

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 in Clarke County are again in the red zone, **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: Cindy Ingram

Zoomer: Judy Hall

The altar flowers this morning are given by Judy Hall in memory of Elizabeth Nelson Tompkins, born October 1st, 1898.

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 559 “Lead us, heavenly father, lead us”

Dulce carmen

Opening sentences: At any time

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Confession of Sin

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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

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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, Hymnal S-35

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: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26

*Said responsively by half verse**

Judica me, Domine

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual LEVAS 218 “Jesus loves me!”

William B. Bradbury

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another

commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Tim Hall

The Apostles’ Creed

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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.**

Prayer Hymn 698 “Eternal Spirit of the living Christ”

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The Prayers

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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.**

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- 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Other Collects

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

The General Thanksgiving

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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**

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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 376 “Joyful, joyful we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

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CALENDAR

SUN Oct 3 19th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall

Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Cindy Ingram

WED Oct 6 Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

SAT Oct 9 Parish Clean-up, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

WED Oct 13 Online Bible Study: “Flourishing communities”
via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

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: Kelly MaCoy

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NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



Please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church Narthex. Our Senior Warden, Lois Tapscott, takes them to FISH by appointment. In September, we donated a whopping 119 pounds. Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help those in need in Clarke County.

We are planning a **Blessing of the Animals** after our regular service on Sunday Oct. 10 at three blessing sites: 12-1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church; 1-2 p.m. at the Village Market on Pine Grove Road; and 2-3 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall on Retreat Road.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our seven-week **Online Bible Study**, “Flourishing Communities,” continues this week via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 6. This week’s topic, the third of seven, is “Mutuality.”

OUR FACILITY

We need to make the church available again as a “wedding chapel” or for any other celebratory or study events. For this, **we are in need of an Event Coordinator**. Interested? Speak to the Senior or Junior Warden or anyone on the vestry.

Would you be willing to **monitor the church’s Ooma phone messages** and return calls or pass on information? The messages are accessible online and you can do this job entirely from home.

Our **Autumn parish cleanup** is this Saturday from 9 to 12 noon. We have inside and outside work that needs attention. Please come, or talk to Tim about what you can do on your own schedule.

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. 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!**

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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, Karen Tapscott, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele Sauer and Regina Leiva (Cindy's mother and sister-in-law, respectively), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Chrissy Williams, and Tricia Glenn.

We give thanks for the life of Mike Underwood (Lois' nephew), born on August 9, 1954, who passed away last Sunday, and also pray for his family .

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 Grace, Cismont, Keswick; St. George's. Fredericksburg; St. Stephen's, Culpeper; and Trinity, Washington.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray today for The Church in Wales.

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