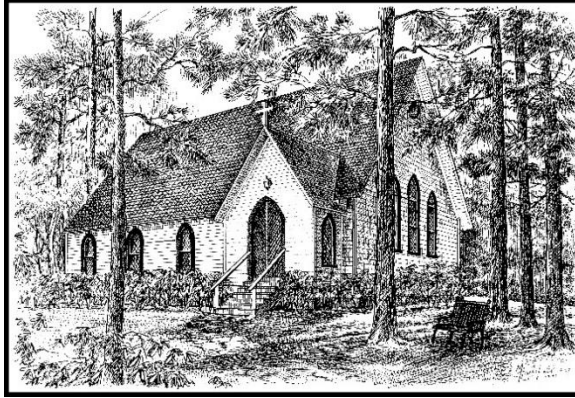


# Church of the Good Shepherd

Cashiers, North Carolina



*A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina*

**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Mission Statement:*

***“To reflect God’s love through our faith in action!”***

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**Welcome!**

**Welcome to Good Shepherd!** Our order of service is referenced in the bulletin and can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. We invite first-time visitors to complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Alison or Rob on your way out.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

### The Great Litany

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 148*

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with You    *People: And with thy spirit.*    Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.            *People*            *Thanks be to God.*

### The Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and

Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector            The Word of the Lord.            *People*            *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.            *People*            *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Rob Wood

*A short period of silence follows the sermon*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.    *People*    *And with thy spirit.*

### **Greetings and Announcements**

### **Offertory**

Celebrant            All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People*                *And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION: Eucharistic Prayer I**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 333*

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Please drink from the large chalice or dip your wafer in the small glass chalice. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the altar rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 366*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Lenten Blessing

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant            Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
People                *Thanks be to God.*

*We welcome you and hope that you will return often to worship with us!*

### **This Week at Good Shepherd: At a Glance**

*Church Office Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

#### **March 11-13, Vestry on retreat at Lake Logan**

Monday, March 10, 10am, Spirituality & the 12 Steps (In-Person & Zoom)

Tuesday, March 11, 9am, Centering Prayer in the church

Tuesday, March 11, 10am, Lectionary (Zoom ONLY)

Wednesday, March 12, 11am, Daughters of the King meeting

Thursday, March 13, Noon, Healing & Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 13, 5:30pm, *Thursdays in Lent program* (In-Person only)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Applications NOW Available.** The Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for post high school education/training for students until March 31. The application is on the Church website under Outreach. Any student who resides in the Blue Ridge School District is eligible regardless of where they have attended high school. The committee will interview the candidates and awards will be made in June.

**Worship Notes:** During the forty days of Lent, you will see the Stations of the Cross up in church so we can reflect more deeply on Jesus Christ's passion and sacrifice for us. Also, we've have changed liturgical colors to purple, and we drop saying 'A\*\*\*\*\*a' at the breaking of the bread and all other times. In worship we sing less service music, shift to

the “Lord Have Mercy” for our Song of Praise, and switch to Rite 1, Prayer II at 11 am, which is a more penitential prayer.

**Family Worship and Supper** March 23 at 5 pm in Hines Hall. Join Fr. Rob for this informal time of worship & fellowship geared toward families with young children. We will sing, pray, and learn about Jesus. Afterwards, we will enjoy good food and fellowship. RSVP to Ellen at [goodshepadmin@frontier.com](mailto:goodshepadmin@frontier.com) by Saturday, March 22.

**Legacy Giving** Please remember Good Shepherd in your estate and legacy planning, an important part of stewardship into the future. Contact Ellen at [GoodShepAdmin@frontier.com](mailto:GoodShepAdmin@frontier.com) if you want to learn more.

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Daily Lenten Devotion resource:

- <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

**Thursday Evenings in Lent:** Yes, we changed to Thursdays this year. Beginning March 13 we will offer Evening Prayer at 5:30 in the church, followed by a soup supper in Hines Hall. After supper, our attention will turn to *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels*. The Outreach Grants Committee will host this week’s dinner.

**Lectionary Class** Join us every Tuesday at 11 am to ‘read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest’ the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

**Lenten Liturgies:** Sundays at 10am during the Lenten season we will take time to study the history of our Prayer Book Liturgies. Topics include: Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Stations of the Cross. March 9 - April 6. Today’s topic: Ash Wednesday. Next Sunday: Palm Sunday.

**Spirituality and the 12 Steps** Mondays at 10am. Join us as we read and study Richard Rohr's book “*Breathing Under Water*” where he shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from any addiction – from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin. Our format will be a discussion group, as we ready and study together, sharing our thoughts and questions. Come weekly, or when you are able, as each class is an independent discussion. Contact Sharon Stricker if you have any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Art Camp 2025 “I AM ART”** Registration is now open! Art Camp will be July 14-18 from 9am-2pm every day and is open for ages 4-12. Volunteers age 13 and up are needed as well. Price is \$50 per child (register by March 31 for a \$5 discount!) Contact Ellen in the church office for more information or to register.

**Rotary Coat Drive!** Donated coats are taken to Fishes and Loaves for distribution. Please drop your coat in the bin in Hines Hall.

**Bazaar Barn:** The Bazaar Barn is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00am - 2:00pm and we need volunteers! Any questions? Contact Annemarie Halback, Volunteer Coordinator, 904-814-0779 or orlmtngnl@gmail.com. We are here to help with Hurricane Helene relief.

**Fishes & Loaves:** March is the month for the Church of The Good Shepherd to volunteer at the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. Openings on March 20, 24, 27 & 31<sup>st</sup>. We will need 2 people at each date. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Hines Hall. For questions call: Lynne Griffon at 225-235-1018.

**Visit [www.GoodShepherdofCashiers.com](http://www.GoodShepherdofCashiers.com)** for information on our mission & ministry!

### **THANKSGIVINGS & REMEMBRANCES**

We give thanks for those celebrating **birthdays** this week: (9) Cary McKinney; (10) Dick Meyers; (11) David Heinsma, Caroline Rivers, Minott Rivers; (12) Bonnie Heinsma; (14) Liz Lane; (15) Linda Quick, Lisa Romfh, Tom Freeman.

We give thanks for those celebrating **an anniversary** this week: (3/9) Weldon & Michelle Holcombe; (3/9) Brent & Elizabeth Smith; (3/12) Adrian Menendez & Veronica Escalante.

If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one, available dates: April 27, May 4.

**We pray for our friends and family on our extended prayer list:** Ray & Ruth Siminski, Jim Manley, Connie Bischoff, Tom Snyder, Pat Rowe, Evie Butler, Winton Noah, Tylor Field, Mary McConnell, Ed Pearson, Jack Bornemann, Baron & Sue Holmes, Jean Ann L'Enfant, Laurie Jacobs, Jennifer Galef Talik, George Henry, Laney Bixby, Chris Rowe, Bill Leete, Julie Wiegand, John Dargan, Roger Boynton, Pennae Johnson, Stephanie Sheridan Glawson, Elaine Hargrove, Nancy Liggin, Blaine Keller, Catherine Sanders, John D. Hopkins, Debbie Foster, Marleigh Guillford, Bob Fitzgibbons, Ed Wiseman, Barbara Colwell, Nancy Davies Beeler, Allison Burnett, Maggie Hurst Berkowitz, Richard Jones, Sally Norton, Dave McCoy, Ford Pitts, Tamara Tomczak, Leslie Brown, Katherine Gelderman, Stephen Price, Jenny Grubbs, Danny Belser-Vick, Pat Dugan, Jim C. Paine, Jr., Bob Stecher, Susan Young, Peggy Green, Julia Wilcox, Lisa Frierson, Devilla Hughes, Cindy Gaultney, John Gaultney, Alice Brown, James Johnson, Steve Sheridan, Rody Sherrill, John Baarcke, Lottie Haymore, Clifford Brown, Michael Satcher, Jack Borneman, BJ Molpus Posey, Mary Bob Hagmann, Joey Chambers, Ruth McCrady, Barbie Donar, Robert Dargell, Cheryl Latshaw, Scott Vanvick, Nate Wilson, Roy & Sarah Simkins, Laird Canby, John & Virginia Nugent, Sidney Dew. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list contact Ellen at 743-2359 or by email.

## LAY LITURGICAL LEADERS

**Usher:** Gordon Coleman & Gordon Gray

**Greeter:** Judy Gray

**Lector:** Annemarie Halback

**Crucifer/Acolyte:** Sandra Swartzfager

**EM:**

**Altar Guild:** Eleanor Welling

**Vestry:** Irv Welling



**The Episcopal Diocese of  
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The Right Reverend José A. McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

**The Clergy**

The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector  
The Reverend Alison Schultz, Assistant Rector  
The Reverend Steve Hines, Adjunct Priest  
The Reverend Toby Summerour, Adjunct Priest

**The Vestry**

Fred Halback (Senior Warden), Kevin Rowland (Junior Warden),  
Tylor Field, Sharon Stricker, Nancy Watson, Carol Treichel,  
Ed Henson, Rose Mary Achey, Jairo Arenas, Lida Herring,  
Miles Russ, Pam Anderson, Irv Welling (Treasurer),  
Ellen Albright (Clerk)

**The Parish Staff**

Ellen Albright, Parish Administrator  
Michelle Price, Finance & Accounts Manager  
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