

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Second Sunday of Advent

December 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 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.
- On Communion Sundays, the Eucharist 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.



**MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO**  
**INCLUDING**  
**A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Officiants: Josette Keelor and Tim Hall  
Zoomer: Judy Hall

Welcome

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*A reading from the Gospel of John (John 1:6-7)*

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.  
He came to bear witness to the coming of the light  
so that all might believe through him.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together*

**O God, help us to be ready for the coming of your Son, the  
light of all who love him, be making room for him in our  
hearts. Amen.**

**Opening LEVAS 9** “On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand”

*(vv. 1, 2, 4)*

*American Melody*

**Opening Sentences**

BCP, p. 75

**A Bidding Prayer:**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of the God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 Invitatory and the Psalter**

**Venite**

*Hymnal, S-35*

**The Lessons**

Lesson 1: Genesis 3:1–15

*A Reading from Genesis*

**N**ow the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the

sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pangs in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**LEVAS 19** “Wayfaring Stranger”

*American Folk Song*

(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Lesson 2: Isaiah 35:1–7, 10

*A Reading from Isaiah*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "The desert shall rejoice"

*Sterling* (WLP 722)

Lesson 3: Isaiah 40:1-5

*A Reading from Isaiah*

**C**omfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 67** “Comfort, comfort ye my people”

*Psalm 42*

Lesson 4: Baruch 4:36 – 5:9

*A Reading from Baruch*

**L**ook toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;

look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*The Word of the Lord.*   **Thanks be to God.**

**WLP 724** “People, look East” (*vv. 1, 2, 5*)

*Besañon Carol*

Lesson 5: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*A Reading from Zephaniah*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
    shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
    O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
    he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
    you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
    do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
    a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
    he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
    as on a day of festival.



I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 54** “Savior of the nations, come!”

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Lesson 6: Luke 1:5–25

*A Reading from the Gospel of Luke*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**WLP 889** “The Song of Zechariah”

*Shepherd’s Pipes*

Lesson 7: Luke 1:26–38.

*A Reading from the Gospel of Luke*

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will

reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 265** “The angel Gabriel”

*Gabriel’s Message*

*(vv.1-3 Josette & Tim; v.4 All)*

**The Homily**

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

*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** [*Chanted on a monotone, descending a minor third on the final syllable of each line*]

V.      Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

**R.      Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

V.      Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

**R.      Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

V.      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**R.      Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

V.      We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord.

**R.      In the midst of thy temple.**

## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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.**

## An Advent Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

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

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us, and remain with us always. **Amen**

## The Peace

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

## Greetings and Announcements

Recessional **Hymn 68** “Rejoice! rejoice, believers” *Llangloffan*

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## CALENDAR

- SUN Dec 5** **Second Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m.** **Morning Prayer**, with Advent Lessons & Carols  
Lay Readers: Kelly, Kendra, Josette, Lee, Martha,  
Tim, Cindy | 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.**

# NOTICES

## OUR COMMUNITY



Please bring non-perishable food items, household goods, and toiletries to the church Narthex. Our Senior Warden, Lois Tapscott, delivered 27 pounds to FISH in November in addition to the 122 pounds that were donated 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 with our **Community Christmas Tins** outreach project. Thank you to everyone who is helping with baking cookies. We'll be filling the tins after church **today** and, hopefully, **distributing them this week**. If you can distribute tins **Dec 13-21** please contact Judy Hall ([judyrefo@gmail.com](mailto:judyrefo@gmail.com)).

God has blessed us with 3 youngsters to give to this Christmas: two girls, age 17 and 7, and one boy, age 8. See Tim if you'd like to help shop for them and/or wrap their gifts.

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

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Please pray for the planning that is underway for new things in 2022, like meditation walks, a congregational retreat, and Lenten study!

## 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@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdbluemont.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 2022 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 (Charlene's friend), 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, Cindy on her travels, Robert (homeless in Leesburg), and Alexis, Thomas, and Aria and their families.

**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 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 for Immanuel, Old Church, Mechanicsville; Santa Maria, Falls Church; and St. John's, Arlington.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** pray today for Anglican Church of Burundi.

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