on November 27th. I am grateful for this time. But I will still be working remotely –just a little bit more remotely. Bible study will continue, with a wonderful new course on Jesus' parables all ready to go when we have completed The Story. And I will be staying in touch as I tick off my fourteen days of isolation. My cell number is in the parish directory. Call anytime! I will be glad to hear your voice.

An unusual time. I deeply appreciate the love and understanding and grace that has been given to me. I would ask your prayers for myself, for my family, and for Elizabeth May, my Mum.

Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

Philip+

### ALL SAINTS DAY



#### Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day commemorates all saints, known and unknown. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism in the church.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



#### Sunday, November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.

# STEWARDSHIP

## YOUR STORY + OUR STORY + GOD'S STORY

### *Stewardship 2021*

Stewardship falls in the category of discipleship. Part of discipleship is the use of our money, gifts, abilities and resources. As followers of Jesus, we are called to leave the kingdom of this world and come under the rule and reign of God. When we choose to follow Him, we serve a new master and everything we have belongs to Him. We give back to God as His instruments on earth with praise and thanksgiving.

## Video Messages

We were blessed with three special video messages from church members. These video messages were recently emailed to our congregation and are also available to view on our website. **Leslie Peart, Kimberly and Kent Tompkins**, and our Senior Warden **John Mason** each created short video messages to our membership telling about what Good Shepherd has meant to them during this time and what it means to them to give to the church.

Please take a few moments and watch these videos if you have not. They can be found at <https://cotgs.org/2020/10/26/commitment-sunday/>. (On the Home page of our website.)

## Ways to Pledge

- **Pledge Card** - mail to the Church Office or bring to church
- **Pledge Online** - <https://cotgs.org/giving/make-a-pledge/>

Pledge cards have recently been mailed to every member of our congregation. If you did not receive yours, please call or the Church Office.

We appreciate your commitment to Good Shepherd. It takes all of us, as members, 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 on Commitment Sunday, or anytime you are in church. They can be mailed or brought to the Church Office, or you can go on to [cotgs.org](https://cotgs.org) and make a pledge or payment online.

## GIVE ONLINE

Giving Online is simple!

### 3 Easy Steps:

1. Go to [cotgs.org](https://cotgs.org)
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. PAY ONLINE & SUBMIT

The drop-down menu gives options to pay on your pledge as well as the ability to make other contributions.

If you have a **QR code reader** on your mobile device, scan over the image below and it will take you directly to our Online PAYMENT page!

### QR CODE to GIVE ONLINE



You can scan the image below and it will take you to our "Make a Pledge" page on our website.

### QR CODE to PLEDGE ONLINE



# OUR NEW CHURCH APP IS AVAILABLE NOW!

## Check Out Our Church App!

Access sermons, prayer requests, events and more.



1. Download Church by MinistryOne in App Store

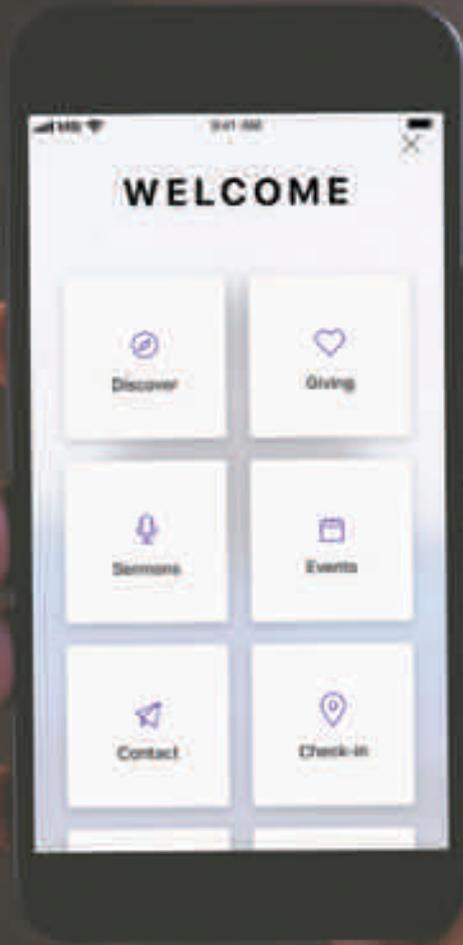


2. Search for Our Church



3. Select & Explore!

This App is Safe & Secure!



Church of the Good Shepherd is excited to announce our new "Ministry One" Mobile App!

**Our App will allow you to:**

- connect with members through the directory
- register and pay for events
- send prayer requests
- update contact information
- view recorded worship services
- pledge and give online and see giving history



← **Look for this App icon!**

The App is called MINISTRY ONE in the App store on your mobile device.

Once you download the app, you will receive "Login" credentials by email from [cotgs@cotgs.org](mailto:cotgs@cotgs.org) to set up your personal profile. The directory will only be visible to members with these credentials.

# 86th Annual



## Joint Thanksgiving Service

*Church of the Good Shepherd  
& Congregation Beth Israel*

✝ Wednesday, November 25 ✡  
7:30 p.m.  
at Church of the Good Shepherd

Congregation Beth Israel will provide desserts.

## 2021 Women's Retreat

Save the Date!

March 26 - 27

Mustang Island Conference Center

Speaker and Leader: Ashlee Sallee Kinsel

ATTENTION  
YOUTH!  
HAPPENING #146  
IS HAPPENING!

**10TH - 12TH GRADERS**

**November 20-22**

Register at

[https://www.dwtx.org/  
events/happening-146](https://www.dwtx.org/events/happening-146)

**Happenings** are spiritual renewal weekends for older high school students, led by their peers. Each Happening begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. sharp, and wraps up around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is a lock-in, so prepare to stay the entire weekend.

In order to protect participants and staff, COVID-19 guidelines and protocols will be upheld.

**Registration for Happeners will be limited to 24**, with the number of youth and adult staff kept low as well. A waiting list will be monitored to make sure that if anyone becomes unable to attend the next person in line is invited.

Accommodations will be limited to four people per cabin, and a majority of the program will be held outside. In addition to the usual packing list, participants will be asked to bring a personal fold-out, camp chair for outdoor seating, a refillable water bottle, and a few face masks.

Send questions to  
[dwtxhappening@gmail.com](mailto:dwtxhappening@gmail.com)

# CHURCH COMMUNITY

## Worship In-Person or Online

Currently, we offer services at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. For those who would prefer to view a service online, we offer that option. We record the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and email it to our congregation and post it on our website. We also offer a **Live Stream** service through **Facebook Live** at **10:30 a.m.** on Sundays.

The **service bulletin** is attached to the email on Sundays and on the website post. It is also emailed on Saturdays at noon.

## Wednesday Evening Service

### Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service

This is the perfect service for those who want a smaller setting with fewer people. Healing prayers are offered for your health, addiction, mental well-being, restoration from broken relationships, and peace.

## Sanitation of the Church

After each Sunday service, the entire sanctuary and other common areas will be sanitized with Vital Oxide, a no rinse sanitizer. Vital Oxide is an EPA registered hospital disinfectant strong enough to kill the Corona Virus plus many other viruses and bacteria, yet gentle enough to be used on food contact surfaces. It will not irritate your skin, and does not contain Volatile Organic Compounds. It is applied with an Electrostatic Sprayer that ensures 100% surface coverage.

## Offertory Online

We know that not everyone is ready to return to in-person worship at this time. We ask that you continue to give regularly if you are able. Thank you!

Two ways to give at this time:

- Online at [cotgs.org/giving/pay-online/](https://cotgs.org/giving/pay-online/)
- Mail a check to the Church Office.

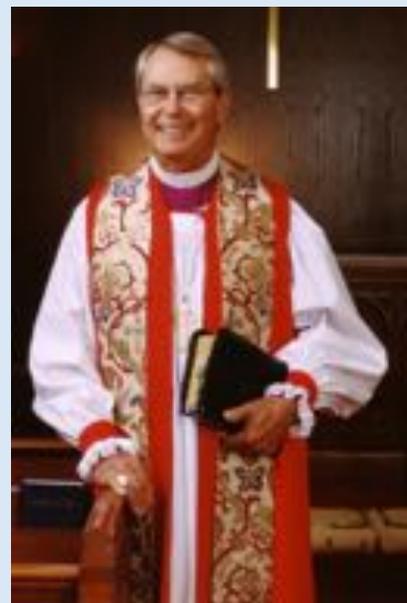
## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Announcing the Appointment of Assistant Bishop of West Texas

The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed, Bishop of West Texas, is delighted to announce the appointment of **the Rt. Rev.**

**Rayford B. High, Jr.** as Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Bishop High has served as the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth and as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas. Following his retirement in 2015, he has continued ministry as an Assisting Bishop to the Diocese of Fort Worth. His appointment in West Texas will begin on Monday, February 1, 2021.

To read more about the appointment of our new Assistant Bishop, go to <https://www.dwtx.org/blog/announcing-the-appointment-of-assistant-bishop-for-west-texas>.



## Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### THE STORY

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium

Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May

We are going through the entire Bible in 2020. *The Story* curriculum gives adults the opportunity to learn, discuss and apply the Chapter of the Week.

### THE STORY for Young Families

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Led by Rev. William Campbell

This is a special Adult class for parents. This class will not only take parents through the Bible, but will also help parents guide their children through the Bible.

## Wednesday Classes

Wednesday Evenings

### GOING DEEPER INTO THE STORY

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Led by the Rev. Philip May [pmay@cotgs.org](mailto:pmay@cotgs.org)

RSVP by email to reserve your seat or to join us online.

Join Fr. Philip online for a bible study, "Going Deeper Into the Story". We are exploring the historical setting of the New Testament, and how it affected the life and ministry of Jesus. Please email Fr. Philip if you would like to participate.

### THE REVELATION OF JOHN: Light for Dark Times

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller [fef3t@aol.com](mailto:fef3t@aol.com)

RSVP to Fr. Frank to reserve your seat

Through the centuries, the last book of the Bible, the Revelation, has given hope to Christians through persecutions, plagues, wars, and catastrophes. The text has confused, befuddled, inspired, and enraged interpreters for two millennia. This class will try to read closely the visions of the seer John, seeking light to live by for our own times.

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Pilgrim's Path: A Study of the Psalms*

**IN-PERSON SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

in the Parlor and Online

Elizabeth Black will begin a new study this Fall: *Pilgrim's Path - A Study of the Psalms*. For almost thirty years, Elizabeth has connected with the Psalms by reading them daily, allowing them to shape her prayer life, and her spiritual walk.

In 2015, Elizabeth published a devotional book on the Psalms called *Hand in Hand, Walking with the Psalms through Loneliness* that highlights the presence of God in our lives. This year, she has chosen to readdress these powerful scriptures through a more theological lens. She has studied theological resources on the Psalms, including books and commentaries by C.S. Lewis, John Stott, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eugene Peterson, Timothy Keller and more.

This study will trace the magnificent, creative outreach of God to his people, the response He so desires from us, our struggle between two worlds, and how He leads us back to himself.

### This Study Includes:

- 13 weekly lectures posted as a Podcast
- 13 sets of study questions
- 13 weekly Group Discussions (in person)

### 3 Ways to Participate:

- In-Person (limited seating)
- Online with Podcasts and Study Questions
- Do your own group study using materials

### How to Sign-Up:

Go to [elizabethheadblack.com](http://elizabethheadblack.com)

Everyone must register online on her website whether you are doing the study in person or online. You will receive a pass code to get materials. The cost is \$10.

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## YOUTH GROUP

### Sundays - Outside at the Youth House

- Middle School Games (6th - 8th) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Middle and High School Dinner 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- High School Games (9th - 12th) 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Our Youth Minister, Glenn Meschko, has created a fun and safe way to meet. We have games, fellowship, and a boxed dinner each week.

Activities and dinner are held outside. You must wear a **mask** and we will provide hand sanitizer. We will follow the protocol of the school/church, diocese and the state. Bring a friend!

Glenn is looking for parent volunteers for the Youth Group Kick-Off. Please text Glenn at 210-460-8788 to volunteer.

## Children's Chapel

3 years old - 1st grade

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

We are happy to provide Children's Chapel this Fall during our 10:30 a.m. service. Safety guidelines and protocol will be followed. **Temperatures will be taken upon arrival and masks must be worn. Hands will be sanitized.**



- Meet outside the chapel.
- We will walk socially distanced in a line to the playground for story time.
- Then we will play with social distancing.
- We will join the parents in the church during the Peace.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages. We will follow Phase 2b protocol from the diocese. Masks are required and we will social distance. Each of the three age groups will be in separate classrooms. We will begin the New Testament portion of The Story. Adults lead these classes.

3 Year Olds - 1st Grade: Room 107

2nd - 5th Grade: Room 102

6th Grade Confirmation: Room 106

## NURSERY

Ages 1 - 2

Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

We are following our Phase 2b guidelines which can be found on our website. Until further notice, we will only be able to accept children ages 1 - 2 in the nursery. All infants under the age of 1 are welcome to go with their parents to the adult Sunday School classes. They are also always welcome in the sanctuary during worship. We will have three rooms open in the nursery so we can social distance all children, and there will be plenty of adult supervision.

# CHURCH COMMUNITY

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD It's Shoebox Time!

**DUE BY Monday, November 16**

Please join us again this year as we send gift-filled boxes to poverty stricken children around the world and share the love of Christ.

**This is what you do:**

1. Pick up a box at the **Church Office**.
2. Choose an **age and gender** of a child.
3. **Pack** box with small toys and toiletries. (No toothpaste or candy)
4. Include a **\$9 donation** in the top of the box
5. **Do not seal the box.** Place a rubber band around the box.
6. Place a **label** on your box and **pray** for the child who will receive your box.
7. Bring your box to the Church by **Monday, November 16th**.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS





### **NEW WEBSITE FOR THE CORNER COMING SOON!**

The Good Shepherd's Corner is excited to announce that they will have a new website very soon! This will be a great place to go for current information regarding the Corner including: store hours, lists of items to consign or donate, information about their job training program, and much more!

### **PROCEDURES AND HOURS AT THE CORNER**

The procedures for dealing with Covid-19 have gone well for the Corner and you have all been gracious about wearing masks and social distancing. We will continue to take consignments by appointment. In light of this positive response we are happy to announce that beginning October 2nd we will be open for a full day on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will also be open two Saturdays per month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, we are going to take consignments on the two Saturdays a month that we are open. These appointments will be between 10 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Please give us 3 - 4 days notice if you plan to consign on a Saturday, so we can be sure we have volunteers in place to help you.

**The Saturdays that we will be open for the remainder of 2020:**

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19.

We look forward to doing business with you and seeing you in the store.

Warmest Regards,

Good Shepherd's Corner

**New Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**2 Saturdays a month from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (see calendar above)**

**Closed on Sundays**

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule for Summer

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

## Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
3 Years - Kinder in Children's Chapel 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
*From Children's Chapel they join their families in Church before Communion.*

## Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms  
Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms  
Adults:  
Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in Munds Hall Auditorium  
Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

## Weekday Services

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

## Monthly Services

(Suspended until further notice.)

We offer a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity Towers retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

## St. James Chapel Services

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. K-2nd Grade Chapel  
Tuesdays at 8:40 a.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Chapel  
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)  
Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. Middle School Chapel

At this time, we will not be able to accommodate parents at our chapel services. It is for scholars and faculty only until further notice.

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