

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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## Third Sunday of Advent

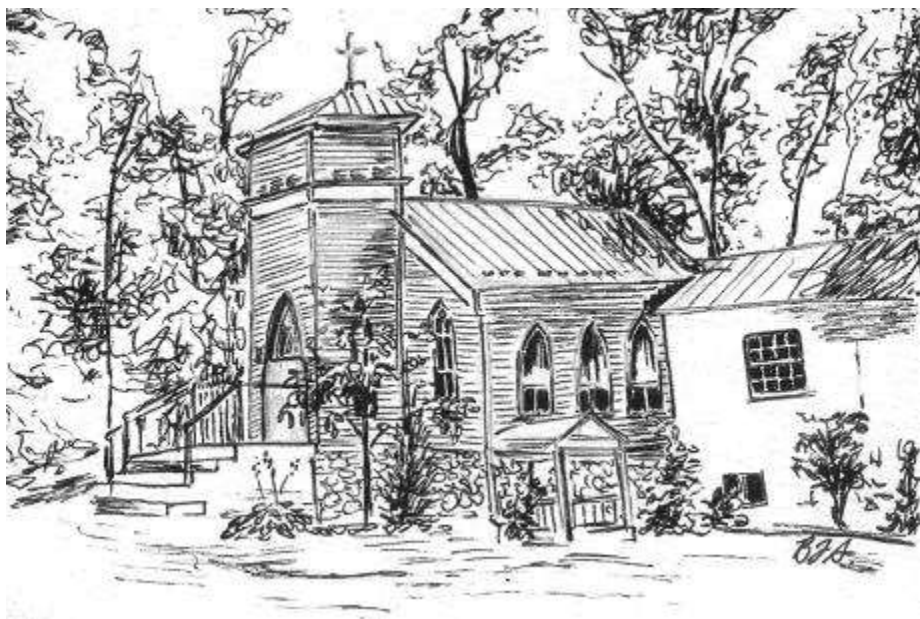
December 12, 2021

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

## Guidelines for indoor worship in this time of COVID-19:

- Because COVID community transmission numbers in Clarke County remain elevated, we ask that all in-person attendees wear masks, even those who are fully vaccinated.
- In-person attendees are asked to provide their contact information for contact tracing purposes, should that be necessary.
- 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 and solo singing, while wearing masks, is permitted.
- 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.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Debbie Rutter

Lay Reader: Tim Hall | Prayer Intercessor: Josette Keelor

Zoomer: Kelly Macoy

Welcome

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*A reading from the Gospel of John (John 3:16)*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together*

**Lord, we thank you for your great gift of love to us. Help us, through Jesus, to love you more and more. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 72 “Hark! The glad sound!”

*Bristol*

## 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

*S-280*

**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.*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;  
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful  
grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and  
glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*[The people may be seated]*

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20

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.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

### **The Response**

Canticle 9 **The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce Deus (Isaiah 12:2-6)*

**Hymn 679** “Surely it is God who saves me”                      *Thomas Merton*

### **The Epistle: 1 Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual **LEVAS 121** “Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit”

*Eugene Hancock*

*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 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Debbie Rutter*

*[The People may be seated]*

## **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 The Anglican Church of Canada. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Emmanuel, Rapidan; St. Andrew's, Burke; and St. Christopher's, Springfield. 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 People may be seated for announcements.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

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

*The People remain seated*

Offertory **LEVAS 14** “Soon and Very Soon”

*Andrae Crouch*

*(vv. 1 & 4)*

*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:

*[Hymnal: S-125]*

***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].*

**Fraction Anthem** “Jesus, Lamb of God”

**S-164**

### **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.**

Closing **Hymn 65** "Prepare the way, O Zion" *Bereden vag for Herran*

**The Dismissal**

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**CALENDAR**

- 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
- SAT Dec 25** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**

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

- SAT Jan 1** **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Jan 2** **Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**11:00 a.m.** **Morning Prayer**, with Tim Hall  
 Lay Reader: Richard Purnell | Zoomer: Judy Hall

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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 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.

**The Christmas Tins outreach has truly been a congregation-wide effort.** Eight bakers made 983 cookies that filled 165 small bags. After last Sunday's service, six worshipers filled 132 tins with the cookies, hot chocolate, tea, candy canes and an invitation to our Christmas Eve service. These tins are being distributed to every home in the village of Pine Grove as our final outreach effort of the year. Ten tins will also be given to our AA group and at least four more tins to special people in our community. The remaining dozens of bags of cookies will be decorated with invitations and distributed from the Village Market and elsewhere.

God has blessed us with three youngsters from two families to give to this Christmas: two girls, ages 17 and 7, and one boy, age 8. The church has purchased everything on their wish lists, and more! Please join us for a **gift wrapping party** after today's service.

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 if you would like to help (CndyIngram@cs.com).

Do you see other needs for our facility? Please let Tim Hall know so he can start planning for our 2022 projects ([timhall00@aol.com](mailto: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), 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 Emmanuel, Rapidan; St. Andrew's, Burke; and St. Christopher's, Springfield.

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

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