

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 8, 2023

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

- SUN Jan 8 The First Sunday after Epiphany**
11 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Tim Hall
5 p.m. **“Centered”** women’s small group in parish hall
- SUN Jan 15 The Second Sunday after Epiphany**
11 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deb Rutter
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
5 p.m. **“Centered”** women’s small group in parish hall
- WED Jan 18 “Centered”** men’s group in parish hall – **6:00 p.m.**
- SUN Jan 22 The Third Sunday after Epiphany**
11 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Tim Hall
Lay Readers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
- SAT Jan 28 “Praying Through Winter”** – 11:00 a.m. to noon
at Good Shepherd (See Notices for more information)
- SUN Jan 29 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
11 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing Service**
with the Rev. Martha Clark & the Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Readers: Cindy Ingram | LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

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: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut, Ray Ewing

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome

Prelude: “We Three Kings”

arranged by Adam Stemple

Opening Sentence for Epiphany
(The People stand)

BCP p. 76

Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:3

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 **LEVAS 141** “Shall we gather at the river” *Robert Lowry*

1 Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 E're we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.
[Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

[Refrain]

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 Antiphon (Officiant)

The Lord has shown forth his glory: 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 (*The people may be seated*)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
 I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Sung in Unison

Afferte Domino

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you | gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his | Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory | thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful | voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of | splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar | trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a | calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild | ox.
7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Ka | desh.
8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees | writhe *
and strips the forests | bare.
9 And in the temple of the | LORD *
all are crying, | “Glory!”
10 The LORD sits enthroned above the | flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever | more.
11 The LORD shall give strength to his | people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of | peace.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying
A Reading from the Book of Acts.

The New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual **Hymn 370** "I bind unto myself today" *St. Patrick's Breastplate*
vv. 1,2,6,7

1 I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for ever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in the Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

7 I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying
A Reading from Matthew.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on

him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Timothy Hall

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p 292ff

The People stand

Leader Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth..**

Leader Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Leader Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Officiant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer **Hymn 297** "Descend, O Spirit, purging flame" *Erhalt uns, Herr*

1 Descend, O Spirit, purging flame, brand us this day with Jesus' name!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt; sign us a Christ's, within, without.

2 Forbid us not this second birth; grant unto us the greater worth!
Enlist us in your service, Lord; baptize all nations with your word.

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

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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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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**

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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 him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Peace

<i>Officiant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins 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

All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your own children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 616** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

m. 1-4

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect donations for the **FISH** food bank in Berryville. Our Thanksgiving food donation weighed 94 pounds and our Christmas holiday food donation weighed 105 pounds. Thank you so much for your donations. Checks made out to FISH to support this effort are also appreciated. Please bring your January donations no later than the 22nd of the month. The **FISH Community Table** mobile food pantry will be setting up at Good Shepherd on Sat. Feb. 4!

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 18** to share a simple meal; view short films; discuss questions about God, belonging in community, and living a meaningful life. It's not too late to sign up for the men's group... contact Tim Hall (timhall0054@gmail.com or 540-454-0564).

Following the successful conclusion of the autumn meditation walks, we begin **“Praying Through Winter”** on **Sat. Jan. 28**, from **11 a.m. to noon**. Winter prayers can be a powerful way to sustain our hope and joy through the cold season. At these three monthly sessions, we will use our whole being—body, mind, heart—to pray with and without words to more fully experience God’s Presence and Love in our lives. Each session will start with an introduction to prayer using our bodies and movement, and will include forms of seated contemplative prayer or meditation practice. The first session will focus on Body Prayer/Centering Prayer. Body Prayer was taught by Julian of Norwich, a 14th-century Christian mystic, and Centering Prayer is an ancient contemplative practice that helps us to be fully open and present to the Holy Spirit. The second and third sessions are scheduled for February 18 and March 11.

GIVING

Thank you to everyone who made a commitment to our **“More than Enough!”** **stewardship campaign**. If you still want to make a pledge, materials are available in the narthex. Please **return them in the offertory plate** or mail them to the church (see address below). God gives us all we need. 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!**

OUR FACILITY

The large, dead white oak tree by the parking lot was finally taken down this week after TreeLife’s newly purchased crane arrived. Thanks to a generous parishioner for paying for this project. The **wood is being donated** to the Westminster Canterbury Firewood Outreach Group.



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Register: Kendra Sardelis

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: For those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine, the homeless across our nation, and the victims of mass shootings and gun violence. For congregants Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee, Tim Ingram, and Penni Tidwell. For George Rutter, Terri Quinlan (Josette's mom), Val Marsh, the Adamson Family in Russia, Judi Floyd, Jorie & Richard Martin, the Desamparado family (Cindy's cousins in the Philippines), the residents and staff at Commonwealth Senior Living Center & at Rose Hill Health and Rehab, 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 & her daughter June Harmon (Cindy's friends), Briana Faye (Bryan's daughter), Pat Pearson (friend of the Halls), Virginia Girolami & daughter Savannah Newsome, Shirley Russell (longtime Bluemont resident), Timothy Ruddle (Lee's nephew), Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Lori Lilly Timmons & Paula Harris (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the life of Randy Littleton, a Pine Grove neighbor, who died on December 23.

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

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Christ Ascension, Richmond.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).