

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 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 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 - Good Shepherd food donation 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
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

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

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

SUN Oct 8 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals
with The Rev. Martha Clark
LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Lay Reader: Lee | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

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



DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Tim Hall | Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: “Lauda anima”

John Goss

Opening Sentence and Prayer
(*The People stand*)

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

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Opening **Hymn 390** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe den Herren

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

(*The People may be seated or kneel*)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter (*The People stand*) *BCP p. 80*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

The Antiphon (Officiant)

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

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

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

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

***For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.***

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

***The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

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

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lessons (*The people may be seated*)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from Genesis.

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Said antiphonally by half verse

Benedic, anima mea

1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *

and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *

and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(The People stand)

Gradual **Hymn 674** "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit

(The People may be seated)

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from The Gospel According to Matthew.

The Third Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one

of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Tim Hall

The Apostles' Creed (*The People stand*)

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Officiant and People together, all standing

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may be seated or kneel

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Taize (WLP 827)

The Prayers of the People

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For 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), Terry Quinlan (Josette’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).

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 St. Matthew's, Sterling; and St. Thomas, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially 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*)

Taize (WLP 827)

A Collect for the Search for our Next Presiding Bishop

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

A Prayer for the Future of the Human Race

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

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

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.****

The Officiant prays **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(The People stand)

The Grace

Ephesians 3:20, 21

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

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

Please leave your offering in the plate on the Narthex table.

The People stand for the Doxology

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

Closing Prayer

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

Closing **Hymn 603** “When Christ was lifted from the earth”

St. Botolph

The Blessing

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

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

✘ ✘ ✘ **NOTICES** ✘ ✘ ✘

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products, for **FISH of Clarke County**. In 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 last weekend on Sept. 9th. FISH gave out 14 food boxes and we gave out 24 take-away meals. 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 new Parish Hall carpet is installed. Hallelujah! If you would like to help pick out window treatments or have ideas about this reimagined space, please contact Judy Hall or Penni Tidwell.

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us **UPSTAIRS** 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** continues today in the village of Bluemont, until 5 p.m.

Come to Good Shepherd's first **Congregational Game Night**, this week... **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)
 - Chestnut tree hunt (10 a.m. – Noon)
- **Sunday Oct. 29th** – After church we will **deliver the collected items to the Animal Shelter**, with prayers and blessings for animals and staff.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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!**

✠ ✠ ✠ PRAYERS ✠ ✠ ✠

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

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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@goodshepherdbluemont.org



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