Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany Sunday, February 23, 2025 Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

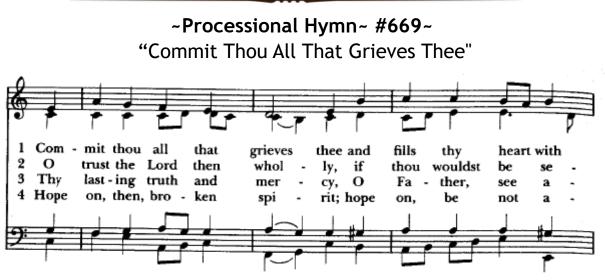
If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit. The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth Kristine K., Parish Administrator Teresa Garnica, Sexton

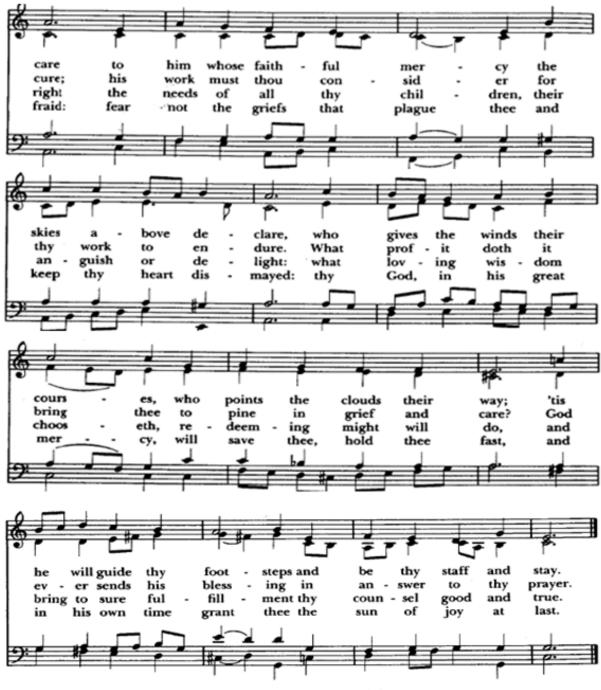
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Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector:	Micah Johnson	
Altar Servers: David Boyd and Lynn Walsh		
Ushers:	Angela & Michael Ajamie	
Greeter:	Tom & Trudy Rhoades	

~Prelude~ "Prelude From Op. 28, No. 20" By: Frederic Chopin





Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);

adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People*: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.





Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

The Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons: A Reading from the Book Of Genesis

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there -- since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers: * do not be jealous of those who do wrong. 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away. 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches. 4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire. 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass. 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday. 7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him. 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes. 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace. 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble. 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

A Reading From Paul's First Letter To the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

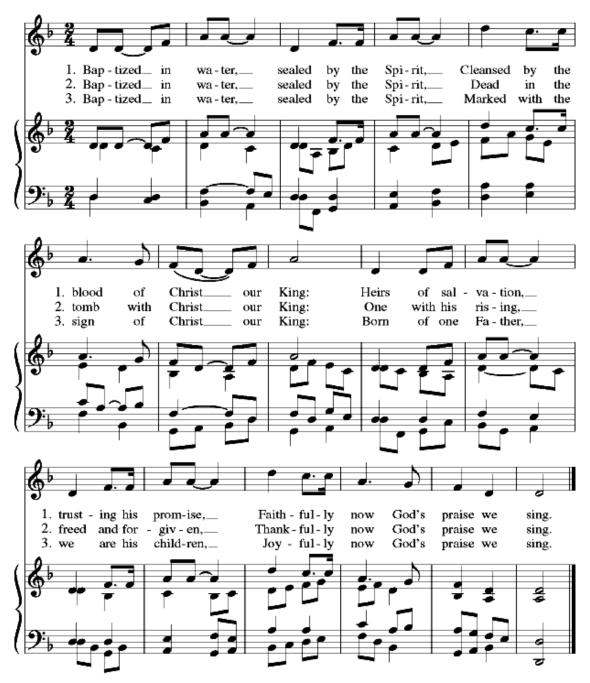
Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #767~ "Baptized in Water" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Celebrant says The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:

Parents and Godparents I present Derrick to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant Asks the Parents and Godparents Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

- Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Answer I renounce them.
- Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? Answer I renounce them.

Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.
Question	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer	I do.
Question	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer	I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Derrick in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Derrick who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

CelebrantDo you believe in God the Father?PeopleI believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant People	 Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
	the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
	the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Celebrant:	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People:	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant:	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People:	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant:	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People:	I will, with God's help.

- Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all, and respect the dignity of the earth and of every human being?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
- People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation Let us now pray for Derrick who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A period of silence follows.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader:	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader:	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader:	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: People:	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader:	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader:	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader:	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People:	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Derrick, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, in full sight of the congregation, prays over him saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Derrick, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

At the completion of the baptism, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

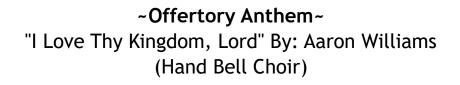
The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People:** And also with you.

The Offertory

Offering (The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.





The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

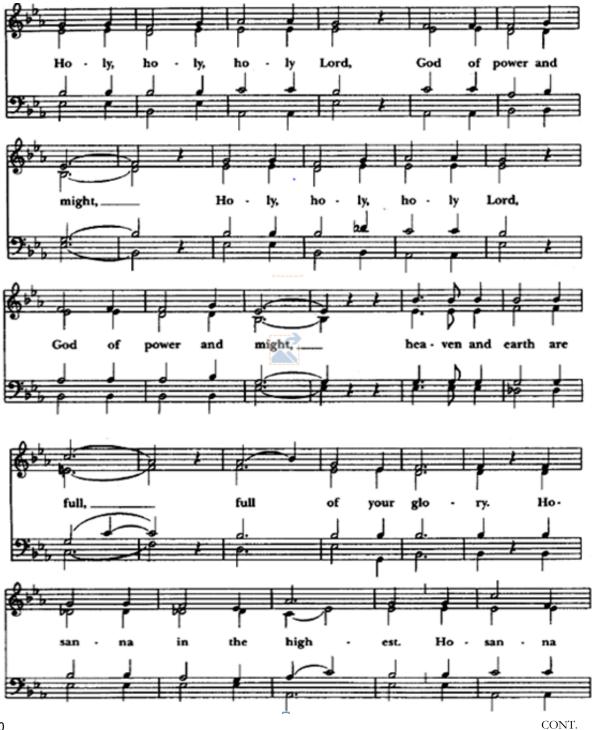
The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus #130





Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *Celebrant and People:*

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant:Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People:Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.



~Communion Hymn~

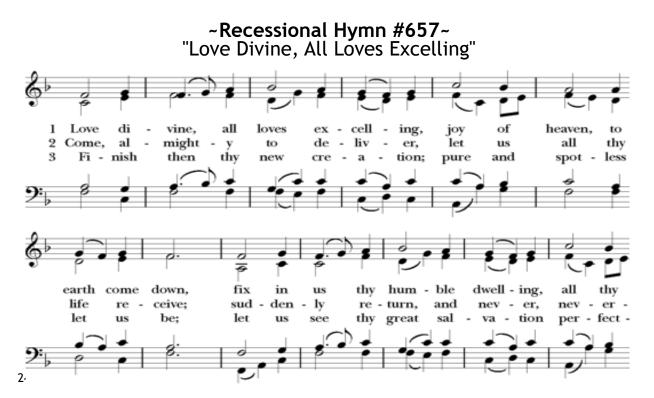
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" By: Thomas Stevenson Post-Communion Prayer Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (*The Priest gives the blessing*)

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Dismissal Celebrant: Go in peace to love in the name of Christ *People*: Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ "Allegro From Violin Sonata, Op. 5, No. 3" By: Arcangelo Corelli The Altar Flowers have been dedicated by Bob Pope In loving memory or his parents Eddie & Bill Pope.





Please pray for those celebrating their Anniversary: Ed & Mary Lee Simpson Birthday: David Vessels

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis, Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo, Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan, The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles, Aaron Parson, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley, Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon, The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson, Penny, Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S., Vivian, Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jordan Jones, Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family, Gary Zimmett, Family and Friends of Jim Ditzler, Friends and Family of Bill Turner, Micah Young, Family and Friends of Joyce Coombe, Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)

Robert and Amanda Blasius are hosting today's coffee hour in celebration of Derrick's Baptism. All are welcome!



Derrick

Parent's: Robert & Amanda Blasius Godparent's: Rebecca Kirtley, Brian & Becky Taylor



Ash Wednesday Service March 5, 2024 12 PM and 6:30 PM

Women's Group March Event

When : March 14th

Where: Taliesin West

Time: 11:00am (1 Hour Tour)

Cost: \$44.00

R.S.V.P. ASAP to Priscilla Brown



Hiking Ministry

Our March Hike will be on Saturday, March 1st. If you enjoy hiking and being in nature this is the ministry for you. A sign up sheet is located in Maitland Hall for the hike and additional details will be provided to those attending. When: Saturday, March 1st @ 9AM Trail: Approximate 3 mile hike

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate





Centering Prayer!

Did you know Good Shepherd holds two Centering Prayer Sessions each week!

When: Wednesday @11:00 A.M. via Zoom Saturday @ 9:00 A.M. in the Good Shepherd Library

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Please contact the office with questions!



New Date and Location!

Date: Thursday, February 20th (every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Panera Bread in Norterra Crossing

COFFEE HOUR!

Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour !

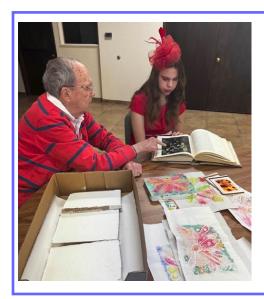
If you are interested in being a host please sign up on the sheet inside Maitland Hall.

What's A Coffee Hour Host?

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)

More Valentine Treats!

The remainder of the Valentine baskets were delivered before Valentines and it was a wonderful experience for our Youth Ministry youth! All the recipients were so grateful!





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FEATURED ITENS

We're so Blessed to have talented parishioners - like artist John M. De Broske who loves teaching our youth.

Women's Group Update!



Our women's group recently had a great brunch together!



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