

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



*"The Descent of Peace" – William Blake (1809)*

The Second Sunday after  
Christmas Day

January 2, 2022

# 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:

- We ask that all attendees wear masks, even those who are fully vaccinated.
- Please provide your contact information for contact tracing purposes.
- Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer has also been placed at other locations in the Sanctuary.
- 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.

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### CALENDAR

- SUN Jan 2**      **Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**11:00 a.m.**      **Morning Prayer**, with Tim Hall & Josette Keelor  
Lay Reader: Richard Purnell | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SAT Jan 8**      **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Jan 9**      **First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**      **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Melanie Lewis  
Lay Reader: Kendra | Zoomer: Kelly
- SAT Jan 15**     **AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.**
- SUN Jan 16**    **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter  
Lay Reader: Kelly | Zoomer: Cindy

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# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Tim Hall

Preacher: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Richard Purnell | Zoomer: Judy Hall

## **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 102 “Once in royal David’s city” (*vv. 1-4*)

*Irby*

Opening sentences: *Christmas*

*BCP p. 75*

## **Confession of Sin**

*BCP p. 79*

*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

BCP p. 80

*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*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

## Jubilate

BCP p. 82 (*setting S-44*)

*Psalms 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

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

## Psalm 84

*Said responsively by half verse\**

*Quam dilecta!*

1 **How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \***

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
**he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
**from those who walk with integrity.**

12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,

what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Gradual **Hymn 128** “We three kings of Orient are”     *Three Kings of Orient*

**The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

**The Sermon**

*Josette Keelor*

**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.

Prayer Hymn 124 “What star is this with beams so bright”

*Puer nobis*

### The Prayers

*BCP p. 97*

*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 A

*BCP p. 97*

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*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

*The Officiant prays* **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*BCP p. 102*

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*

**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 93** “Angels from the realms of glory”

*Regent Square*

**The Dismissal**

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# NOTICES

## OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products, for **FISH** to help the needy in our midst here in Clarke County. We donated 95 pounds in December!

As **our final outreach effort of 2021**, we once again filled and distributed **Christmas Tins** to our neighbors in Pine Grove. This was truly a congregation-wide effort. Eight bakers made 983 cookies that filled 165 small bags. Six worshippers filled 132 tins with the cookies, hot chocolate, tea, candy canes & other candies, and an invitation to our Christmas Eve service. The tins were distributed to every home in the village of Pine Grove. Twenty tins also went to our AA group and at least four other tins to special people in our community. The remaining 19 bags of were decorated with invitations and set out at the Village Market and the Shenandoah Retreat Office for people to take.

God gave us **three youngsters from two families to bless with Christmas gifts**: an 8-year-old boy and two girls, ages 7 and 17. The church purchased everything on their Christmas gift wish lists and more! The gifts were beautifully wrapped by parishioners and delivered to the two families.

Several parishioners went to Commonwealth Senior Living Center the Tuesday before Christmas for **Christmas Caroling**.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Please pray for the planning that is underway for new things in 2022, such as 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:** The Desamparado family (Cindy's cousins in the Philippines), 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 and 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), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Chrissy Williams, Tricia Glenn, 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.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** pray today for All the Baptized into Christ.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** pray today for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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