

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

## We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

### Guidelines for indoor worship in this time of COVID-19:

- Because COVID numbers are again in the red zone in Clarke County, **we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks.**
- Several pews are reserved to allow for physical distancing.
- Congregational singing, while wearing masks, is permitted.
- Soloists, lay readers, and prayer leaders who are fully vaccinated and social distancing may sing or read without a mask.

## Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Tim Hall

Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott

Zoomer: Judy Hall

### **Welcome**

*The Officiant and People begin with the Opening Prayer*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn 371** “Thou, whose almighty word

*Moscow*

*Opening sentences: At any time*

*BCP p. 78*

**Confession of Sin**

*BCP p. 79*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*BCP p. 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia!**

*The Officiant says the following Antiphon*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him..

**Venite**

*BCP p. 82*

*Psalms 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,**

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,**

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 125

*Said responsively by half verse\**

*Qui confidunt*

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
**so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land  
allotted to the just, \*  
**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
**and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
**but peace be upon Israel.**

**The Epistle: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 567** “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

*St. Matthew*

**The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

*Tim Hall*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*BCP p. 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers** *BCP p. 97*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People may be seated*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A**

*BCP p. 97*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. *Your saving health among all nations.***
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Other Collects**

*BCP p. 98-100*

*After the Prayer for Mission, our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may follow.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP p. 101*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up ourselves to your service,**

**and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**



*The Officiant prays* **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*BCP p. 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Grace** (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

**The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Greetings and Announcements**

*The Officiant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*Because of the recent spike in COVID, the offering plate will not be passed.*

*Please leave your offering in the plate found on the Narthex table.*

*The People stand for the Doxology as the offering is brought forward*

**Hymn 380 v.3** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

**Closing Prayer**

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 671** “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

*New Britain*

**The Dismissal**

## WELCOME BACK!!

We are so pleased to have pianist Hailey Outland back with us this morning after our long, COVID-induced, 18-month separation.

## CALENDAR

- SUN Sep 5**    **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Morning Prayer**, with Tim Hall  
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SAT Sep 11**    **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Sep 12**    **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** “Back to Church Sunday”  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter  
Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- Noon**            **Fellowship and Refreshments**, on our patio,  
weather permitting
- WED Sep 15**    **Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”**  
**via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.**
- THU Sep 16**    **Vestry Meeting, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.**
- SAT Sep 18**    **Bluemont Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- SAT Sep 18**    **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Sep 19**    **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis  
Lay Reader: Kendra Sardelis | Zoomer: Kelly Macoy
- SUN Sep 19**    **Bluemont Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- WED Sep 22**    **Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”**  
**via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.**
- SAT Sep 25**    **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Sep 26**    **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Morning Prayer**, with Josette Keelor  
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram
- SAT Oct 2**      **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Oct 3**      **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**, with Tim Hall  
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Kendra Sardelis

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## NOTICES

### GIVING

Now that we are back to gathering in person, as well as online, you may drop your gift in the offering plate by the entrance or when it's being passed. Also, *pledge checks or donations* may be mailed to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135. ***We are thankful for your generosity!***

### OUTREACH



Please bring much needed donations for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church and drop them in the Narthex. Lois takes them to FISH, by appointment. In August, we donated 73 pounds. Thanks for your gifts, as we continue to help the ***needy in our midst*** in Clarke County.

Sunday **September 12<sup>th</sup>** is our “Back to Church” Sunday. Please invite a friend and bring food to share for after-church refreshments.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

On Sept. 15, we will be starting an **Online Bible Study** via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Ingram will be facilitating the study and our first series is “Flourishing Communities”, a seven-week series unpacking what it means to be a flourishing community. Jesus is all about creating the kind of community that goes beyond just being known — how we live and love each other will change the world around us.

### OUR FACILITY

We are almost ready to make the church available again as a “wedding chapel” or for any other celebratory or study events. Weddings are predicted to be up significantly in 2022 and venues are filling up. For this, ***we are in need of an Event Coordinator.*** Interested? Speak to the Senior or Junior Warden or anyone on the vestry.

What other needs do you see for our facility? Please let Tim know so he can start planning for our next projects.

We need to schedule a fall cleanup, as much for inside as for outside. Window cleaning, paint touch up, and more. Would anyone be interested in organizing this event? Talk to Tim.

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## PRAYERS

*Please continue to pray for our neighbors  
and for ways that our church can serve the community.*

**Friends and Family:** Larry Zok, Martha Hayes and the residents and staff at Commonwealth Senior Living, Donny McCarty (Lois' brother) and the residents and staff at Rose Hill Health and Rehab, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), Sheila Tapscott, Kathy Ingram, Karen Tapscott, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Paul Sauer (Cindy's uncle), and Judith Refo (Judy's mother).

We thank you, God, for your healing grace on Rev. Melanie Lewis' father and Kirk Duncan (Rev. Deb's son-in-law).

We give thanks for the life of John Macklin Roberts, June 4, 1926 – July 31, 2021. “Jack” and Nancy Kern were blessed with a golden year marriage here at Good Shepherd in 2013.

**To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)**

**The Church:** For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, and for Debbie, our Supply Clergy. We also pray for Fr. Michael Sie and Fr. Ed Gbe and their congregations in Liberia.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** pray today for Altar and Flower Guilds and Choirs.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** pray today for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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