



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JANUARY 26, 2025

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: T W TH 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation
 10:00 am **Worship Service**
Energy Needs Special Offering

11:15 am **Confirmation Session 3**

Tues: 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Fri: 7:00 pm AA Back to Basics

Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation
 10:00 am **Worship Service**
 11:15 am **Confirmation Session 5**

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Good Shepherd, an **Open and Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We are delighted that you joined us for worship. It is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God and know the love and peace that comes from sharing God’s Spirit. If you are looking for a spiritual home, please consider Good Shepherd and speak with Pastor James.

REV. JAMES D. ROBISON, JR. can be contacted at the office (610) 767-9680, his mobile phone (484-571-6083), or via his email address at <jamdarrob@gmail.com>.

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist	Dr. Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matt Shields

Filming Disclosure: Our services are filmed and recorded for online viewers. As worshipers’ faces may be captured, your entry into the Sanctuary constitutes your consent to be photographed, filmed and/or otherwise recorded for streaming or social purposes.

Mission Calendar for January is VALOR

Veterans Assisted Living Out Reach, VALOR’s long-term vision is to be able to provide health clinics, more homeless shelters, transition homes and recovery sanctuaries for Veterans in need.

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise Offering is an outreach mission of the church that goes to individuals or families in need. Please drop your contributions into the red bucket during the offering.

Update Offering & (Attendance)

Jan 05-\$2,423.00 E-Giving \$536.27 (90)
 Jan 12-\$1,911.00 E-Giving \$171.14 (76)
 Jan 19-\$1,443.00 E-Giving \$119.19 (43)

Online offering at [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly)
or text **GIVE** to **610-615-7657**

Snow, Ice, Winter Emergency Cancellations

check out TV Channel 69 or Radio Station WAEB 790am, our website and Facebook sites. Email or Texts.

We are now streaming on both Facebook and YouTube, both of which have icons on the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ website. If you’ve had trouble with the streaming volume not being loud enough on Facebook, click on the YouTube link and see if that improves it. We’ve tested it and believe it is an improvement.”

Thank you for your patience.
Sincerely, Good Shepherd media team.”

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church.

- **2024 Annual Reports due before January 31.** Please email them to the secretary or drop in the office.
- **Little Caesar’s Pizza Sale begins February 2.** Please have all order forms returned by March 9. This is a great fundraiser for our church. Sell! Sell! Sell!
- **Preschool enrollment is now open** for children currently enrolled and church members. Contact Karen Weaver at karens2@hotmail.com or visit Little Shepherd’s Preschool on Facebook.
- **Faith Formation** is collecting **cans of soup and boxes of crackers** for **Soup”er” Bowl Sunday**, February 9, 2025. They will be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.
- There are **extra weekly offering envelopes** in the Narthex on the center podium. If you forgot your envelopes, do not have them or are not a member and want to use these, please feel free to help yourself.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Families of... The Rev. Canon Doris Bray, Johnny Miller

In Hospice... Truman Andrews, Betty Humanick, Barbara Mathias, Alice Schnell

Family and Friends needing prayer: Madeline Balliet, Janet Kitchell, Margaret Kresge, Richards Family, Mary Storm, First responders and Families affected by the LA fires, Lee Haas, Marion Madenheim, Jackie Moffitt, Doug Farber, Frank Hart, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Susan Lukon, Eva Marie Poliquim, Dennis Raver, Kylie Schneider, Frank Strohl, Jenn Wentz, Helen Zolnowsky..

Homebound Members: Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Shirley Blynn, Kay Costenbader, Dennis Derr, Donna Fox, Carol Schweitzer, and Susan ‘Tillie’ Waller.

All the young men and women serving our country: Colby Adams, Anthony Babb, Sean Bolza, Dalton Housenick, Kira (Kern) Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Marcus Loch, Rebecca McMichael, Jacob Molchan, Adam Moyer, Jacqueline Moyer, Spencer Perkins, Benjamin Schaffer, and Janel Tracy.

Prayers for Students in higher education: Dane Badman at LCCC, Megan Bankes at Glenville State WV, Tyla Block at Widener, Aricka Creyer at LCCC, Carissa Fallon at Penn State, Riley Fallon at Penn State, Ben Griffith at Luzerne, Katy Griffith at Cedar Crest, Emma Hope at Kutztown, Sarah Hope at LCCC, Evan Horninger at DeSales, Olivia Horninger at Cedar Crest, Cece Pyfer at LCCC, Jade Rice at DeSales, Brody Ritter at the University of Delaware, Caden Shields at Muhlenberg, Cameron Shields at LCCC, Colleen Shields at Strayer, Caleb Sommers at Kutztown, Calista Smoyer at West Virginia, Gabriella Smoyer at Cedar Crest, Luke Zook at Villanova.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Acolyte
Head Deacon
Lay Reader
Greeter
Altar Guild
Media Team

Holden Schaffer
Amanda Smith
Rae Anne Creyer
Karen Smith
Linda Coffin

Marie Bachman, Deb Craig, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky,
Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, and Beth Kutzner

Altar Flowers are to the Honor and Glory of God.

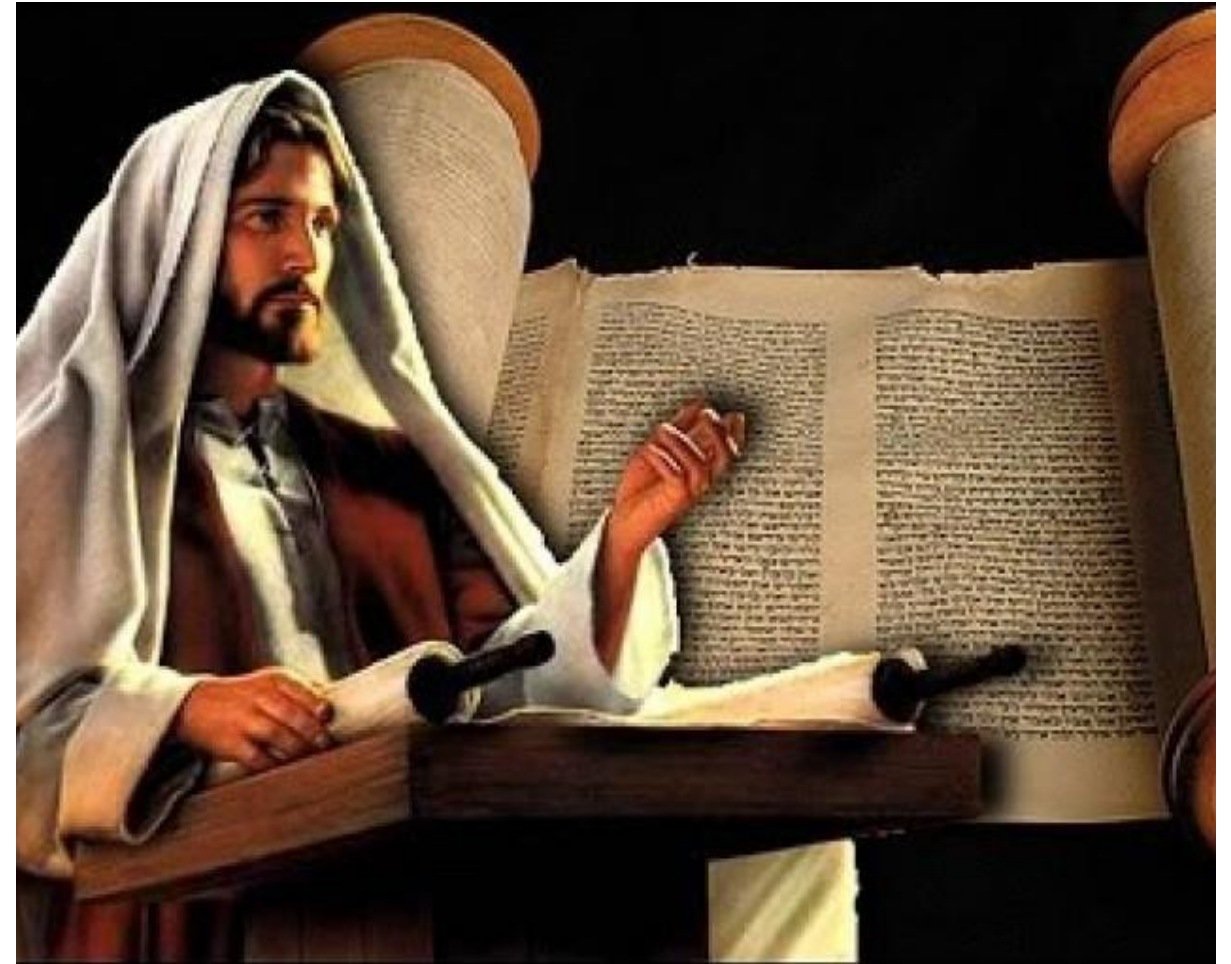
Bulletins are to the Glory of God and in Memory of Loved Ones by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fatzinger.



Birthdays

Jan 26-Eileen Andrews
Jan 26-Dennis Derr
Jan 26-Barbara Neff
Jan 27-Karen Weaver
Jan 29-Michelle Allen
Jan 30-Brynlie Hausman
Jan 30-Hailey Ruch

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Luke 4:14-21

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 26, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

NOTE: People's responses in **bold**; * rise in body, mind, or spirit

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

Our service is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them. **God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives: **to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith: **to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community: **to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture: **to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people. Amen.**

*** HYMN** ~ *My Lord, What a Morning*

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin as an offering of trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

*** CONFESSION**

God of restoration, whenever we come home to You, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of Your law and Your love. We have not loved You with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with You; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As a called and ordained minister of Jesus Christ, I assure you that you have been restored to the grace of God. Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice, for this is a new day for you and for me. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*** GLORY TO GOD (both verses)**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

Hearing God's WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, may we hear Your WORD for us that the power of the Holy Spirit may draw us closer to You. Amen!

A READING from the Gospel of Luke 4:14-21 [NRSV]

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to
the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

RESPONSE

The GOSPEL of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Reflecting on God's WORD

HOMILY ~ Good News, Good Ways

HYMN ~ *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Responding to God's WORD

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us give generously from that which has been given to us, that through our offerings the good news of Jesus Christ may be fulfilled. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

*** DOXOLOGY**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further Your reign in this world. Amen!

*** HYMN** ~ *Blessed Assurance*

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Living God's WORD

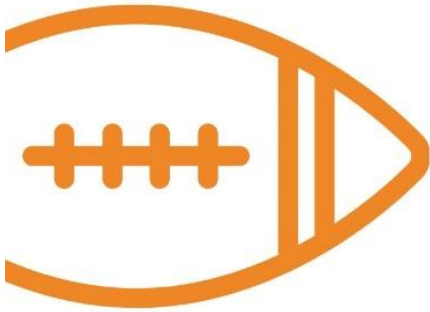
*** THE COMMISSION, BENEDICTION, AND THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE ~ *How Great Thou Art*

Liturgy from *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1*

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DONATE CANS OF SOUP
AND BOXES OF CRACKERS
FOR OUR FOOD BANKS FOR

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

