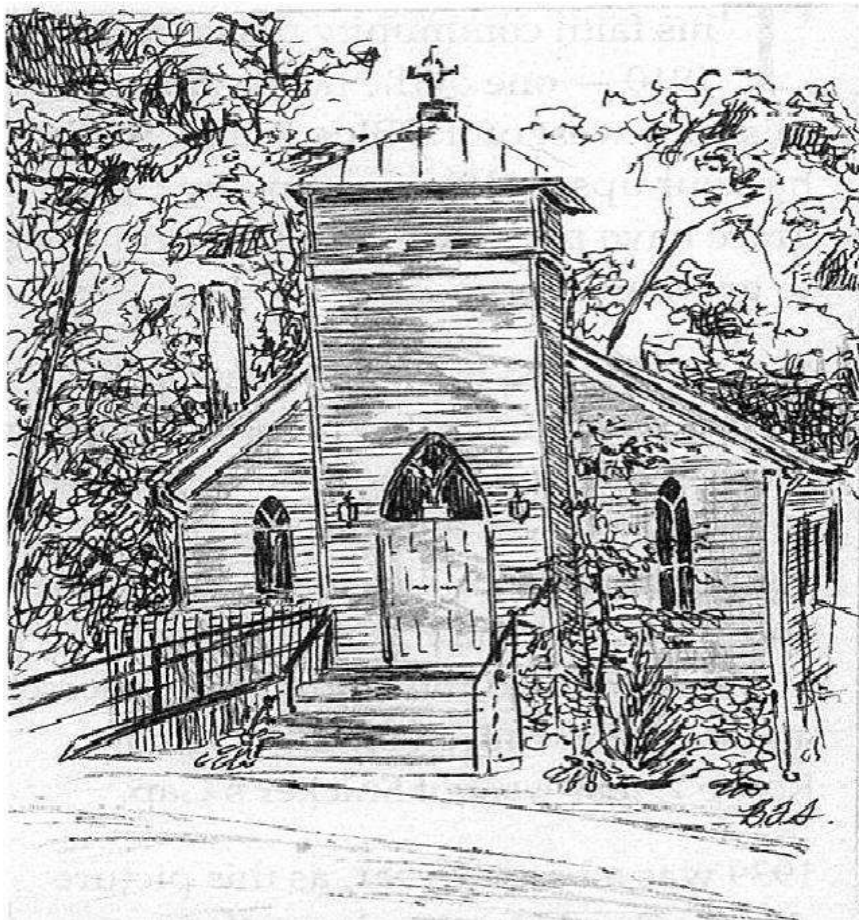


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

"For where two or three are gathered in my name,



I am there among them." ~Matthew 18:20

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

UPDATED guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are now optional and are available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is available at many locations in the church.

We are again 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 Sep 14 Parish Carpet Installation

SAT – SUN 53rd Annual Bluemont Fair

Sep 16 – 17 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Village of Bluemont

SUN Sep 17 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Tim Hall

Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

THU Sep 21 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.

FRI Sep 22 Congregational Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

SUN Sep 24 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader & Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

WED Sep 27 FISH Food Delivery

THU Sep 28 Prayer and Meditation Garden help, 9-11 a.m.

SUN Oct 1 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

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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

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Hymn Medley”

Arranged by Marcia Wells

Opening **Hymn 376** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

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.**

The following hymn is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *

for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *

and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *

give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *

which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *

because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *

in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 593** “Lord, make us servants of your peace”

Dickinson College

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 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

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.

Prayer Hymn "O Lord, hear my prayer" *Taize (WLP 827)*
Sung twice before the prayers and twice after the prayers

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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 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 Incarnation, Mineral;

St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; and St. Francis', Manakin-Sabot. In

the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of Ireland.

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

For the people of Maui, for those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine, for the homeless across our nation, and 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 the Echols family (Judy's sister's family), Susan Norlander (Tim & Judy's friend), 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 Dee Buzzoni, Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family). Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, thanking you especially for our neighbors, Sonny & Betty Colbert on their 75 years of marriage.

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 Jeanne Norlander and Pete Echols, 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" (*sung twice*) *Taiže (WLP 827)*

The Leader continues

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn “As we gather at your table”

Nettleton

(The people remain seated)

1 As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence;

let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;

teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s vict’ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;

send us forth to love and serve you,

bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;

may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that Feast
where triumphant Love will welcome

those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,

as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: [Hymnal S-125]

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

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**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.

Hymn at Communion

WLP 761 “All who hunger gather gladly”

Holy Manna

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 400 "All creatures of our God and King"

vv. 1, 4, 5 and 7

Coronation

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products, for **FISH of Clarke County**. In August, we donated 3 dozen eggs, several packs of toilet paper and paper towels, and **114 pounds of canned and dry goods**. Thank you to everyone who was so generous in your donations. **Our next FISH collection delivery is Sept. 27th.**

Thank you to everyone who helped us host the FISH Community Table mobile food pantry yesterday, Sept. 9th. We will be hosting the next FISH Community Table mobile food pantry on Oct. 7th. **If you would like to help with anything related to FISH, please contact Lois Tapscott.**

OUR FACILITY

The Parish Hall renovations are moving along. On Sept. 14th the new carpet is scheduled to be installed. Hopefully we will be back to normal by Sunday the 17th. If you would like to help pick out window treatments or have input into this reimagined space, please contact Judy Hall or Penni Tidwell.

FELLOWSHIP

Because of the ongoing work in the Parish Hall, **please join us DOWNSTAIRS** for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Congratulations to Catherine Macoy who earned Academic Honors from the College Board National Recognition Program by excelling on standardized exams and in the classroom!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 53rd annual **Bluemont Fair** is next weekend, **September 16 and 17** in the village of Bluemont, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Good Shepherd's first **Congregational Game Night** is planned for **Friday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.** Fun for everyone, and dessert provided by the church!

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. 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)
- **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

Our **Prayer and Meditation** garden and all our outdoor plantings are in **need of regular watering**. Please come whenever you can to spend time in nature and meditation, caring for creation, and providing life-giving water to our plants in need. **Thank you!**



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Treasurer: Cindy Ingram

Junior Warden: Tim Hall

Register: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

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In thanksgiving for the 75th wedding anniversary of Betty and Sonny Colbert, lifelong Bluemont residents (Today!).

In thanksgiving for the lives of Jeanne Norlander (August 6) and Dr. Porter B. Echols, Jr. "Pete" (September 4).

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants Jeanne and Pete, and grant them 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@goodshepherdblueмонт.org**

