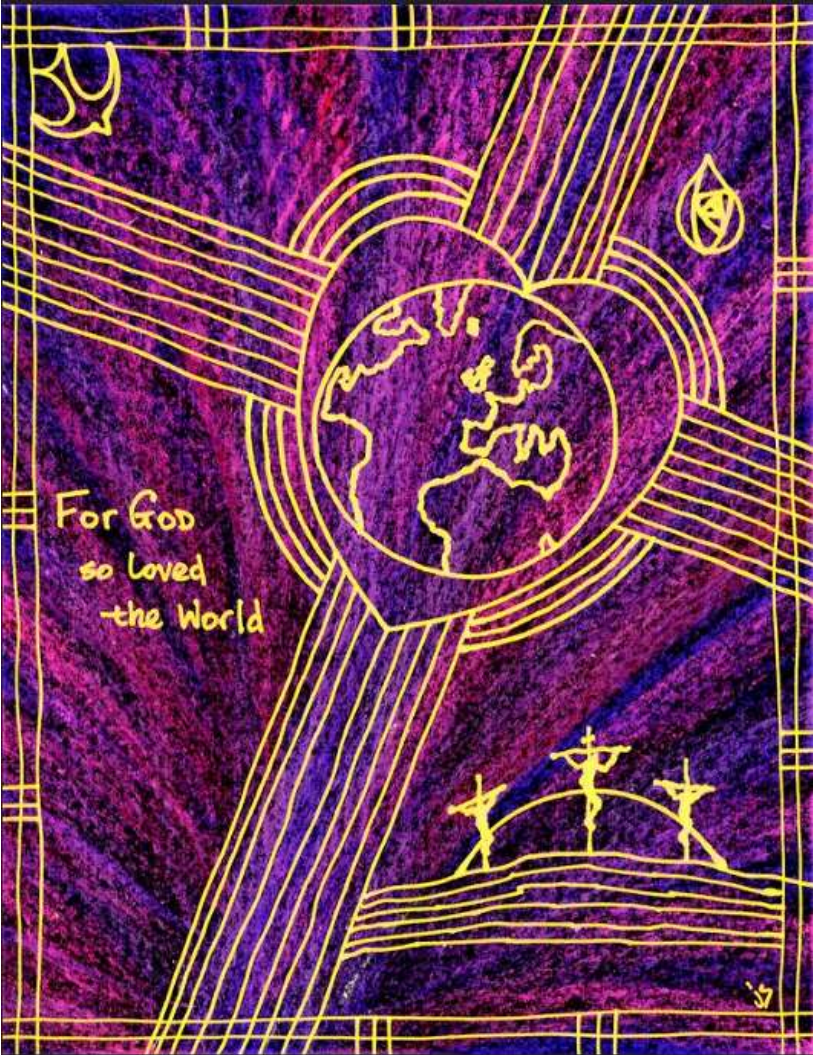


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



## CALENDAR

- SUN Mar 10** **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood  
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Martha Clark  
12:30 p.m. **Altar Guild** planning for Holy Week, in the sanctuary
- FRI Mar 15** **Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SAT Mar 16** **Lent Quiet Morning**, 9 a.m. to noon (see Insert)
- SUN Mar 17** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood  
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor  
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle  
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
12:30 p.m. **Dramatic Passion Rehearsal** for Palm Sunday
- THU Mar 21** **Vestry Committee Meeting**, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church
- FRI Mar 22** **Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)
- SAT Mar 23** **Vestry Retreat**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church
- SUN Mar 24** **Palm Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** with Eileen Cawood  
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Revs. Deborah Rutter & Martha Clark  
Lay Reader & Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood  
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- THU Mar 28** **Maundy Thursday**  
6:00 p.m. **Sacred Supper** with the Rev. Martha Clark  
7:00 p.m. **Footwashing and Holy Eucharist**  
Lay Reader: Janet Locklear  
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor  
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Judy Hall

**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.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

Celebrant: Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Reader: Josette Keelor | LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall

Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall

## Welcome and Introduction

**Prelude** “Amazing Grace” Traditional/MacNaughton

Opening **Hymn 470** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**Opening Acclamation** *BCP, p. 323*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:14, 16*

**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 Celebrant says to the people* *BCP, p. 325*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*Said responsively by half verse*

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
**from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
**they were afflicted because of their sins.**
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
**and drew near to death's door.**
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
**and saved them from the grave.**
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
**and the wonders he does for his children.**
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 686** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Martha Clark*

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP, p.326*

*The Officiant and People together standing*

**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 III** (*Please be seated*) *BCP, p.387*  
*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray today for St. Francis, Great Falls, and St. George's, Fredericksburg. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Episcopal Church. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our president, Glenn our governor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray in thanksgiving for the lives of Pat Pearson, Barbara Van Sant Lynch, Chris Turner, and Norman H. Macoy. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*[see Friends and Family prayer list on back page]*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept*

*Minister and People*

*EOW, p. 19*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**



*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** (*Please stand*)

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

**Greetings and Announcements** (*Please be seated*)

## THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

Offertory Hymn **LEVAS 189** “Great is thy Faithfulness”

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*BCP, p.340*

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*          **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,*** [Hymnal S-114]  
***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*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*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.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty

resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*BCP, p.336*

**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:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

*Hymnal S-158 (Sung in Unison)*

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.***

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the following*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* 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 people are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

Communion Hymn **WLP 761** “All who hunger gather gladly”

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

The fast that I like, says the Lord, is the breaking of the chains of evil, the untying of the bonds of slavery.

It is freeing the oppressed, and welcoming the poor into your home.

It is clothing the person you find naked, and not despising your neighbor.

Then, if you cry, God will answer; if you call, God will say: I am here.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you to heal and transform you in this Lenten season. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 530** “Spread, O Spread, thou Mighty Word”

### **The Dismissal**



## NOTICES

### ALTAR GUILD PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK

If you would like to help prepare the church for Easter and Holy Week, please **join us after the service today** with your ideas and availability. If you can't make it today, contact Judy Hall or Lois Tapscott with how you would like to serve during this rollercoaster period in our spiritual life, as we prepare for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning. Let us know how YOU would like to participate. Thank you!

### LENTEN STUDY

Join us for **Noonday Prayer, a simple meal** of soup and bread (or you may bring a sandwich), **and lively discussions about the very essence of what it means to be a Christian.** For the next three Fridays in Lent, **the Rev. Deborah Rutter** is leading a study of baptismal promises using the guide "Will You?" We meet from noon to 2 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Study books and supplies are provided.

### CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Many thanks for everyone's generous donations to our **Absalom Jones fundraiser.** Your gifts totaling \$725 were matched by \$500 from church funds as authorized by your Vestry, enabling us to send a check of **\$1,225 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society** for this worthy cause which, among other things, supports two Episcopalian Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In its solicitation letter for this fund, The Episcopal Church said that since the fund's establishment in 2018, it has received donations from a third of all Episcopal Dioceses and sixty-five parishes. We are blessed by your generous giving to be able to be one of the parishes leading by example in this step toward racial reconciliation.

Our next fundraiser will be our annual **Good Friday Offering**, which provides critical support to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, providing aid for, among many things, the Ahli Arab Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City, which we helped last fall when the Gaza war began. **We will begin collecting donations next Sunday, March 17,**

**and continuing through Holy Week to the first Sunday after Easter.** Your Vestry has again authorized \$500 in matching funds. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd with “Good Friday offering” in the memo line. Or you may give cash in one of the pre-marked envelopes in the Narthex. For more information about this offering see: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/> Thank you for your support!

### **VESTRY INFORMATION**

Your vestry will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the church. If you have a suggestion or presentation you’d like to make, contact Ray Ewing or Penni Tidwell, our senior and junior wardens. The vestry will be holding its first ever retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall and sanctuary. Please pray for wisdom and grace for all member of this ministry.

### **OUR COMMUNITY**



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our February donation** of canned, dried and boxed foods totalled **96 pounds**. On Feb. 28, Lois Tapscott, Rev. Martha Clark, and Sophia Zidek distributed 36 “to-go” meals. **This month’s donations need to be brought to the church by March 25.**



### **GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*Senior Warden: Ray Ewing*

*Treasurer: Tim Hall*

*Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell*

*Clerk: Janet Locklear*



## PRAYERS

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

***Friends and Family:*** Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Ian Macoy (father's death); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Tim & Ann White (Tim Hall's friends in New Hampshire); Bryan Zidek; Rob Banse; Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Penelope Yungblut; Lee Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; Jorie & Richard Martin; 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 Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Sam Myers, John West, Geraldine Kolowski, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

**In thanksgiving** for the lives of

Pat Pearson (Tim & Judy's friend) May 27, 1927 – Dec. 25, 2023;  
Barbara Van Sant Lynch (Martha Hayes' sister) Jan 11, 1932 – Feb. 7, 2024;  
Chris Turner (Josette Keelor's friend) Dec. 28, 1959 – Feb. 16, 2024;  
Norman H. Macoy (Kelly's father-in-law) Sep. 30, 1936 – Feb. 22, 2024.

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***

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

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