

THE



Shepherd's Fold

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November 10, 2019

Thy Kingdom Come

God is on the move!

Despite all the reporting about the decline and demise of Christianity in America and in the West, it is the Day of Pentecost every day, every single day, somewhere on this planet of ours. Christianity gains more converts than any other religion in the world yet has lost its standing--and consequently its capacity--for impact and influence in the life of our country.

But not to despair, God is on the move, even in America, Reggie McNeal, prophetic witness to the need for the Church to change its priorities for a new apostolic era, believes that Christianity can regain valued relevance in the culture, not over generations, but in a decade. Over 80% of American 18-35 year olds believe there is a crisis of leadership at every level in our country. Here is a great opportunity for the followers of Jesus to step up in word and deed, in community action and in personal example to bring hope and purpose back to the public square.

But there must be change. It is first about the Kingdom of God, not about the Church. The Kingdom is life as God intends it for all people. The Kingdom is about life, abundant life. Jesus speaks over 90 times about the Kingdom and twice about the Church. The Church is important and exists to point the way to the Kingdom. The church is important and exists to point the way to the Kingdom but it is not the Kingdom itself. In the Kingdom, as C. S. Lewis remarked, there is no such thing as a mere mortal, but human beings made in God's image, created on purpose for a purpose, The church is here to reclaim what hell has stolen and our Lord tells us that the gates of hell cannot prevail against the invasion of God's love and grace that we see clearly in Jesus Christ.

Reggie compares the church to the Atlanta airport. The airport is not a destination but a place to go to get to somewhere else. When people are piled up in the airport, the airport is not serving its purpose. Likewise, the Church is not built up as a place to hang out but as cheerful, deployed and dispersed believers in the Triune God, on their way to the Kingdom, making the kingdom manifest every step of the way.

It's time to be excited at Good Shepherd because God is on the move. Let's get on board with his ongoing, redemptive work in the world. Let's get moving!

Robert

Posada Sign Up

The modern version of this old Mexican tradition uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph to travel from home to home, giving each participating family the chance to create their own celebration of making room for Jesus in their lives. Posada travel begins the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. Join the Posada tradition at Good Shepherd and sign up in the Parish Hall.



Following Jesus

There is no more important decision in all of life than the decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in his Way of love. The Episcopal Church celebrates this moment in a service known as Confirmation. Every Christian is called to make a public profession of faith in Christ, and given the solemnity of that confession it is made before a bishop of the church. The Bishop of Georgia, the Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 24th. If you have not made a public declaration of your confidence and faith in God's grace and love given to us in Jesus, then we urge you to prayerfully consider doing so. Please call one of the clergy of the Parish to discuss this important decision.

Who wants to buy this Diamond Ring?

With apologies to Gary Lewis and the Flyboys we have a diamond ring to sell from the estate of Farley Briggs.

The ring is a 14k yellow gold, six prong, diamond solitaire set with one round brilliant cut diamond weighing 86 points. The stone is a VS quality diamond, G to H in color.

If you would like to purchase this ring outright it is yours for the appraised value of \$8,500, or the ring will go to the highest bidder in a sealed bids process. If you would like to submit an offer, please submit it in writing in a sealed envelope. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

The wardens will open the offers at 2 :00 PM on November 24, 2019. The winner will be notified that evening.

Follow the Star

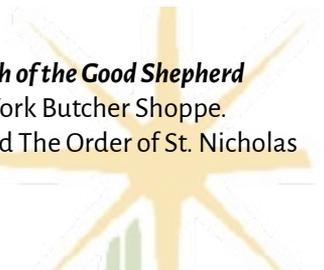
Conversations about Faith, Family, and Formation at Church of the Good Shepherd

November 12, 6 PM - 8 PM. Dinner provided by The New York Butcher Shoppe.

Topic: Christmas Traditions, The "Santa Conversation", and The Order of St. Nicholas

Cost: \$10 per person

Childcare provided: RSVP for count



Facing the Holidays When Things Are Different

The approaching holiday time can bring joy, but it can also be unsettling for those whose lives have been drastically altered by death, divorce, stress in personal life, etc. Fr. Menger will be offering a brief seminar on how to deal with the stress of this time of year. The program will focus on creating ways to be proactive, all the while walking the tightrope of life and feelings.

Join us here at Good Shepherd on November 13, at 6 p.m. and get some very good encouragement and help. Family members and friends are welcome. This offering is suitable for adults and teenagers.

Please call the church office at 706-738-3386 to make a reservation and to help us know how many packets of handouts to prepare.

Light in the Darkness

Charles Dickens knew what he was talking about when he wrote of the “ghosts” of Christmas! Our Holy Days are permeated with thoughts and memories of those who have lived among us, loved us and been loved by us, but who now reside with God on another shore. On November 20, at 6 p.m. join us in the church as we celebrate those persons who we still love but see no longer. Persons are asked, if they so choose, to bring a picture of their loved ones to place on the altar prior to the service. This is an offering of thanksgiving and a reminder of the light of God that shines through the darkness. Please feel free to bring your families and friends.

Thanksgiving Dinner

We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Service and Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. Service will be at 10 am with dinner to follow. Please sign up to bring a side and help clean up on the sign-up sheet in the church lobby.

Poinsettia Sale

Decorate with Poinsettias! Pick up an order form in the Parish Hall today.
Proceeds will benefit our youth programs,

Adult Formation Readings

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption

November 10: Hearing the Call *1 Samuel 7:15-17, 8:1-22*

November 17: Bad News / Good News *Isaiah 39:1-8, 40:1-31*

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Bunny S. Williams
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist..... Nick Lowery
Lay ReadersDavid Lentz, Tom Smyth

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Andy Menger
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir St. Gregory
Verger Robin Bailie
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Katie Tracy
Lead Acolyte Macy Wier
Ushers..... Ed Enoch, Matthew Broome

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Lynn Prather
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir Good Shepherd
Verger Fred Palmer
Lay Readers Karen Ellestad, Nancy Greenwood
Lead Acolyte E Nesbit
Ushers..... Bob Young, Eric Smith

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher Robert Fain
Organist..... Aaron Dixon
Lay ReadersJim Price, Faith Moore

All Services

Vestry..... Kathleen Bailie
Altar Guild Team III
Breakfast Robin Bailie, Kathleen Bailie
Sallie Shuford
LEVRandy Widener, Dave Sandlin

Monday, November 11

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am Leon Fitts
Grief Group6:15 pm.....Andy Menger

Tuesday, November 12

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am Mary Howard
Bible Study10:00 am..... Andy Menger
Healing Service 11:00 am Robert Fain

Wednesday, November 13

Holy Eucharist.....7:00 am. Bunny S. Williams
Morning Prayer8:00 am .. Sandy Vantrease

Thursday, November 14

Morning Prayer8:00 am Alan Roy Andrews

Friday, November 15

Morning Prayer8:00 am Danae Long

Saturday, November 16

Morning Prayer 8:30 am Kathleen Barnhart

Readings

Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 17:1-9,
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

November at Good Shepherd

November 10 11:15 AM Veterans Service & Commissioning of St. Martin's Ministry

November 12 6 PM Follow The Star

November 13 6 PM Facing the Holidays Seminar

November 20 6 PM Light in the Darkness Memorial Service

November 24 10 AM Celebration of the Diocese of Georgia

November 28 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service and Dinner