



Friday Bulletin

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This Upcoming Sunday

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist D

5 February 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist D

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Dana Carlson

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Tyrone Carr

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
Allyn Reilly

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

Coffee Hour Host: Lois Wagner



LESSONS for The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament – Isaiah 58: 1-12

Psalm – 112: 1-9 (Sung)

New Testament – I Corinthians 2: 1-16

Gospel – Matthew 5: 13-20

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Reflection

A Week that Turns Our Attention to Spring

The first days in February have long been dedicated to turning our attention to the approach of spring. Starting on February 1, when we celebrate St. Brigid, the female patron saint of Ireland whose festival coincides with older Celtic tradition Imbolc that acknowledged we are halfway to Spring Equinox. On February 2, Groundhog Day is the fun holiday where we let a groundhog predict the end of winter depending on whether or not its shadow appears. For the Church, February 2 is also the Feast of the Presentation, when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple and Simeon and Anna recognized the baby as the Light of world. (Luke 2:22-40) Because of that symbolism, February 2 is also a day when churches bless the candles they will use throughout the year.

It's been a week of turning us spiritually, physically, and playfully toward a new season, one that promises to end the harshness and scarcity of winter. It's also a good reminder that when we are in a difficult time, it won't last forever, everything, Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us, has its season.

Prayers from the Week of Hopeful Turning Toward Spring:

St. Brigid's Day:

May the mantle of your peace, Lord Christ, cover those who are troubled and anxious and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

Feast of the Presentation:

O God our Father, whose Son was revealed to Simeon and Anna as the light of nations and the glory of Israel: grant that, guided by thy Holy Spirit, we may live by the light of faith until we come to the light of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – from St. Augustine's Prayer Book

Blessing of Candles:

Gracious God, the source and creator of light, who on this day revealed to Simeon and Anna the Light which enlightens the whole world, dispel the darkness of our souls and brighten the path that lies before us, and pour out your blessing upon these candles which will illumine this home, that we who kindle them may come at last to stand in thy eternal light; through him, who is the light of the world and the glory of your people Israel, your Son Jesus

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, February 5, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 5, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Burning palm branches)

Sunday, February 5, 2:00 p.m. - - Good Shepherd Annual Meeting (via Zoom)

Sunday, February 12, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 12, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 14, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Sunday, February 19, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 19, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert II featuring our Choral Scholars and other guests.

Wednesday, February 22, 11:30 p.m. - - Ashes to Go

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. - - Service from Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, February 26, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 26 - - AGO concert for organ and instruments at 1st Presbyterian Church. Marsha Reilly and Kathleen Ristinen Jonas will be participating.

March -- Lenten Program 12:30 Nehls

March 1 Compassion and Faith

March 8 Compassion and Listening
March 15 Compassion and Prayer
March 22 Compassion and Mercy
March 29 Compassion and Well-Being

April 2 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am Service will begin on the porch for the blessing of the palms.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm a simplified service from the Book of Common Prayer commemorating Jesus' last night before his death.

April 7 - Good Friday 12:00 we are holding this Book of Common Prayer service at the traditional time of noon.

April 8 - Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm this year's vigil will be an intimate worship service reflecting on the resurrection.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III Dr. Gregory Crowell, guest organist.

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb. 5 Lois Wagner
Feb.12 Dana Carlson
Feb.19 David Burton
Feb. 26 Anne Walker

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

TBA

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)

Notes & Announcements

**February 5, 2023
Annual Parish Meeting
At 2:00 p.m., Zoom**

Every parish in the Episcopal Church is required to hold a meeting once a year for all participating members to:

1. Vote in new members of Vestry, Wardens, Treasurer, and Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Annual Meeting also called Diocesan Convention in the fall.
2. Review and the Annual Budget already approved by the Vestry.

The Annual Parish Meeting can also be a time to:

1. Express gratitude for the work of the previous year and to the parishioners who do the work of ministries.
2. Hear from Wardens and Rector who report on the past year from their perspective.
3. Learn about possible new opportunities for the parish, including opportunities to volunteer.
4. Ask questions. We can't promise to have all the answers, but we can listen.
5. Pray together for the parish.

This year the Vestry in agreement with the Rector decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom in order to make it as assessable as possible for everyone, especially those who may be traveling, have hearing or mobility challenges.

The Annual Parish Meeting usually takes about an hour.

We hope you can join the meeting Sunday afternoon. Use the zoom link which will be sent to parishioners to attend.

Editor's Note: Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to see the agenda for the upcoming annual meeting and read the annual reports.

Generating from our parish email list sometime before the meeting at 2:00 currently active parishioners will receive a ZOOM invitation to join the meeting. **Keep an eye on your in-box Sunday morning.**

Nominating Committee Report

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to invite individuals to

participate in the various positions overseeing the life and stages of the parish. This year's committee consisted of outgoing vestry members Anne Braxton, Doug Dygas, and Sharon Huges. Mother Deborah was chairperson and Senior Warden Alex Buckley served in support.

Senior Warden: Alex Buckley (may serve three consecutive one-year terms, this will be her third year)

Junior Warden: Deb Hillard (may serve three consecutive one-year terms, this will be her first year)

Treasurer: Allyn Reilly (may serve unlimited consecutive one-year terms)

Vestry: Elect two individuals to serve three-year term: Norm Fox and Malin Irwin

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Anne Walker and Allyn Reilly

(We may send up to 4 delegates, the wardens automatically serve as other two delegates)

Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention (serve in case delegates cannot attend): Lois Wagner and Curt Sherman

Groundhog Greetings from our own Rt. Rev. Percival Chogs

On Groundhog Day, Mother Deborah received a nice letter from our retired resident groundhog, the Rt. Rev. Perceval Chogs and wants to share it.

February 2, 2023

To the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd and to all the Parishioners,

Warmest midwinter greetings to my beloved flock in Athens, Ohio. As you are all marvelously aware, another Groundhog Day is upon us and therefore we must celebrate and observe the day as proper Episcopalians. I am, once again, indebted beyond capacity to repay to my dear friend and colleague, Punxsutawney Phil who roused himself in the early hours of the day to predict another six weeks of winter. I, myself, completely devote this time of the year to intense study and deep prolonged quiet silent prayerful meditation in the warm comfort of my personal burrow and prefer to be left undisturbed so as to pursue those most important priorities.

This year my observation of the day dedicated to the prodigious ability of my species to predict the length of winter included writing a prayer, which I thought appropriate to share with all of you. The text of this prayer follows below.

I eagerly await seeing you all six weeks hence, when the winter will be passed, and the spring will have arrived with its warm sunshine, gentle breezes, and abundant tender clover and sweet graces once again will be thriving on the hill and churchyard.

Until such time arrives, I remain your forever devoted groundhog bishop,

The Rt. Rev. Perceval Chogs



+P. Chogs

Prayer for Groundhogs Day:

Good God Almighty, it is cold. Don't let our hearts be frozen. Make us conscious in the cold of those who shiver for want of kindness, justice, and compassion. Wake us from our hibernation long enough to recognize the world around us. Let us not shirk from our shadows, but rather face the unresolved. Let us confront those things that need changing and accept the things that simply are. Don't let us rush back to sleep prematurely. Open our eyes to light, even the cold crisp light of winter. Let it awaken in us irrational hope, the possibility of spring in winter and the possibility of kindness in a world desperate for warmth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.



Burning of the Palm Branches Sunday February 19

On the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany, it is tradition to burn the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday service to make the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday. Although we purchase ashes for the service, we can still

practice the enjoyable tradition of burning palm branches. It's fun for all ages and an ancient practice in the church.

The Sunday service will conclude with the burning of the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday service. If you still have your palm branches, remember to bring them that morning. If you can't be with us in person that day, feel free to drop last year's branches off at the church and we'll throw them in the fire for you.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 22, 6:30

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 21. That's the day the great tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday returns to Good Shepherd!!!

Since we're returning in a smaller version of former years, we'll only serve from 5:30-6:30 p.m. And our offerings will be a little different. We'll provide regular pancakes, gluten-free pancakes and coffee. We ask YOU to volunteer to bring butter, syrup, and juice. We also need volunteers to help set up (beginning at 5), to cook, to serve and to help clean up.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex and in Hobson.

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Ashes to Go 11:30 – 12:30

Mother Deborah will be distributing ashes on the front porch of the church.



Service from the *Book of Common Prayer* 5:30 pm

Please join us as you are able for this lovely liturgy to begin the season of Lent.

Holy Week Schedule



We will continue to observe the ancient church tradition of holding special liturgies during Holy Week. Please consider joining us in person or online.

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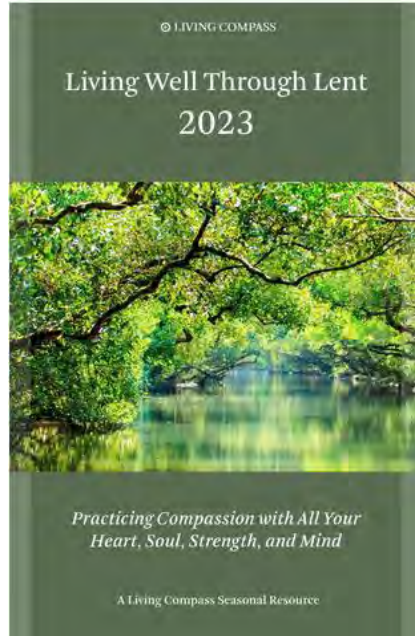
Something to Look Forward To: Lenten Program Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Practicing Compassion

"In order to prepare for the new life of Easter, we need to be intentional about discerning what it truly means to practice compassion with our whole being." – the Rev. Scott Stoner

Compassion might be one of the expressions of love we could really use and could make an important impact right now. Even if it is something we value and appreciate, the practice of compassion can get lost in the stuff of our lives. This year's Lenten devotional from Living Compass reminds us anything we value needs to be expressed in our lives and sometimes we need to practice these values like a master musician practices music not to master them, but to make them an integral part of our lives. To help us with this practice, we are offering weekly discussions based on the Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind devotionals.

If you do not already have a copy, we have a few books at the church to give away or you can download a free PDF version, or order an e-book from Amazon (\$.99) -- see **LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT** 2023: Practicing Compassion



We'll be meeting Wednesdays during Lent in Nehls Hall.

March 1 *Compassion and Faith*
March 8 *Compassion and Listening*
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Please consider joining us. Bring your lunch and together we'll pray the Noonday prayer in the Book of Common Prayer and discuss the readings and reflections from the Lenten devotional.

We are looking forward to returning to the Lenten Program tradition at Church of the Good

Shepherd!

Repeats & More



The Diocese
of Southern Ohio

From the Standing Committee: Profile Released; Nominations for Bishop Open until February 28

"The Standing Committee is pleased to share with you the profile of our diocese prepared by the Bishop Nominating Committee as we search for our 10th Bishop... The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for bishop until midnight on February 28...."

[Read the profile here.](#)

Bishop Transition News/Updates -- [Follow this link](#) --

CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans.



\$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at michael.luelloff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.



On some days this week we were witness to an exceedingly rare natural event in southeast Ohio -- the truly spectacular experience of blue sky and clear air. The only downside was that Thursday morning was sunny and Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. (Don't blame Percival, he was quietly meditating in his retirement den.) The top photo is the beautiful sky and clouds above Mother Deborah's house and the bottom photo is the pond and reflection across from the Fosters in Marietta.





Contacts & Information

Contact Information

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To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.

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