

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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 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. - 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**

SUN Oct 29 **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing** with The Rev. Deb Rutter

LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Lay Reader: Lee | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

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



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher/Schmidt

The people standing, the Officiant leads the call to worship

Officiant Blessed be the God of all creation.

People **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all children of God.

People **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant says

O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things.

Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in your whole creation with perfect joy.

Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 400** “All Creatures of our God and King”

vv. 1-4

Laast uns erfreuen

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14

Said responsively by half verse

Qui regis Israel

7 **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

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.

Litany for All Creation

The Officiant says

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care.

Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Prayers may be led by a Deacon or other Leader.

Deacon Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Grant that all your creatures may serve you with
thanksgiving;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful
seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see
you in all your works;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for
the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and
strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Look with compassion on those that are abused and
mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear
to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Officiant

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

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

The Deacon or Officiant says

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

Officiant and People together

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Standing, the Officiant says the following

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

The Officiant says the following

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prays with those remembering them.

Officiant

N., may God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

Officiant Let us pray.

God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace (*The People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 405** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” *Royal Oak*

(The people remain seated)

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.369

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus **WLP 785** “Santo, Santo, Santo”

Traditional

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!***

Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The people may stand, be seated, or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

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.

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Chant

Taizé

*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the wellspring of Life.*

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!” *Lobe den Herren*

The Dismissal

Celebrant 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, we donated 57 lbs of canned and dry food, four dozen eggs and 12 bars of bath soap. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. **Our next FISH collection delivery is October 25. Contact Lois Tapscott to help with anything related to FISH.**

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD

In recognition of **St. Francis of Assisi**, whose life and example is celebrated in the church on Oct. 4, 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:

- **Saturday Oct. 21**
 - Free community breakfast (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.)
 - Drop-in Blessings for your Animals (9 a.m. – 11 a.m.)
 - Chestnut Hunt, with pets (10 a.m. – Noon)
- **Sunday Oct. 29** – After church we will **deliver the collected items to the Animal Shelter**, where we will offer prayers and blessings for animals and staff.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rev. Martha Clark will be helping lead a **Spiritual Practices Retreat on the weekend of October 27-29** 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 longtime Clarke county resident Diana “Dee” Buzzoni, who died on Aug. 19, and of Bobbie Yingling (Nov. 7, 1928 – Sept. 28, 2023), Janet Locklear’s family friend.

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



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