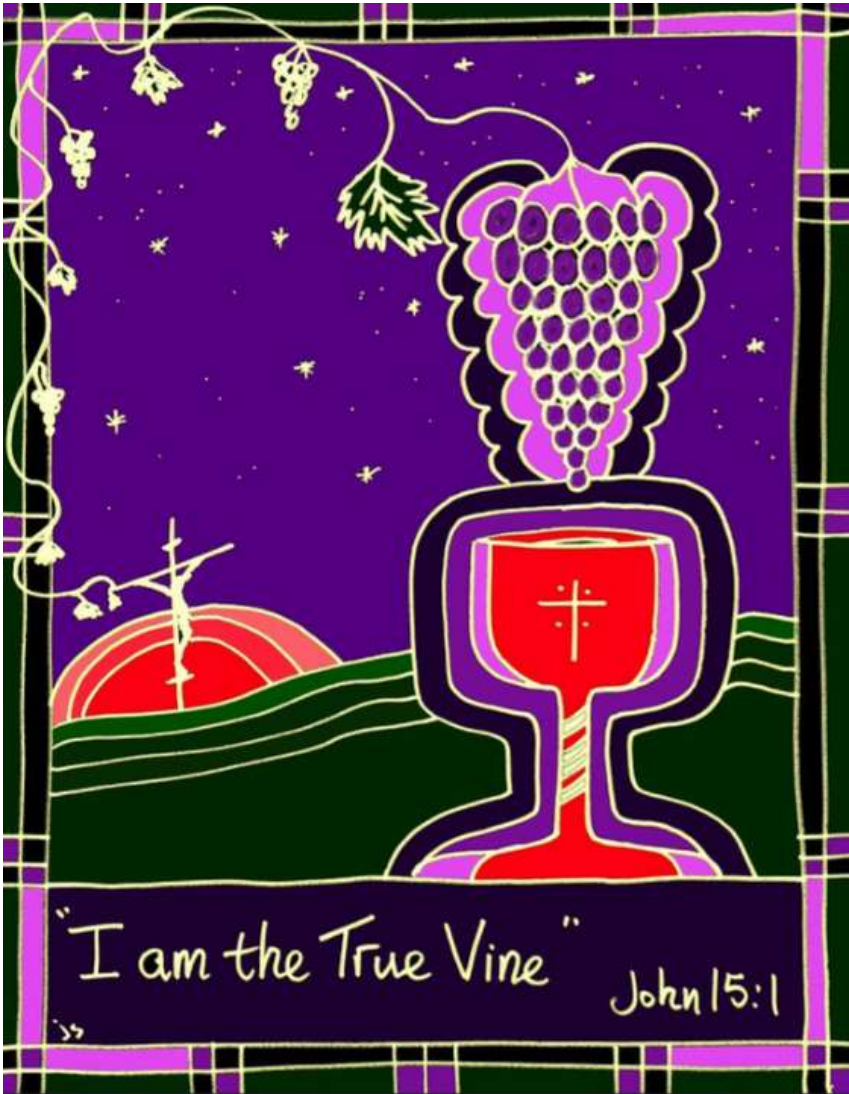


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Apr 28** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service**
with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor
Musicians: Tim Hall & Rose Holden | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SUN May 5** **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Eileen Cawood | LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SUN May 12** **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Reader and Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
12:45 p.m. **Speakers Series** — Charlene Fu on China and food
(see Notices)
- THU May 16** **Congregational Webinar: Panel on Future of the Episcopal Church** 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting, 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- SAT May 18** **Walking in the Spirit of Spring**
10:30 a.m. to Noon **Meditation Walk** with the Rev. Martha Clark
The Pavilion at Cool Springs (see Notices)
- SUN May 19** **The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Refreshments & Fellowship in the Parish 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 TWO

WITH A LITANY OF HEALING

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Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “There is a Balm in Gilead”

Rose—Guitar, Tim—Flute

Opening **LEVAS 60** “How Great Thou Art”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant prays

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

Gloria “Glorify Your Name”

by Donna Adkins

Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Jesus, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Spirit, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the Earth.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going

along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Said responsively by half verse

Deus, Deus meus

24 **My** praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the

world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **WLP 806** "If you believe and I believe"

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear

fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Celebrant says to the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together pray the Collect for St. Luke

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Celebrant continues the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding. The Lay Eucharistic Minister then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following Collect.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with

compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The Celebrant continues

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Celebrant says the following blessing for those who have been named

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant now invites all gathered to come forward for the blessing of healing as the following hymn is sung.

Healing Hymn **LEVAS 203** “There is a Balm in Gilead”

The Celebrant offers prayer for each person individually according to that person’s need, with lifting up of hands.

After all have been blessed the Celebrant offers this or another concluding collect

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

and then invites the People to stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Anthem “Coming to the Table”

Phillip Bailey

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.369

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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: WLP 858

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The People may be seated or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night 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,

People and Celebrant

BCP p. 364

**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 **Hymn 711** “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

God of abundance,

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

The Blessing

Closing **Hymn 296** “We know that Christ is raised”

The Dismissal

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

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

NOTICES

PRAYER LIST

In this post-Resurrection Sunday season of renewal, we are asking everyone to review their submissions to our Friends and Family Prayer List. Starting this month, we are implementing a quarterly review of the prayer list in an attempt to keep it meaningful and manageable. Please email prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org to add or remove someone from the prayer list. When submitting a name, please include your relationship to the person, the number of weeks that prayer is requested (or write: “until removed”), and any other relevant information.

Asking for prayer is an act of faith and should be requested for those with whom you have a personal relationship. That means keeping in touch with them and actively spiritually mentoring them and/or following up on their condition and care. The goal is to have a congregational prayer list that is a meaningful tool to enhance our personal prayers.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to our Good Friday Offering, which provides critical support to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Among many things, it gives aid to the Ahli Arab Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City, which we helped last fall when the war in Gaza began. We raised \$1,000 and with your Vestry-authorized \$500 in matching funds, **we will be sending \$1,500 to support this worthy cause!**

SPEAKERS SERIES

“Coming to Know One Another in our Creativity, Interests, and Life Work”. The first in this speakers series took place last Sunday, when **Josette Keelor** read selections from her novel-in-progress *Lottie Withers and the Haunted Trail*. The next speakers and their topics are:

- **Sunday May 12 — Charlene Fu** on her experiences as a foreign correspondent in China and on food in Chinese culture and in her family.

- **Sunday, June 16** — our keyboardist **Eileen Cawood** on music in her life.
- **July** — **Janet Locklear** on “My Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella: Adventures and Learnings.”
- **August** — **Ray Ewing** on “What is it like to be the U.S. Ambassador to Another Country: Priorities and Contributions.”

More speakers may be forthcoming. These talks will take place at 12:45 p.m. in the parish hall after the Sunday service.

SATURDAY, MAY 18 - WALKING BY LIVING WATER

As we continue the practice of Walking Meditation at Cool Springs, we will follow the path down along the Shenandoah River. We will take time to stop by its shore and reflect on the presence and nature of the Holy in the great gift of life-giving water. What streams or wells of living water do our own spirits drink from? How are we sustained? Come, and bring a friend, on Saturday morning at 10:30.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our April donation of 70 pounds of food** consisted of nine dozen eggs, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, crackers, dried peas, macaroni, soup, peanut butter, and canned spaghetti/meatballs, beefaroni, fruit, and vegetables. On April 24, Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden distributed 36 “to-go” meals. **Donations for next month are due by Tuesday, May 28** and boxed meals will be given out on Wednesday, May 29.



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Junior Warden: Penni Tidwell

Treasurer: Tim Hall
Clerk: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Judi Floyd; Kevin Tapscott (Lois' nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Brian Allie (Christine's cousin); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); 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 Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Penelope Yungblut; George & Deb Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim Ingram; 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 Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the life Mary Decker (an author in Josette's writer community), Feb. 19, 1963 - April 10, 2024.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to 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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Emmanuel (Beckford Parish), Woodstock; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; and St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish), Mt. Jackson.

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