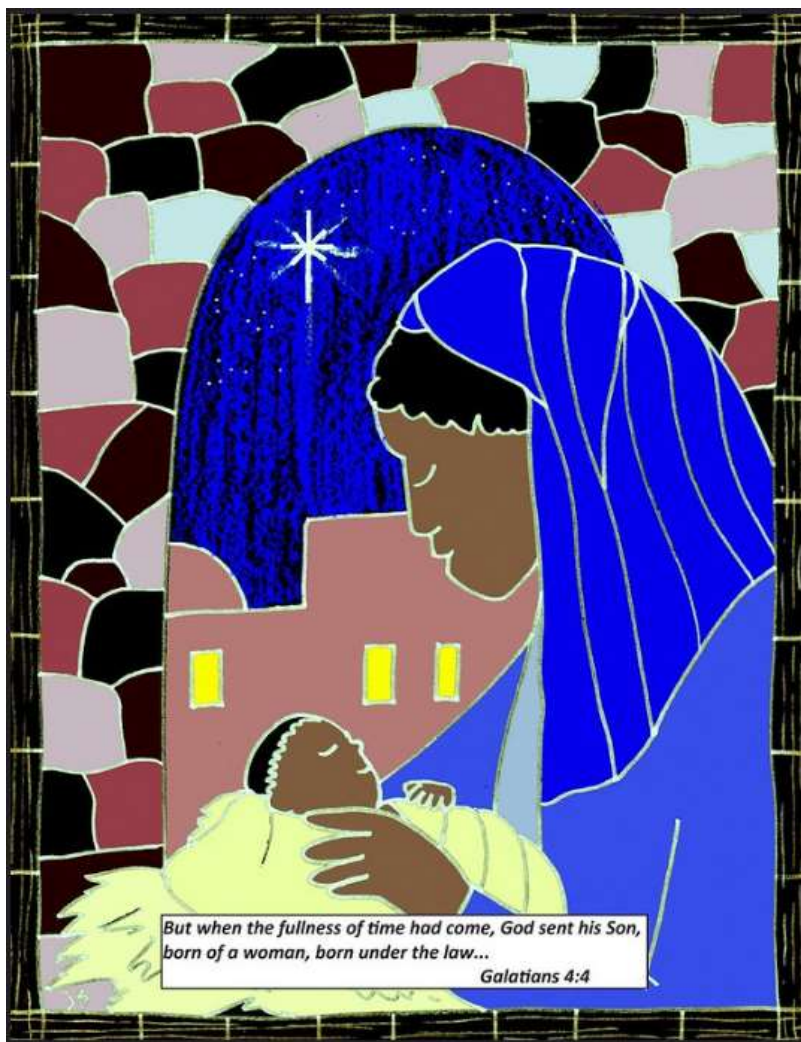


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 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.



CALENDAR

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| SUN Jan 7 | The First Sunday after the Epiphany |
| 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy
LEM & Prayers: Cindy Ingram
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear Zoomer: Tim Hall |
| SUN Jan 14 | The Second Sunday after the Epiphany |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer with Tim Hall
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear Zoomer: Judy Hall |
| SUN Jan 21 | The Third Sunday after the Epiphany |
| 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing
LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall
Keyboardist: : Eileen Cawood Zoomer: Penni Tidwell |
| SUN Jan 28 | The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer with Cindy Ingram
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Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood Zoomer: Tim 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.



DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

INCLUDING

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Kelly & Catherine Macoy, Eileen Cawood, Penelope

Yungblut, Ray Ewing, Brian Zidek, Lee Ruddell, Tim Hall

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "The Holly and the Ivy"

Traditional

Opening Sentence

BCP, p. 75

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Opening Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

Cranham

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us kneel and pray for the needs of his whole world.
(Please be seated or kneel)

We pray for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country, in our diocese, in our region, and in our village. **Amen.**

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (*The People stand*)

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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)

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

LEVAS 27 “Away in a manger”

James R. Murray

The Lessons

Lesson 1: Luke 2:15-20

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 99 “Go tell it on the mountain”

Afro-American Spiritual

Lesson 2: Luke 2:21, 25-33

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 107 “Good Christian friends rejoice”

In dulci jubilo

Lesson 3: Luke 2:33-38

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 84 “Love came down at Christmas”

Gartan

Lesson 4: Matthew 2:1-12

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were

overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 124 “What star is this, with beams so bright”

Puer nobis

vv. 1-4

Lesson 5: Matthew 2:13-18

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn “A Voice Was Heard in Ramah”

Llangloffan

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

A voice was heard in Ramah that could not be consoled,
As Rachel wept for children she could no longer hold.
For Herod ruled the nation, yet feared the Infant King.
How great the devastation that fear and anger bring!

O God, we hear the crying for little ones of yours;
For many still are dying in conflicts and in wars —
In every troubled nation, on every violent street,
How great the lamentation when fear and anger meet!

Whenever one is weeping, the whole world suffers, too.
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them, we're also serving you.
So may we not ignore them, nor turn our eyes away,
But help us labor for them to bring a better day.

O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.
May we be brave to practice your peace in every place —
To love each fear-filled nation, to serve each troubled street.
How great the celebration when peace and justice meet!

Lesson 6: Matthew 2:19-23

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 89 “It came upon the midnight clear”

Carol

Lesson 7: Galatians 4:4–7

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

Houston

vv. 1-2

Lesson 8: John 1:1-14

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 82 "Of the Father's love begotten"

Divinium mysterium

vv. 1-3

The Homily

Josette Keelor

The Apostles' Creed

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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

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.**

**The Collects for the First Sunday after Christmas Day
and The Holy Name**

Almighty God, you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives. **Amen.**

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For Cat Cox, Bobby Duke, Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends), Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister), Dane Toler (Lee's spouse), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila and Karen

Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Jeanette 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 Hall's mother), Tara Refo (Judy Hall'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 Shenandoah 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 pray for All the Baptized into Christ. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. 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 and all who have died, remembering especially Art Eppley of Lancaster, PA, Eileen Cawood's brother-in-law, 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.

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.**

Christmas Season Blessing *(from the Book of Occasional Services)*
(Please Stand)

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,
bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten
our hearts with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the
Savior's birth, fill us with joy, and make us heralds of the Gospel.
Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and
earth to heaven, give us his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for 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.

The People remain seated

Offertory Anthem "A Babe is Born" *English (Sung by Choir)*

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*

Closing **Hymn 93** “Angels from the realms of glory” *Regent Square*

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, paper products and toiletries for the **FISH** food bank in Berryville, which provides food, clothing and financial help to Clarke County residents. In December, we donated 128 pounds of food and goods and gave away 41 to-go meals at our monthly meals distribution at FISH.

This year's **Christmas Tins project** was a great success because of the effort of so many congregants. If I missed your name in this list of thanks, my apologies. This year there were 8 bakers (Andrea, Tim, Lois, Martha, Penelope, Janet, Judi, and Lee/Dana) for 146 bags of cookies. We delivered 139 Christmas Tins (Cindy, Tim, Lois, Bryan, Andrea, Charlene, Penni, Rose and Judy). We had a large box of cookies for Valley Energy. The rest of the cookie bags, excess candies, tea, and hot chocolates etc. have been delivered with FISH Christmas to-go boxes and our December FISH food donations. Thank you one and all! ~ Judy



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Treasurer: Cindy Ingram

Junior Warden: Tim Hall

Register: Janet Locklear

PRAYERS

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

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In thanksgiving for the life of Art Eppley of Lancaster, PA, Eileen Cawood's brother-in-law, (Nov. 11, 1956 – Dec. 9, 2023).

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