

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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 community transmission numbers in Clarke County remain elevated, we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- 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.
- Soloists, lay readers, and prayer leaders who are fully vaccinated and social distancing may sing or read without a mask.
- Communion will be distributed 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: Josette Keelor

Prayer Intercessor: Tim Hall

Zoomer: Judy Hall

Welcome

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*After a reading from the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 9:2), the 1<sup>st</sup> candle is lit.*

*Then the congregation prays together*

**Almighty God, grant that the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, may so light our whole lives that we need never again walk in darkness. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 716 “My country ‘tis of thee”

*America*

## The Word of God

*BCP p. 355*

*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.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

*Said Responsively*

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 **To** you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

### **The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 58** “Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

*St. Thomas*

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

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

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

### **The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

*[The People may be seated]*

*The Rev. Deborah Rutter*

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*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**

*BCP p. 392*

*The People may be seated.*

*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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for St. Bartholomew's, Richmond, and St. Peter's, Richmond. 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 and Melanie, 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.***



## Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

*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

*The People stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

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

*The People remain seated*

**Offertory Hymn 433** “We gather together”

*Kremser*

*Because of 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*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367*

*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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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*

*BCP p. 364*

**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].***

### **An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### **The Act of Reception**

*The Celebrant leads those participating virtually in the following prayer.*

**Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the following*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*BCP p. 365*

**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.**

*The People may remain seated for announcements.*

**Closing Hymn 397** “Now thank we all our God”

*Nun Danket alle Gott*

**The Dismissal**

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## CALENDAR

**SUN Nov 28** **First Sunday of Advent**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

Lay Reader: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall

**WED Dec 1**

**Online Bible Study:** via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

**SAT Dec 4 AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**

**SUN Dec 5 Second Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Advent Lessons & Carols**  
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
**Assembling Christmas Tins after Church**

**SAT Dec 11 AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**

**SUN Dec 12 Third Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter**  
Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Kelly Macoy

**SAT Dec 18 AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**

**SUN Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis**  
Lay Reader: Lois Tapscott | Zoomer: Judy Hall

**TUE Dec 21 Christmas Caroling at Commonwealth Senior Living in Berryville, 6:00 p.m.**

**FRI Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
**5:00 p.m. Festival Candlelight Holy Eucharist,**  
with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

***\*\*\* Please note: No vestry meeting this month and no church on Sunday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. See you in 2022.***

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## NOTICES

### OUR COMMUNITY



Please bring non-perishable food items, household goods, and toiletries to the church Narthex. Our Senior Warden, Lois Tapscott, delivered 122 pounds to FISH for Thanksgiving.

Needs are especially great during the holiday season. Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help those in need in Clarke County.

We are rolling along on our **Community Christmas Tins** outreach project. As you continue your holiday baking, please bake a few extra dozen cookies for this effort. Bring your cookies to church on **5 Dec**. If you need to drop them off ahead of time please put them in the

refrigerator. We'll be filling the tins after church on **Dec 5th**. Hopefully, we'll be distributing tins **Dec 6-12**. If you can distribute tins **Dec 13-21** please contact Judy Hall (judyrefo@gmail.com).

We will be **Christmas Caroling on Dec 21st** at the Commonwealth Senior Living Center in Berryville at 6 p.m. Please contact Josette Keelor for more details.

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

This week, on Wednesday, December 1st, we conclude our **Bible Study** series at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This is our final week on "Studies in Spiritual Resilience." The text is Isaiah 46:1-7 and John 11:21-27, 32-44. More details are available on our website.

Next Sunday we are having our annual **Advent Lessons and Carols** service. If you would like to read a passage or two, or sing a solo, please let Tim know as soon as possible. Thank you!

### **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. Also, pledge checks or donations may be mailed to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135. We thank you for your generosity!

### **OUR FACILITY**

If your small group would like to meet at Good Shepherd send an email to office@goodshepherdblueмонт.org and Lois Tapscott or Judy Hall will be glad to talk to you. We would love to share this space with you for regular meetings or special events.

Planning has started for our Prayer and Meditation Garden. We are in the design and project definition phase of this effort. Please contact Cindy Ingram (CndyIngram@cs.com) if you would like to help. 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 year projects (timhall00@aol.com).

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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:*** Bill Geiger, Henry Plaster, Larry Zok, Martha Hayes and the residents and staff at Commonwealth Senior Living and Rose Hill Health and Rehab, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), Tim Ingram, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele and Richard Sauer (Cindy's mother and father), Regina Leiva (Cindy's sister-in-law), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Chrissy Williams, Tricia Glenn, Charlene on her travels, Cindy on her travels, and Robert (homeless in Leesburg).

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

***The Church:*** For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, and for Debbie and Melanie, 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 St. Bartholomew's, Richmond, and St. Peter's, Richmond.

***In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,*** pray today for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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