

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



...let him
deny himself
and take up his cross
and follow me.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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 declining COVID-19 numbers:

- Because COVID numbers are again on the rise and in the red zone in Clarke County, we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- Several pews are reserved to allow for physical distancing, should you still desire it.
- Bulletins, masks, an offering plate, and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer has also been placed at other locations in the Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and basement.
- Congregational singing, while wearing masks, is permitted. Hymnals are found in the pews.
- Soloists, lay readers, and prayer leaders who are fully vaccinated and social distancing may sing or read without a mask.
- Communion will be distributed in one kind, at the altar. To take part, you may come forward, or raise your hand if you desire to have communion brought to you.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Debbie Rutter

Lay Reader: Tim Hall

Zoomer: : Judy Hall

Prayer Intercessor: Tim Hall

Welcome

Opening Hymn 525 “The Church’s one foundation”

Aurelia

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant prays

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.

The Gloria

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**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[The people may be seated]

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

*Said responsively by half verse**

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it

we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 675 “Take up your cross, the Savior said” *Bourbon*

Then, [all standing,] the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of

Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Debbie Rutter

[The People may be seated]

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Tanzania. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for St. John's, West Point; St. Mary's, Arlington; St. Mary's, Fleeton, Reedville; St. Paul's, West Point; St. Peter's, Purcellville; and St. Stephen's, Heathsville.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, for Debbie, our Supply Clergy. and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may be seated for announcements.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory LEVAS 144 “I can hear my Savior calling” *John S. Norris*

As the gifts are brought forward, the following is sung.

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord..

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and

Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

[Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast [Alleluia].

The host in one kind is now distributed.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces this blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 523 “Glorious things of thee are spoken”

Abbot's Leigh

The Dismissal

CALENDAR

- SUN Sep 12** 16th 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** 17th 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** 18th 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** 19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Kendra Sardelis
- SAT Oct 9** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 10** 20th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall

NOTICES

WELCOME BACK!!

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

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

This Wednesday, Sept. 15, we will be starting an **Online Bible Study** via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Ingram will be facilitating this weekly 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.

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).

To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to 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 St. John's, West Point; St. Mary's, Arlington; St. Mary's, Fleeton, Reedville; St. Paul's, West Point; St. Peter's, Purcellville; and St. Stephen's, Heathsville.

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