

The Church of the Good Shepherd

September 2019 ~ Newsletter

Shuffle

The geese in my life
are out for a stroll.

Peerless in flight
masters of the pond,
on soil they are reduced
to an awkward swaying shuffle.

As they cross our road
traffic slows, stops and accumulates.

We are in awe of the dignified display
of vulnerability before us.

A moment before, we were lost
in our strength, and our clever, modern efficiency.

But now, we recognize ourselves
as we really are,
like these birds,
naked
and sometimes
near disaster.

They are like us
as we appear
to the hard-hearted
and we know
that we do not wish
to be crushed



The power of their faith
in our good will
lifts us up
and
clears their path
as they venture
gently, boldly
onto the pavement.

We do not wish
the demons
of cruelty and indifference
to spread in our land,

So, we arrest these impulses
where we can;
in our own hearts
and we wait
in reverence
as these feathered families
refuse to rush
in their holy passage
from one grassy patch
to another.

By John Evans

Call and Response

Thanks to John Evans for this poem he shared with me, in response to my sermon about vulnerability,
inspired by Dr. Brené Brown's Netflix special *The Call to Courage*.

Thanks to each of you, for your willingness to be vulnerable with each other.

Thanks for your faith in each other's good will.

Thanks for your patience and reverence, as we make our holy passage,
on the unique path that God clears and ordains,
as we venture boldly into our common life.

With gratitude, Elise

News and Notes

Please see our website and Facebook page for more information on these events.

September 8 The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will be joining us for his biannual visit. Help us celebrate our youth who will be confirmed. Potluck lunch after the service.

WORK DAY – please join us on **September 7** from **9:00 – 12:00** to prepare for the Bishop's visit.

Opportunities include yard work, brass cleaning and general preparations.

Mark your calendars:

October 6th (Sunday) 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Blessing of the Animals by the Reverend Jim Papile

November 2 (Saturday): Artisan Fair (see Elise Rocks for more information)

We continue to collect dry goods for the food bank. Your offerings are welcome.

We love to celebrate each other by remembering birthdays and anniversaries. Please check the directory to make sure yours are listed! Need a directory? Email gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com.

Have questions about the church? Want to be part of our family? Ask one of our members, or contact Elise Rocks 910.620.9224 eliserocks36@gmail.com

September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 1 Noreen & Wayne Rhode
- 12 Bonnie Sibbett
- 19 Paula Grubbs
- 23 Will Sibbett
- 24 Kay Hamilton
- 27 Lowell & Chris Warnecke
- 28 Nathan Gaylord
- 30 Lamon Strickland



**If we have missed anyone's special day, please leave a note in the Office or email gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com*

Have items for the Newsletter? Want to be on our mailing list? Email gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com

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Ministry Schedule September 2019

Year C	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Service	12th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer Rite I Prayers Form I	13th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III	14th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III	15th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III	16th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III
Celebrant/Officiant	David Silvia	The Right Rev. Robert Skirving	The Rev. Richard Banks	The Rev. Jim Papile	The Rev. Pati Mary Andrews
Readings	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Lay Reader	Mary Gaylord Chris Carter	JR Naylor Aimee Parker	Peter Perschbacher David Silvia	Virginia Perschbacher John Evans	Bonnie Sibbett Alice Evans
Prayer Leader	Alice Evans	Bonnie Sibbett	David Silvia	John Evans	Aimee Parker
Eucharistic Minister	N/A	David Silvia	Alice Evans	Elise Rocks	David Silvia
Acolytes	Chris Carter P. Perschbacher	Nathan Gaylord Griffin Meyer	Eric Korman Elise Rocks	Nathan Gaylord Gavin Carter	David Silvia Chris Carter
Altar Guild	Chris King	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	Bonnie Sibbett	Chris King
Opening	Alice Evans	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	JR Naylor	Alice Evans
Greeters	Carl King	Eric Korman	Perschbacher	Carl King	Elise Rocks
Children's Sunday School	Bonnie Sibbett Carl King	N/A	JR Naylor John Atwell	Dawn Gaylord Carl King	Mary Louise Bellamy Eric Korman
Clean Up/ Closing	Silvia	Rocks	Carter/Hamilton	Parker/Sibbett	Silvia

If you are scheduled for a service ministry that you cannot fill, please arrange for a replacement.

For Pastoral care or to request a Eucharistic Visitor, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team

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For emergencies, questions or concerns, please call the Senior Warden, Elise Rocks at 910.620.9224

2019 Vestry:

Sr. Warden – Elise Rocks; Jr. Warden –John Evans; Clerk - J. R. Naylor
 Mary Louise Bellamy, Tony Chambers, Tracy Meyer, Bonnie Sibbett
 Treasurer: Virginia Perschbacher



The Mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd

...is to live in unity and fellowship with God and each other.

Our vision for the way we believe we are called to live out our mission includes:

*celebrating the mystery of Christ with a spirit of abundance and gratitude

*welcoming and honoring all who show up

*reaching beyond ourselves to serve.

We seek to love God and each other with grateful, gracious, generous hearts.

**The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina
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