

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



<https://abidingwordtx.org>

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

UPDATED guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are optional and are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is available at many locations in the church. We are sharing communion wine from the common cup. If you would prefer not to partake, you may make a sign of the cross with the host over the cup as it passes.

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THU Oct 5 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.

SAT Oct 7 FISH Community Table, 9-11 a.m.

SUN Oct 8 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals
with The Rev. Martha Clark
LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Lay Reader: Lee | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

THU Oct 12 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.

SUN Oct 15 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Cindy Ingram
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

THU Oct 19 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.

SAT Oct 21 Free Community Breakfast, Drop-in Pet
Blessing, and Chestnut Hunt, 9 a.m. to Noon

SUN Oct 22 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Martha Clark
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing
Zoomer & Music Leader: Tim Hall

WED Oct 25 FISH - Good Shepherd food donation delivery

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



DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Lay Reader & Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Like a river glorious"

James Mountain

Opening Sentence and Prayer
(*The People stand*)

BCP p. 78

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

People **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening **Hymn 339** "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

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Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

(*The People may be seated or kneel*)

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 (*The People stand*) *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)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The Venite (*Psalms 95:1-7*) *Hymnal S-35*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

***For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.***

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lessons (*The people may be seated*)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from Ezekiel.

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8

Said antiphonally by half verse

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(The People stand)

Gradual **Hymn 685** “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

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(The People may be seated)

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from The Gospel According to Matthew.

The Third Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what

authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles’ Creed (*The People stand*)

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Officiant and People together, all standing

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Hymn 641 "Lord Jesus, think on me"

Southwell

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may 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.
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

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant prays the **Collect of the Day***

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect 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.**

Prayer **Hymn** “O Lord, hear my prayer” (*sung once*)

Taize (WLP 827)

The Prayers of the People

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the people of Maui, Morocco, and Libya. For those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine. For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers.

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 Pierce Locklear (Janet's step grandson), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, David Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson Family in Russia, Jorie & Richard Martin, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn & Ralph Bayfield (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Geraldine Kolowski, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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 *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Meade Memorial, White Post, St. George's Pine Grove, Stanley, St. John's, Columbia; and St. Pauls' Ingham, Shenandoah. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. 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 Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Rob, 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, remembering especially Dee Buzzoni, 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.

Prayer **Hymn** “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Taize (WLP 827)

A Collect for the Search for our Next Presiding Bishop

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Future of the Human Race

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant invites the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.

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** *BCP p. 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(The People stand)

The Grace *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

Please leave your offering in the plate 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

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 344** “Lord dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

The Blessing

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.**

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 canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products, for **FISH of Clarke County**. In September, Lois carried over our generous donation this past Wednesday. Details will be provided in next week’s online bulletin. we donated Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. **Our next FISH collection delivery is October 25th.**

Our next hosting of the FISH Community Table mobile food pantry is this coming Saturday, October 7th, from 9 to 11 a.m. **If you would like to help with anything related to FISH, please contact Lois Tapscott.**

OUR FACILITY

There is still fun work to do reimagining how we will use our Parish Hall, both upstairs and downstairs, going forward. We also still need to pick out new window treatments. Please contact Judy Hall or Penni Tidwell with ideas and to help.

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the service!

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD

In recognition of **St. Francis of Assisi**, who's life and example is celebrated in the church on October 4th, for the whole month of October we will be collecting donations of dog and cat food and other items, to support the Clarke County Animal Shelter in Berryville. **Please start bringing in kitten food right away.** They have several new litters! We are also planning these other events:

- **Sunday Oct. 8th – Blessing of the Animals** with our service of Holy Communion (outside, weather permitting)
- **Saturday Oct. 21st**
 - Free community breakfast (9 a.m. – Noon)
 - Drop-in Blessings for your Animals (9 a.m. – Noon)
 - Chestnut tree hunt (10 a.m. – Noon)
- **Sunday Oct. 29th** – After church we will **deliver the collected items to the Animal Shelter**, with prayers and blessings for animals and staff.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rev. Martha Clarke will be helping lead a **Spiritual Practices Retreat on the weekend of 27-29 October** at the Claggett Center in rural Adamstown, MD, less than an hour from Good Shepherd. See the flyer in the Narthex for more information. Visit the Claggett Center web page for more details and to register. All meals, from dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday, and retreat registration are included with the price of your accommodations.

❖ ❖ ❖ PRAYERS ❖ ❖ ❖

Pray for our neighbors and for ways we can serve the community.

Friends and Family: For the people of Maui, Morocco, and Libya. For those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine. For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For Pierce Locklear (Janet's step grandson), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila Tapscott, Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, David Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson family in Russia, Jorie & Richard Martin, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn & Ralph Bayfield (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and , Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the life of Dee Buzzoni.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Dee, and grant her 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.

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



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