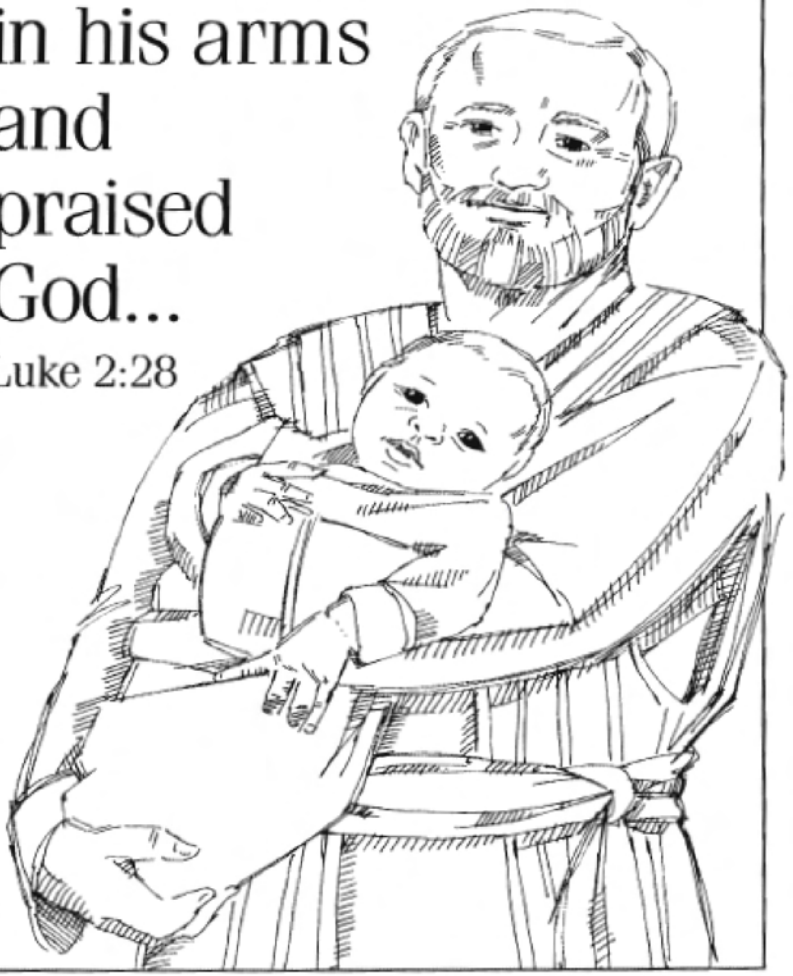
Simeon took him in his arms and praised God...

Luke 2:28



Presentation of Our Lord "Candlemas"

February 2nd, 2025

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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* WORSHIP NOTES *

- ✠ *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- ✠ *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- ✠ ***All** baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion.* ***Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter prior to the beginning of service.***
- ✠ *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- ✠ *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

We Stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
C: Amen.

P: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
C: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

P: Lord, you have set your servant free to go as you have promised.
C: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

P: For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

C: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

P: Let us pray.
God our Father, source of all light, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and have revealed to the aged Simeon and Anna your light which enlightens the nations.
Bless these candles, we pray, that they may be to us signs of the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines forever,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn "In His Temple Now Behold Him" **ELW 417**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

PRAYER OF THE DAY Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray…
C: Amen.

+ + + WORD + + +

We sit
FIRST READING Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *(sung or spoken responsively)* Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

We stand
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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A: My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

Repeat Alleluia verse.

P: The holy gospel according to...
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Bob Miller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand
Hymn of the Day "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **ELW 490**

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Nicene Creed:
C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

+ + + MEAL + + +

We Sit
OFFERING

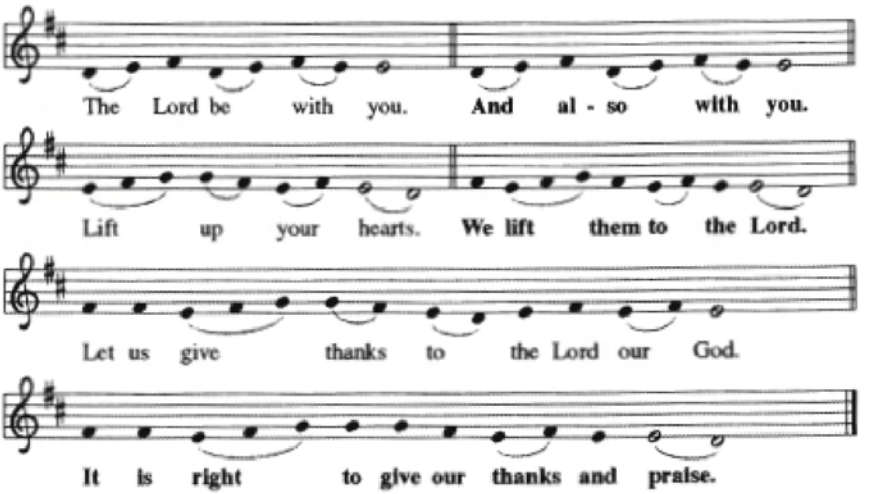
We stand
OFFERING HYMN **ELW #186**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center of the tray)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD *(AGNUS DEI)*

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" **ELW 471**

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*) ELW #113

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand
BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C: Amen

Sending Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" **ELW 545**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given by Marilyn Fahringer to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sharon Johnson.
Lector: Olwynne Crampton
Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn
Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller
Worship Assistant: Matt Bergstresser
Zoom: Ric Van Horn

Widow and Widower support group

A group for widows and widowers starts tomorrow, February 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church narthex. We will meet once a month on the first Monday of the month. This is to give one an opportunity to share trials and joys with others.
If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Fahringer at 865-414-0388

Updated Member Directory for 2025

Please take note of the draft for an updated membership directory on the high table in the narthex.
If any of your information has changed or you would like to be added to it, please do so by writing your information in the margins of the draft, using the sheet next to the draft copy, or alternatively by contacting the church office at goodshep@gmail.com or calling (423) 586-1621. You may also text or call me at (423) 736-3323.
Thank you!
-Cody Nelson

Candlemas February 2nd

Today, we commemorate the Presentation of Our Lord, when Jesus is brought to Jerusalem to be blessed in accordance with Jewish customs. In ancient tradition, the Presentation of Our Lord is also known as Candlemas, when all the candles in the church are blessed. It is a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. This Candlemas, each member of the Good Shepherd family is invited to bring a candle from their home to worship for this special blessing.

FREE EVENT

Education and resources for those who serve older adults and their caregivers.
WHEN: Saturday, February 8, 2025
WHERE: First United Methodist Church
2011 Branner Ave, Jefferson City, TN 37760 -1934
Time: Opens at 9:00 a.m. Program is from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch is provided with Registration. Registration is needed so they know how many will be staying for lunch.
REGISTRATION: https://bit.ly/225JeffCity
QUESTIONS: 423-402-0330 EMAIL: Stephanie-Blaine@utc.edu
I hope to have a flyer about this free event posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.
Blessings, Chris Thompson

Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2025 still has a few openings for this year. If you would like to donate for a set of Sundays please check the chart. The Sundays are divided into 2 or 3 Sundays as indicated on the chart. The cost for any set of Sundays is $65. The same flowers are used from the first Sunday in a set to the last, so there are no additional costs. If you have any questions, please contact Wylene Hinkle at 423-586-0641. Thank you!

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Sunday, February 2	Presentation of Our Lord—Candlemas 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, February 3	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Tuesday, February 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Sunday, February 9	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, February 12	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, February 13	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, February 16	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, February 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Friday, February 21	10:00 am Deborah Circle, *narthex*
Sunday, February 23	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, March 2	Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, March 3	6:30 pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Tuesday, March 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 9	First Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, March 12	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, March 13	6:30 pm Mission Council

Sunday, March 16	Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, March 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Friday, March 21	10:00 am Deborah Circle, *Narthex*
Sunday, March 23	Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, March 30	Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, April 1	6:00 pm American Legion
Sunday, April 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, April 9	4:00 pm—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, April 10	6:30 pm Mission Council
Sunday, April 13	Passion/Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service
Thursday, April 17	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18	7:00 pm Good Friday

We Remember in Prayer

Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Steve Werner
Carolyn Absher, *comfort in sorrow*
Cody Nelson
Ric Van Horn
Robert French

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Family & Friends of Louise Roe, great-aunt of Cody Nelson, *comfort in sorrow*
Family & Friends of Nancy Ellenburg, Aunt of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*
Roger Hayes, friend of Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*
Jeff Wever, son of Judy Skorski

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother
Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew
Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

Vision Statement

We are a congregation that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person -
questions, complexities and all.
Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name
for the life of the world God's people.

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to serve Christ joyfully by sharing the Gospel, being faithful stewards of God's gifts, and by loving and celebrating all God's people.