

# THE Shepherd's Fold

April 2, 2023

*Palm Sunday*

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

There are rhythms to human life: daily rhythms, weekly rhythms, annual rhythms. With regard to annual rhythms, we are about to enter our annual week of disruption, excitement, angst, and celebration that comes around every year. And I am not talking about Masters Week, although the same adjectives are applicable. Rather, I am speaking of Holy Week. From the late third Century, Christians have set aside a week of special observances related to the last days of Jesus' earthly life and the salvation opened to us because of those events. This is the holiest time of the Christian year. Christmas is important, Pentecost is important, but nothing in our Christian faith rises to anywhere near the significance of the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, to Good Friday, and finally to Easter. There is no meaning to the Christian faith without the events observed in Holy Week.

I suspect for many of us, there is a little voice in our heads that we like to pretend doesn't exist, and that voice says "But it is also Masters Week this year." Unfortunately, that is true. Good Shepherd tried years ago to get the Augusta National to avoid having the tournament during Holy Week, but we all know how that turned out. So here we have it: the secular and our religious rhythms collide. What can we do?

First and foremost, we cannot pretend that secular rhythms are not present in our lives. We are "in the world" even if, as Christians, we are not "of the world." Masters Week is upon us, and it affects the lives of most of us in Augusta. I would like to pretend otherwise, but that would be delusional, and delusional is not a good place to be. However, for those remaining in Augusta next week, we at Good Shepherd will be doing our best to make observing Holy Week's great days accessible even as Masters Week goes on. Please see our schedule elsewhere in The Shepherd's Fold. For those traveling, there is likely to be a church with Holy Week services wherever you are going that you can attend.

Regardless of whether you will be in town or out of town next, my prayer for you is that you may have a blessed Holy Week culminating in a joyous Easter.

Peace,

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Join us Fridays in Lent at noon in the Parish Hall for Stations of the Cross.

**PARISH REGISTERS**

Congratulations to Landyn and Adams Smith on the birth of their son, Brent Adams Smith, III. We also congratulate Caroline and Baker Hatcher on the birth of their son Frank Hull Hatcher.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Please join us every morning at 7:30 am for morning prayer on Zoom. There will be no breakfast or Christian Formation on April 2nd or April 9th. The Church office will be closed Easter Monday, April 10th.

**GOSPEL READING ON GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Beginning at 2:00 PM (after Stations of the Cross), volunteers will read aloud the entire Gospel according to Matthew. We anticipate that this will take around 3 hours. We invite volunteers to sign up for 30-minute sessions. You may register on-line or call the church office.

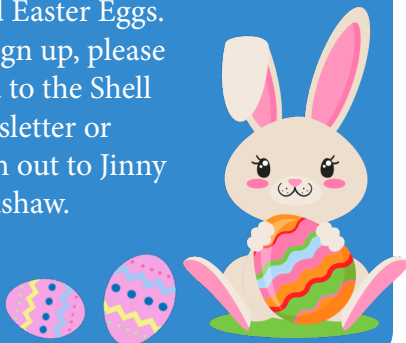
**YOUTH NEWS**

**YOUTH GROUP**

We will not gather for Youth Group or Christian Formation on April 2nd or April 9th. We will resume Youth Group & Christian Formation on April 16th.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Mark your calendars for April 9th at 10 am for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! In preparation, we are asking for volunteers to provide filled Easter Eggs. To sign up, please head to the Shell Newsletter or reach out to Jinny Bradshaw.



**Holocaust Remembrance Concert**

Sponsored by the Augusta Jewish Museum and Jewish Community Center and Federation of Augusta

**Music of Resistance and Survival**

Professor Laurence Sherr,

Kennesaw University

Accompanied by Rabbi David Sirull and other local artists

Sunday, April 16, 2023

3:30 pm

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue  
935 Johns Road



Jewish partisan music group in Belorussia, 1943  
(United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Courtesy: Benjamin (Medzyrzecki) Meed)

**Join Our**

**HEALING SERVICE**

**Every Tuesday from**

**11 am to 12 pm**

# Holy Week

## PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2ND, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM\*  
AND 6:00 PM

## MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 3RD, 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 4TH, 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 5TH, 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6TH, 7:00 PM\*, FOLLOWED BY  
ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL.

SIGN UP AT

[BIT.LY/GETHSEMANEWATCH](http://BIT.LY/GETHSEMANEWATCH)

## GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7TH, 12:00 PM, 7:00\* PM

HOLY EUCHARIST

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT 1:00 PM

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 8TH, 7:00 PM\*

## EASTER DAY

APRIL 9TH, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM\*

11:15 AM\*, 6:00 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

AFTER 9:00 AM SERVICE

\*LIVE STREAMS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SIGN UP TODAY!

READY, SET,  
**MOVE!**



FOLLOW JESUS HERE,  
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

**JUNE 5-9**

## **READY, SET, MOVE!**

Good Shepherd Episcopal, Reid Memorial, and Woodlawn United Methodist churches are again collaborating to present an in-person Vacation Bible School experience for children age 4 years through fifth grade. Get ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere with Ready, Set, Move VBS! June 5-9, 9 am - 12 pm. Register at [bit.ly/GSVBS](http://bit.ly/GSVBS). Deadline to register is May 12.

# Servers of the Shepherd

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**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden  
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams  
Organist.....Wayne Lord  
Lay Readers.....Bobbie Ingenito, Cissy Bowden

**10:00 AM**

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson  
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams  
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord  
Ushers.....Kevin McDougal, Jonathan Adams  
Verger.....Mark Pritchett  
Lay Readers.....Mitzi McCoy, Andrew Austin  
Acolytes.....Lillian Wilkes, Anabelle Wilkes,  
Porter Adams

**6:00 pm**

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
Organist.....Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers.....David Lentz, Faith Moore

**All Services**

Altar Guild.....Team I  
Breakfast.....Team II  
Vestry Person of the Day.....John McCollum



## GETHSEMANE WATCH

All night vigil in the CHURCH

The Church will be open all night following the Maundy Thursday, April 6, service until Good Friday morning, April 7. Sit with Jesus before the altar. This profound, meaningful time brings you into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can sign up for 30-minute slots at [bit.ly/gethsemanewatch](https://bit.ly/gethsemanewatch) OR you can come anytime between 8 pm and 7 am.

