

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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.



CALENDAR

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 Readers: Kelly Macoy, Martha Clark, Cindy Ingram
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
5:00 p.m. **“Centered”** women’s small group in parish hall

SUN Jan 8 **The First Sunday of Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut, Ray Ewing
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | 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: Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "I Vow to Thee My Country" *"Thaxted" by Gustav Holst*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

A reading from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:30-32)

Lord, my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all people—a light to bring light to the world and the glory of your people Israel.

The 4th candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together

Dear God, let the glorious light of Jesus' love shine in our lives and proclaim the Good Tidings to everyone we meet. Amen.

Opening Hymn 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

4 and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Chanted in unison

Qui regis Israel

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a | flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the | cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and | Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to | help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.
- 4 O LORD God of | hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your | people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of | tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to | drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our | neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to | scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right | hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your | self.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from | you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your | Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

The Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who

was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 269 "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus"

The People stand

Den des Vaters Sinn geboren

1 Ye who claim the faith of Jesus, sing the wonders that were done
When the love of God the Father over sin the vict'ry won,
When he made the Virgin Mary, mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of grace

2 Blessed were the chosen people out of whom the Lord did come;
Blessed was the land of promise fashioned for His earthly home;
But more blessed far the mother, she who bore Him in her womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace

3 Therefore let all faithful people sing the honor of her name;
Let the Church, in her foreshadowed, part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness let Christ's people sing the same:
Hail Mary, full of grace

4 "Magnify, my soul, God's greatness; in my Savior I rejoice;
All the ages call me blessed, in his praise I lift my voice;
He has cast down all the mighty, and the lowly are his choice."
Hail Mary, full of grace

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 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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

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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 Korea. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Creator, Mechanicsville, and Santa Maria, Falls Church. 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 Mark and Susan, our Bishops; 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 **Hymn 72** “Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes”

Richmond

1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

2 He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

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

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:

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 58** “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” *St. Thomas*

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Dismissal



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect donations for the **FISH** food bank in Berryville. Last month, our Thanksgiving food donation weighed 94 pounds and our Christmas holiday food donation this week weighed in at a whopping 105 pounds. It included five hams, a turkey breast, and lots of canned veggies, canned milk, and boxed food. Thank you so much for your donations. Checks made out to FISH to support this effort are also appreciated. The FISH mobile food pantry will be setting up at Good Shepherd in January!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We are forming a **men's CENTERED small group**. We will be gathering on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 **starting on January 18th** to share a simple meal; view short films; discuss questions about God, belonging in community, and living a meaningful life. 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 **return them in the offertory plate** or mail them to the church (see address below). 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!**

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), Meredith & June Harmon (Cindy’s friend and her daughter), Briana Faye (Bryan’s daughter), Virginia Girolami and her daughter Savannah Newsome, Pat Pearson, Randy Littleton (a Bluemont neighbor with stage 4 pancreatic cancer), and Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons & Paula Harris (Darlene’s friends & family).

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

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

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



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