

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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 11 The Third Sunday of Advent**
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
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
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 p.m.**
at Commonwealth Senior Living
- SAT 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

NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY DEC. 25.

- SUN Jan 1 The First Sunday of Christmas**
11:00 a.m. **Lessons & Carols** with Josette Keelor
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
5:00 p.m. “Centered” women’s small group in parish hall

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.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM & Prayer Intercessor: Judy Hall | Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude

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 3rd 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 65** “Prepare the way, O Zion” *Berenden vag for Herran*

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace & joy abounding.

O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

The Word of God

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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 Kyrie

Hymnal S-91 (Sung in Unison)

Lord have mercy upon us. (3x)
Christ have mercy upon us. (3x)
Lord have mercy upon us. (3x)

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.

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 Lessons *(Please be seated)*

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

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.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even
fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Canticle 15 **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55)

Hymn 437 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord"

Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of James.

The Epistle: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry "

The People stand

Winchester New

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for
God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

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

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

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

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

The Nicene Creed

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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

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(Please be seated or kneel)

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 Kenya. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Christ, Gordonsville, and St. James the Less, Ashland;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Susan, our Bishops; and for Debbie and Martha, 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

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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.**

Greetings and Announcements *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The People remain seated

Offertory Anthem “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Picardy

(Hymn 324 sung by Josette Keelor)

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*

The Great Thanksgiving

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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:

Sanctus

Hymnal: S-114 (Sung in unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

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

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**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

Celebrant [Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast [Alleluia].

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164 (Sung in unison)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 invites the following prayer to be said by all virtual participants.

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.

Communion **Hymn** “Jesus, remember me” *from the Taizé community*
Jesus, remember me – when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me – when you come into your Kingdom [Repeat]

After communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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 68** “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

The Dismissal

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 this **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).

GIVING

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, stewardship materials are available in the narthex. Please **place your gifts** of gratitude and commitment **in the offertory plate** on Sunday morning. Or you can mail them to the church. 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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Treasurer: Cindy Ingram

Junior Warden: Tim Hall

Register: Kendra Sardelis

PRAYERS

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), Randy Littleton (Pine Grove neighbor), 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@goodshepherdblueмонт.org

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 Christ, Gordonsville, and St. James the Less, Ashland.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Kenya.