

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

UPDATED guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are optional and available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is available at many locations throughout the church. We are sharing communion wine from the common cup. If you would prefer not to partake, you can make a sign of the cross with the host over the cup as it passes or have the LEM intinct your wafer for you.

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SUN Dec. 3 “The Messiah,” Grace Episcopal Church, Berryville
4:00 p.m. Performed by The Piedmont Singers and
Main Street Chamber Orchestra.

SUN Dec. 3-17 Preparing Advent Christmas tins of baked goods

SUN Dec 10 The Second Sunday of Advent: Lessons & Carols
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM: Judy Hall | Lay Readers: Many
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall

MON Dec. 11-20 Delivering Advent Christmas tins

SUN Dec 17 The Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Martha Clark
LEM: Tim Hall
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Prayers: Lee Ruddle
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

WED Dec. 20 FISH food delivery & Christmas to-go meals

SUN Dec 24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent and
4:00 p.m. **Festival Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**
with the Rev. Martha Clark, Celebrant
and the Rev. Deborah Rutter, Homilist
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut and Ray Ewing
LEM and Crucifer: Josette Keelor
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

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. Rob Banse

LEM & Prayer Intercessor: Josette Keelor

Lay Readers Penelope Yungblut and Ray Ewing

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Sleepers Awake”

Wachet Auf

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

A reading from the “Lighting the Advent Candles” insert.

The 1st candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the power of HOPE. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Opening **Hymn 58** “Lo! he comes with clouds descending” *St. Thomas*

The Word of God

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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 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 Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Said antiphonally by half verse

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 73** "The king shall come when morning dawns"

The People stand

St. Stephen

Then, [all standing,] the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass

away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Rob Banse

The Nicene Creed

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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 WLP 721** “Signs of ending all around us” *Ton-y-Botel*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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(Please be seated or kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For Elaine and Art Eppley & family (Eileen’s sister & her husband), Dane Toler (Lee’s spouse), Bert Bonavita (Penni’s cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet’s father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila and Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Jeanette Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson family in Russia, Shirley Grey, 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), Tara Refo (Judy’s cousin), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram’s friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene’s friends & family). For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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 those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. 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 give thanks for Holy Cross, Batesville, and St. Stephen's, Heathsville. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of North India (United). 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, 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.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

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

The Peace *(The People stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The People remain seated

Offertory **Hymn 596** “Judge eternal throned in splendor”

Komm, O Komm du Geist des Lebens

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

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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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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal: S-114 (Sung in unison)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
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

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164 (Sung in unison)

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.*

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 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.

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

Communion **Hymn 640** “Watchmen, tell us of the night”

Aberystwyth

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 Celebrant pronounces this blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn LEVAS 9** “On Jordan’s stormy banks”

American Melody

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2024 Stewardship campaign is well underway. By Tuesday Nov. 28, we had received 11 pledges and 13 “Works and Wisdom” surveys. If you haven’t turned yours in yet, please prayerfully consider how you will support Good Shepherd in the coming year. You can mail your pledge and survey response or put them in the offering plate at church. Extra copies are in the Narthex if you need them. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.

2024 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TINS PROJECT

We are continuing an Advent tradition that started during the COVID lockdown of preparing and handing out Christmas tins to our neighbors and friends. This year, we have **120 tins to fill**. Please let Judy Hall know (by email to office@goodshepherdbluemont.org or in person) how many bags of your home-baked goodies you can provide (6 pieces/bag). **Bring your goodies to church at your convenience** and place them in the refrigerator **through next Sunday, Dec. 10. Packing and delivery of the tins will begin Mon. Dec. 11.** Judy is hoping to get most of the baked goods by next Sunday and most of the packing and delivering done by the end of next week, but will take your baked goods through next Sunday Dec. 17 to allow for any last-minute packing and delivery by Dec. 20.

FISH OF CLARKE COUNTY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products for **FISH of Clarke County**. In November, we donated 58 lbs of canned and boxed foods. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. **Contact Lois Tapscott to help with anything related to FISH.**

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: For Elaine and Art Eppley & family (Eileen's sister & her husband), Dane Toler (Lee's spouse), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila and Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Jeanette Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson family in Russia, Shirley Grey, 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), Tara Refo (Judy's cousin), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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