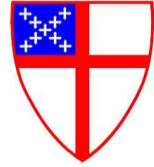


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

“Anyone who welcomes
a little child like this
on my behalf welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes not only me
but also my Father who sent me.”

-Mark 9:37



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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 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. Melanie Lewis

Lay Reader: Kendra Sardelis

Zoomer: Kelly Macoy

Prayer Intercessor: Lois Tapscott

Welcome

Opening Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren*

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[The people may be seated]

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

*Said responsively by half verse**

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you

engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 480 “When Jesus left his Father's throne” *Kingsfold*

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 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

[The People may be seated]

The Rev. Melanie Lewis

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 Church of the Province of Uganda. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for The Episcopal House of Bishops.

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 Anthem “I am the bread of life”

vv. 1 & 4 | sung by Josette

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 637 “How firm a foundation”

Lyons

The Dismissal

CALENDAR

- 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. 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 and Blessing of
the Animals
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SAT Oct 16** AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.
- SUN Oct 17** 21st Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter
Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- WED Oct 20** Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- THU Oct 21** Vestry Meeting, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

NOTICES

The altar flowers this morning
are given by the Rev. Melanie Lewis to the glory of God
and in remembrance of her dear brother Greg Krosnes.

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), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Mike Underwood, Chrissy Williams, and Tricia Glenn.

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 The Episcopal House of Bishops.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Church of the Province of Uganda.

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