

THE Shepherd's Fold

June 30, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Since the first of this year, I have renewed an old personal liturgical habit, which you will not find in the Book of Common Prayer. You may have noticed that when I am celebrant I have been starting the service not with the Acclamation, but with an invitation asking of you and myself to pause for a moment in silence, take a deep breath and breath in the Holy Spirit. After a few moments of silence and deep breathing the service begins.

I also do this little maneuver throughout each day to clear my head and heart of the noise of the world that has become our constant companion. I frequently add one or both of these mantras to my breathing, “Come Holy Spirit come,” and “Be still and know that I am God.” **(Psalm 46:10)**.

The story of creation in Genesis 1:2 tells us “The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the deep, while a wind (breath) from God swept over the face of the waters.” From the very beginning, God’s breath was here! As the creation story goes on, we know that “God said, let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters, and God called the dome Sky.”

This “sky” is our atmosphere. It gives us life and protects us from the cold vacuum of space. It is ancient air – all there ever was from day one. No new air is created – the old is just recycled. That deep breath you took a few moments ago is the same air breathed by all life that has gone before you and me.

Jesus breathed. When God became incarnate, in our flesh, he had a body; he had lungs, and had to breathe to live. On the cross, Jesus finally would breathe no more. In Mark 15:37 we read “With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.” One last breath...

Actually, the way the story evolves, that was not his last breath. Barbara Brown Taylor offers this consideration. “When Jesus breathed his last

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breath – willingly, for the love of us all – that breath hovered in the air and then it was set loose on earth. It grew, in strength, and in volume, until it was a mighty wind, which God sent spinning through an upper room on the day of Pentecost.”

God’s breath has been present since the moments of creation, is with us this very moment, and will be with us until heaven and earth meet.

Peace,

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fellowship, good stories and good food. And as always, bring a friend or guest. The menu will be determined at a later date. Please rsvp with **Robin at 839-273-0059.**



KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina, **September 20-22.** We will have activities for kids and youth, s’mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: bit.ly/gskanuga

**PARKING LOT
CLOSED**

PARKING LOT REPAIR WORK
The church office will be closed **July 1- 5.** Our parking lots are being repaired, resealed, and restriped. **DO NOT** drive on our lots until the work has been completed. We will also be closed **July 4** in observance of Independence Day. The parking lot will be opened and ready for the July 7th Sunday services.

MEN’S NIGHT

The COGS men’s group, better known as “NAPS” (National Association of Porch Sitters) will convene for dinner on **Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm** in the small parish hall. Join us for

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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EfM

Are you interested in the Education for Ministry program? More than a Bible study, EfM takes a fresh look at life events in the light of church tradition and 21st century culture. Participants study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. The Church of the Good Shepherd offers an EFM group on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. and will begin in late

August. Everyone is welcome and we encourage those from all parishes to join us! You can sign up now!! For more information, contact Tom Smyth, tom.smyth@icloud.com. Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee would like to update the congregation to let all know that we completed three zoom interviews on Sunday, June 23rd and have two more zoom interviews scheduled for Sunday, June 30th. After the zoom interviews are completed, the search committee will meet to discuss the candidates and determine who we need to meet with face to face. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee and the church as we continue our discernment.

Ashley and Neal
Search Committee Co-Chairs

FAMILY PROMISE

Good Shepherd will host Family Promise for the week of **July 14th**. Good Shepherd will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for the two families (five people and no allergies) living at Family Promise facility at **4211 Wheeler Road in Martinez, Georgia**. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish House this weekend. Breakfasts, lunches and snacks should be brought to Good Shepherd's Kitchen by **Saturday July 13th by 2 pm**. There will be counter space and refrigerator/freezer space available. This food will be delivered to Family Promise Saturday afternoon. Dinners should be brought to the Family Promise House by 5:30 pm each day.

For more information contact Al Metzel at ametzal@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

ACOLYTE SIGN UP

For the month of July and early August, we will be using Sign-Up Genius to assign acolyte dates. Please head to the Shell Newsletter to sign up for dates available.



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher.....Joe Bowden
Organist.....Wayne Lord
Lay Readers.....Lynn Tyson, Bobbie Ingenito

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Jim Price, Faith Moore

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher.....Joe Bowden
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay Readers.....Lynn Smith, Andrew Austin
Acolytes.....Clayton Adams, Porter Adams
Emma Sue Getchell, Johnny Getchell, Si Williams

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team V
Vestry Person of the Day.....Brice Wright

