

## Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

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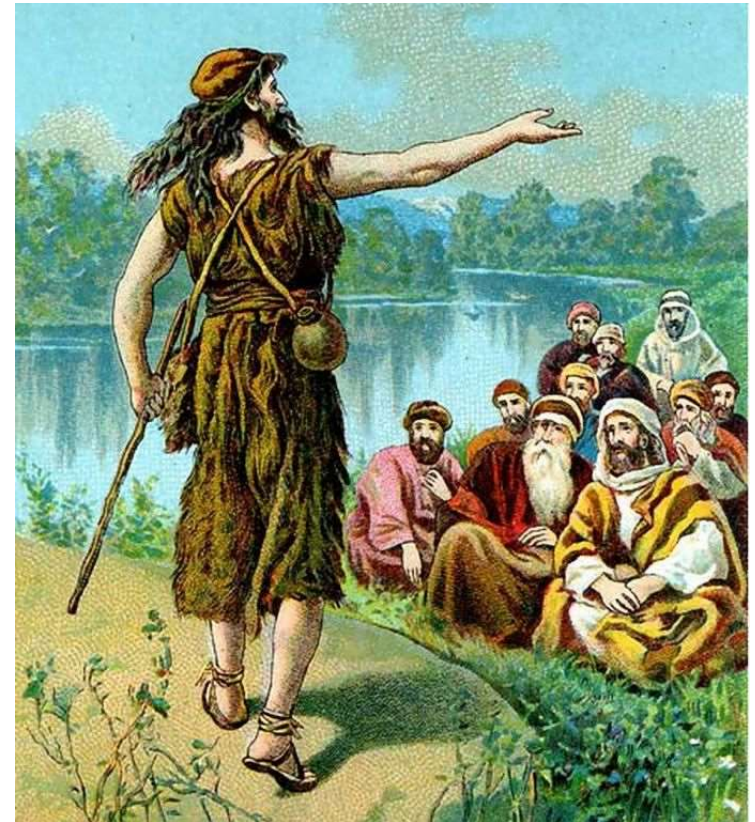
### Participating in Today's Service:

Russell Rheault, Maria Gurriere, Kathy Ossene (A/V Team), Mary Walker (Greeter), Betty Blodgett (Eucharistic Minister), VOLUNTEER (Crucifer), Christine Gurriere (Lector), VESTRY & VOLUNTEERS (Counters), Carol Uppgard, Coffee Hour Coordinator

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Oxford



Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. We're glad you are here! All are invited to receive Communion at Christ's Table. The Worship service/Mass is projected on the screen. Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains all prayers & services. Hymns are in the hymnal blue book (H).

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Processional Hymn:** #68 (H) *“Rejoice! Rejoice Believers”, (v1-3)*

*Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath*  
*Third Week of Advent: Joy, the Pink Candle*

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. **Amen.**

**Kyrie: #S95 (H)**

**Collect for Third Sunday in Advent** p212 (BCP)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

1st Reading: **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

**Canticle 15: The Magnificat, Song of Mary** (A/V screen)

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**Sequence Hymn:** #75 (H) *“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” (v1-2)*

The Gospel: **John 1:6-8,19-28**

**Sequence:** #75 (H) (v3)

Sermon The Reverend Julia Dunbar

The Nicene Creed p358 (BCP)

Prayers of the People Form V p389 (BCP)

(In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea**. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **St. Matthew’s, Worcester; Safe Church Officer, The Rev. Tanya R. Wallace; Berkshire Interfaith Organizing (BIO); Church Pension Group (CPG).**

Confession of Sin p360 (BCP)

The Peace p360 (BCP)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (see bottom of next page)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn:** #76 (H) *“On Jordan’s Bank”, (v1-3)*

**Doxology:** #380 (H) *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (v3)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A p361 (BCP)

The Lord’s Prayer p364 (BCP)

The Breaking of the Bread

INVITATION TO ALL TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

**Communion Hymn:** #81 (H) *“Lo, How a Rose”, (v1-3)*

Post Communion Prayer p365 (BCP)

**Recessional Hymn:** (A/V screen) *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

**Happy December Birthdays!!**



*Eveanna Gould, 17- Laura Keeler*

*Happy 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to George & Barbara Krueger!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Adrienne James is scheduled for heart surgery on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please continue to pray for Adrienne & her family.*
- *Christmas Flower forms: in honor, thanksgiving or in memory of...please complete & **return by today, December 17.***
- *December 24<sup>th</sup>-10:30am-Fourth Sunday of Advent-Morning Prayer. 4:00pm-Christmas Eve Eucharist with Choir.*
- *Our outreach team is filling Christmas stockings again this year for residents of Hodges House. Needed items are posted at the back of the church. If you have questions, please contact Carol Uppgard.*
- *Please remember the Food Shelf Christmas Bags. We need: tea, coffee, canned pasta and canned meat (no tuna). Also, we need stocking stuffer items for the kids at the food shelf. Small toys, dolls, books, puzzles, etc. Thank you!*
- *Choir practice following the service and a brief coffee break. Please see Glynne if you are interested and enjoy singing!*