

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2017

10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

PRELUDE: All praise to Thee, O God, on high (S664)

J. S. Bach

*Please stand as the organ introduces the processional hymn.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408

*(the service continues on p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

BCP, p. 355

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(read by all in unison)*

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67 *[read responsively by half verse at the asterisk]*

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* **show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* **your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* **let all the peoples praise you.**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* **let all the peoples praise you.**

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* **may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, \* **and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN: There's a wideness in God's mercy**

**Hymnal 470**

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

*Gospeler*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Gospeler*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON:	The Rev. Ron Owen
THE NICENE CREED	BCP, p. 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)	BCP, p. 388
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION	BCP, p. 360
ANNOUNCEMENTS	

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: All praise to Thee, O God, on high (S675)	J. S. Bach
DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymnal 380 (verse 3)
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B	BCP, p. 367
PROPER PREFACE: Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.	
SANCTUS	Hymnal S-129
THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP, p. 364
FRACTION: Jesus, Lamb of God	Hymnal S-166
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:	BCP, p. 365
CLOSING HYMN: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun	Hymnal 544
DISMISSAL. <i>Celebrant</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. <i>People</i> Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.	

POSTLUDE: All praise to Thee, O God, on high (S710)	J. S. Bach
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SPECIAL PRAYERS

We pray for peace throughout the world.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish,  
The Church of the Anunciacion in Florida, Cuba.

We pray for those who are ill, especially for

Lee, Pat, Wilson, Grant, Dorothea, Dennis, Curry, Shirley, Charles,  
Kara, Vladimir, Kathleen, Patricia, Sue, Jody, Loisie, Walden, Geoff, George

We pray for strength and guidance for

Liz and Jacob, Emma, Jen

We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially for

Zachary, Brooker, Derek, Carrie

We give thanks for birthdays being celebrated this week

Pat Lee                      8/24

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday  
of Cathryn Bliss and in memory of Mary Ann Chandler Bliss by Homer Bliss  
and also in memory of Ken Pitts, given by his friends.

The attendance on August 20, 2017

8:00 am: 12      10:00 am: 114

2017 Budgeted Offerings: \$395,000

Year to Date Actual Offerings through August 20, 2017: \$252,589

**Needed Each Week: \$7,596**

**Received August 20, 2017: \$8,557**

## Announcements

- Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd – Good morning! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this morning and we invite you to fully participate in our services. This leaflet outlines the service from the red Book of Common Prayer, including page numbers for the services, hymn numbers from the blue hymnal, scripture readings and further directions related to our services. Following the 8:00 am service we invite everyone for coffee and conversation in Worsham Hall. Following the 10:00 am service everyone is invited to Craig Lounge for coffee and conversation. We hope you will join us weekly at the service of your choice. Peace and blessings!

**WELCOME To Parents of Young Children: RELAX!** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They may tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priests, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but PLEASE come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember the way that we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH:** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

- Thank you Peter DeWitt! – We appreciate organist Peter DeWitt filling in for Don McCullough the last few weeks while Don was on vacation.
- Nursery – Our nursery is staffed every Sunday by Miss Seida and Miss Anela from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The nursery is located in the Toddler room of the school wing. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher who can direct you to the nursery.
- Children's Worship Activity Bags – We welcome all children during our worship services. Activity bags are provided with age-appropriate items so that children can be engaged during the service. Please don't hesitate to speak to an usher at any time during the service for these special additions provided for your children.
- A Sunday Conversation – Our conversation at 9:15 each Sunday is a way to get to know each other better while discussing topics of interest. Through August 27th, it will move to Worsham Hall. Come join the conversation. Coffee and refreshments are available.
- Semi-Annual Contribution Statements – Please help us save on postage by picking up your contribution statements in the back of the church.

- Book Giveaway – Organization has begun on the church’s archives. A number of books have been removed from the library to make room for the archives. The books are on the stage in Worsham Hall. Anyone is welcome to take what books they would like.
- Altar Flowers – The flower donation chart has some dates available for September 10th, October 22nd and 29th, November 19th, and December 3rd. If you would like to provide flowers at the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of someone on any of these dates, please sign up on the chart in the narthex or call the office to let us know. Acknowledgements will be included in the Sunday bulletin on the week designated by the donor. The cost for flowers each week is \$75.
- Children's Chapel and Cherub Choir Return! – The children's chapel and cherub choir program will resume on Mondays starting tomorrow, August 21st at 5:00 pm in the chapel. This program is led by Kate Medill and Jean Krueger and incorporates a brief bible story with music. The cherubs learn new music that they will sing for the congregation at a later date. All children are invited to join us.
- Block Party - August 27th – Good Shepherd is having an end-of-summer block party and we're inviting the neighborhood! We will have a great BBQ meal, music, a bounce house for kids, and the pool will be open for everyone! Plan to join us, August 27th from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. And bring all your friends. **Please be sure to bring and wear your name tag!**
- Block Party, Part 2 – We need parishioners who will help with the block party on August 27th. Several jobs need to be filled: welcomers, food and drinks servers, traffic directors, bounce house monitors, cleanup crew. If you will help with any of these, please see Linda Ross, or call the parish office to volunteer.
- New Service – Beginning Wednesday, September 13th, at 12:10 p.m., we will offer a weekly midday Eucharist of Healing with provision for the laying on of hands and anointing. This peaceful service offers contemplation and communion, and includes prayers for those on our parish prayer list, as well as personal intercessory prayers for those desiring them. The service will be structured to allow for all to attend during your lunch hour, and return to work in a timely fashion. Please join us for a time of quiet renewal.
- Wednesday Evening Eucharist – On Wednesday, September 13th, we will resume our regular evening Eucharistic service at 5:30 in the Chapel. This quiet service, with a short, reflective homily, includes Holy Eucharist, and is followed by our Adult Formation program in Craig Lounge. Please join us for this midweek time of renewal and preparation.
- Donations to St. Catherine’s Food Pantry – This week we are suggesting shelf stable milk and juice boxes. Please note that all non perishable items are accepted and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.
- Happening #135 – The fall Happening is scheduled for September 21st - 24th at the Episcopal Center at Camp Weed. Happening is a renewal weekend for young people in grades 10 - 12, intended to renew the spiritual life of students who attend in order that they may take their place in the ministry and leadership of the parishes and missions which sponsor them. It is a weekend experience of fun, games, sharing, surprises, and most of all, a time of spiritual renewal and empowerment. Go to [www.diocesefl.org](http://www.diocesefl.org) for more information and to register.

# Weekly Calendar

Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm Children's Chapel and  
Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
9:15 am Sunday Conversation (Worsham)  
9:15 am Book Study Group (Craig)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
12:00 pm Block Party

## The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, *Bishop*

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### The Vestry

*Sr Warden* - Homer Bliss

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*Treasurer* - Maureen Ely

*Chancellor of the Vestry* - Matt Wolfe

*Clerk of the Vestry* - Linda Ross

Adele Griffin  
Raymond Mason  
Susan Merrett

Brian Palmer  
Susannah Sands  
Mark Simons





