

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



In those days John
the Baptist appeared
in the wilderness of
Judea, proclaiming,
“Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven
has come near.”

Matthew 3.1

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The 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

Guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are now optional. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, and sanitizer is available at other locations in the Sanctuary.

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CALENDAR

- SUN Dec 4** **The Second Sunday of Advent**
5:00 p.m. “Centered” women’s small group in parish hall
- SAT Dec. 10** **Meditation Walk**, 10 a.m. at Cool Spring pavilion
(see details in the Notices)
- SUN Dec 11** **The Third Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Lay Reader: Tim Hall
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
5:00 p.m. “Centered” women’s small group in parish hall
- SUN Dec 18** **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
5:00 p.m. “Centered” women’s small group in parish hall
- MON Dec 19** **Congregational Christmas Caroling** – 6:00 p.m.
at Commonwealth Senior Living
- SUN Dec 24** **Festival Candlelight Christmas Eve**
4:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 pm, in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Welcome

Prelude

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 2nd 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, by making room for him in our hearts. Amen.

Opening sentence (The People stand)

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiab 40:3*

The Officiant and People begin with the Opening Prayer

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and People begin with the Opening 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.

Opening Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

Merton

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

4 so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run.

Confession of Sin (*Please be seated or kneel*)

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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 the grace
of 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 (*The People stand*)

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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.**

The Antiphon (Officiant)

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

**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 (*Please be seated*)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

**A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

**The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

**He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;**

**but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;**

**he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like
the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Chanted

The People stand

Deus, iudicium

- 1 **Give the King your justice, O | God, ***
and your righteousness to the King's | Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people | righteously ***
and the poor with | justice;
- 3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the | people, ***
and the little hills bring | righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the | people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op- | pressor.
- 5 **He shall live as long as the sun and moon en- | dure, ***
from one generation to a- | nother.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown | field, ***
like showers that water the | earth
- 7 **In his time shall the righteous | flourish; ***
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be
no | more.

- 18 **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of | Israel, *
who alone does wondrous | deeds!**
- 19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for | ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. A- | men.**

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Romans.

The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 75** “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”
(*The People stand*)

Ascension

1 There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;

3 but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, the lambs he’ll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he’ll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

(Please be seated)

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Matthew.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles’ Creed (*The People stand*)
Officiant and People together, all standing

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**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.**

1 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

The Prayers (*The People stand*)

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray. (*Please be seated or kneel*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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**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

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

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For Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Poor and the Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Short Litany for Stewardship

Praying responsively

Officiant: Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

People: **We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls, that we may hear you clearly.**

Officiant: We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

People: **Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.**

Officiant: We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors.

People: **Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.**

For Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

After the Prayers, 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 God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Peace (*The People stand*)

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements (*Please be seated*)

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

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.**

1 Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway;
freedom her bondage breaks and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come Prince of Peace, and reign.

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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NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect donations for the **FISH** food bank in Berryville. Our Thanksgiving food donation weighed 94 pounds. FISH is holding **special food collections and distributions for the holiday season,**

focused on **providing families the makings of a holiday dinner.** So, for December, we are continuing to collect small turkey breasts, small hams, canned pumpkin, condensed milk, pie crusts, canned cranberry, stuffing, gravy, butter, eggs, and sweet potatoes. Checks made out to FISH to support this effort are also appreciated. Senior warden Lois Tapscott’s next delivery of Good Shepherd’s contributions will be on **Wednesday Dec. 14.**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We are forming a **men’s CENTERED small group starting in January.** CENTERED is an Episcopal discipleship series where we gather to share a

simple meal; view short films; discuss questions about God, belonging in community, and living a meaningful life; to deepen support for each other in intentionally following Jesus and his Way of Love. To sign up for the men's group, contact Tim Hall (timhall0054@gmail.com or 540-454-0564).

Our final **Meditation Walk** in 2022 is this Saturday **Dec. 10**. Meet at the pavilion on the Cool Springs campus of Shenandoah University at **10 a.m.** to meditate on "Walking Towards Peace."

GIVING

After a wonderful Pledge Sunday and Harvest Luncheon two weeks ago and Advent Lessons & Carols last week, our "**More than Enough!**" **stewardship campaign continues**. Thank you to everyone who has already made their commitment.

If you have not yet made your pledge, our stewardship materials are available in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider your 2023 pledge of time, talent, and treasure and **place your gifts** of gratitude and commitment **in the offertory plate** on Sunday morning. Or you can mail them to the church at PO Box 324, Bluemont, VA 20135.

God has given us all we need, and it is **our great joy to give back**. Our regular Sunday offering is also collected in the plate by the entrance. Giving envelopes are there for cash donations. **Thank you for your support!**

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PRAYERS

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Susan, our Bishops; and for Debbie and Martha, our Supply Clergy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Grace, Bremono Bluff; Meade Memorial, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; and Varina, Henrico.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Please continue to pray for our neighbors and for ways that our church can serve the community.

Friends and Family: Congregants Martha Hayes, Tim Ingram, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee, and Penni Tidwell; Val Marsh, George Rutter, the Adamson family in Russia, Judi Floyd, Jorie & Richard Martin, Terri Quinlan (Josette’s mom), the Desamparado family (Cindy’s cousins in the Philippines—typhoon), Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene’s friends), David Aikman (Charlene’s husband), Michael Mohn (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly’s mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy’s parents), Judith Refo (Judy’s mother), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram’s friend), Priscilla Clark (Martha’s mother), the staff and animals at Clarke County animal shelter, Meredith & June Harmon (Cindy’s friend and her daughter), Briana Faye (Bryan’s daughter), Virginia Girolami and her daughter Savannah Newsome, Pat Pearson, and Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons & Paula Harris (Darlene’s friends & family).

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant **Gary Tidwell**, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To add someone to or remove from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org

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