

# *The Church of the Good Shepherd*

## *October 2019 ~ Newsletter*

### **The Blessing of the Animals**

Please join us at **4pm Sunday October 6** as we honor the pets in our lives in remembrance of St Francis.

The Rev. Jim Papile will bless all animals (even stuffed) that bring us love and comfort. All of the community is welcome to share in this tradition started in Wilmington here at The Church of the Good Shepherd by the Rev. Ed Small in the 1960's. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us with their beloved pets! Doggie cupcakes and human cake will follow the brief service, in honor of JR's beloved Jack Russel Beefeater's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Thanks to Peter for his poem in honor of his and Virginia's dear pet, and our beloved church dog, Travis.

With gratitude, Elise

#### **If Jesus Had a Dog**

If Jesus had a dog, he might have named him/her True, for true love.

True would have been his most faithful follower,  
and would not have questioned him or complained.  
And would have been with him when he prayed, while his human followers slept.

True would have given Jesus another treasured parable:  
"See True is poor, True has no voice, no possession, and no profession,  
yet True is rich in spirit and exists for one thing, the greatest possession, Love."

True would have danced with him at the marriage feast, and Jesus would have asked True not to bark, but would have said nothing when True barked as Jesus overthrew the money-changers.

In Jerusalem, True would have joined the happy crowds as Jesus rode into the city, but also shared in Jesus suffering in captivity.  
True would have licked his wounds, if they let him/her,  
and whined when he stumbled on the way to Calvary.

At the cross, Jesus would have said : "good and faithful True, Mary is now your mistress."  
But True would have stayed and watched at the cross and the tomb.  
And True would have been the first to rejoice when Jesus appeared again.

And True would be by Jesus side for eternity.

*By Peter Perschbacher 2019*

## News and Notes

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

- October 6 4 pm **Blessing of the Animals** with The Reverend Jim Papile.
- October 20 **Downton Abbey Day** 12:50 matinee at The Pointe followed by lunch at The Harp
- November 2 9 am – 3 pm **Artisan Fair** – see Elise Rocks for details
- Please share and promote on Facebook and all of your outlets
  - We need crafts to sell for the church fundraiser
  - Tables are also available for local artists for a fee of \$25
    - Artists can register on our website
- November 23 1:00 Graveside **Memorial Service** in memory of Randolph Foy at Oakdale Cemetery.  
Refreshments and friendship at the home of Mary Louise Bellamy after the service.

### **Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Collection Deadline – November 14**

It's time to start collecting items to fill shoeboxes with gifts for a child for Christmas. We filled 17 boxes last year!! The ministry is sponsored by Samaritan's purse. They collect and deliver the boxes to children all over the world. Some children walk miles in anticipation of their gifts. A list of suggested items to purchase for the shoeboxes will be posted on the bulletin board. The deadline is November 14. See Bonnie Sibbett if you have any questions or would like to make a donation. Again, thanks for your participation.

### **Nourish NC**

We continue to collect dry goods. Our current outreach is with Nourish NC. Your donations are appreciated. **Please note that they do not serve junk food (chips, cookies, candy, etc) or expired food.** See complete list of most needed items on the Bulletin Board or <https://nourishnc.org/fooddrive/> as well as opportunities to make donations directly online.

### **Amazon Smile**

The Church of the Good Shepherd now appears among the Charities participating in the AmazonSmile program. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon users need to log into their accounts at <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign in using their existing username and password. Click on the orange 'Supporting' under the search box and choose Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington.

Have items for the Newsletter? Want to be on our mailing list? Email [gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com](mailto:gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com)

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

- October 4 Shaun Mitchell  
October 13 Virginia Perschbacher  
October 15 John Evans  
October 21\* Elise Rocks & Eric Korman  
October 27 Dan McGill



If we have missed anyone's special day, please let know. We love to celebrate each other by remembering birthdays and anniversaries. Please check the directory to make sure yours are listed! Need a directory? Want to be on our mailing list? Email [gsnewsletter6080@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:eliserocks36@gmail.com)

A copy of the newsletter is located on our website [www.goodshepherdchurchwilmington.org](http://www.goodshepherdchurchwilmington.org)

## Ministry Schedule October 2019

Year C	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Service	17th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer Rite II Prayers Form I	18th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III	19th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III	20th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist IIA Prayers Form III
Celebrant/Officiant	Elise Rocks	The Rev. Jim Papile	The Rev. Ed Dunlap	The Rev. Jim Papile
Readings	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Lay Reader	Mary Gaylord Chris Carter	Kay Evans JR Naylor	David Silvia Peter Perschbacher	Alice Evans Virginia Perschbacher
Prayer Leader	Bonnie Sibbett	David Silvia	John Evans	Aimee Parker
Eucharistic Minister	N/A	David Silvia	Alice Evans	Elise Rocks
Acolytes	Chris Carter	Nathan Gaylord Griffin Meyer	David Silvia Shaun Mitchell	Eric Korman Gavin Carter
Altar Guild	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	Bonnie Sibbett	Chris King
Opening	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	JR Naylor	Alice Evans
Greeters	Eric Korman	Perschbacher	Carl King	Elise Rocks
Children's Sunday School	Bonnie Sibbett John Atwell	JR Naylor Eric Korman	Dawn Gaylord John Atwell	Mary Louise Bellamy Carl King
Clean Up/ Closing	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



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Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Queen in the historic Castle Street Arts & Antique District

### **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**  
**The Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)**

Chris King, Director of Music

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