

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

FRI Feb 16 **Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SUN Feb 18 **The First Sunday in Lent**

11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

FRI Feb 23 **Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SAT Feb 24 **Free showing of documentary *The Philadelphia Eleven***
10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville
(see Notices)

SUN Feb 25 **The Second Sunday in Lent**

11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle
LEM & Prayers: Tim Hall
Music: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

12:45 p.m. **Prayer & Meditation Garden Team Meeting**

MON Feb 26 **FISH donations due**

FRI Mar 1 **Lenten Study**, noon to 2 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SUN Mar 3 **The Third Sunday in Lent**

11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

12:45 p.m. **LEM Orientation and Training**

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 ONE

Celebrant: Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Reader: Janet Locklear | LEM: Cindy Ingram

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Prelude “The Call”

R. Vaughan Williams

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people, all standing

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins..

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated

The Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103

(said responsively 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.
- 14 **For he himself knows whereof we are made; ***
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 **Our days are like the grass; ***
we flourish like a flower of the field;

- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Epistle: **2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 142** “Lord who throughout these forty days” *St. Flavian*

Then, [all standing,] the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The People may be seated

Rev. Martha Clark

Hymn “Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

Beach Spring

see insert

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The people present themselves for ashes, which are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Psalm 51

(said responsively by half verse)

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

A lay prayer intercessor continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:

for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for
those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.
Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the
death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and
live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and
pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of
their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with
sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the
rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may
come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The People stand

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

The People may be seated for announcements.

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Hymn 143 "The glory of these forty days"
vv. 1-4

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The People stand for the Doxology

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

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP p. 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Hymnal S-113

***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

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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-158 (Sung in Unison)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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

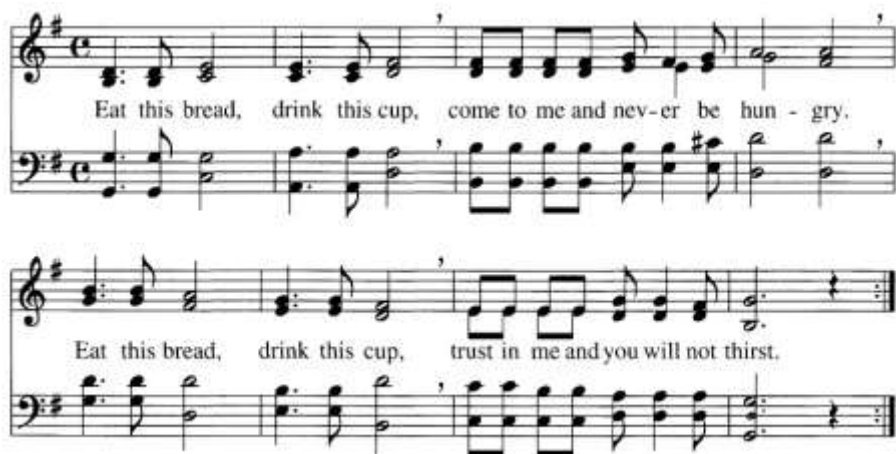
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 “Eat this bread”

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After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces this blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 147 “Now let us all with one accord”

Bourbon

The Dismissal

NOTICES

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for **Noonday Prayer, a simple meal** of soup and bread (or you may bring a sandwich), **and lively discussions about the very essence of what it means to be a Christian.** For six Fridays starting this Friday, Feb. 16, **the Rev. Deborah Rutter** will lead a Lenten study of baptismal promises using the guide “Will You?” We will meet from noon to 2 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Please register with Judy Hall so we can be sure to have enough books and supplies for everyone.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, Feb. 24 – The churches in the Northern Shenandoah Region, of which Good Shepherd is part, are sponsoring a **FREE** showing of the feature-length documentary **“The Philadelphia Eleven”** at **10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church** in Berryville. Please invite a friend to view this documentary about 11 women whose act of civil disobedience in 1974 over their ordination as Episcopal priests became a movement that transformed an age-old institution and challenged the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

Sunday, Feb. 25 - The **Prayer and Meditation Garden** team is meeting after the worship service and fellowship time to plan the next phase of Spring and Summer planting and garden work, as well as discuss ways to bring more worship and community events to our garden space. We will also be looking at a good time for a Meditation Garden Dedication service. Please join us for this planning meeting and our upcoming work days (to be announced).

Sunday, March 3 – The Revs. Deb and Martha will meet with current Lay Eucharistic Ministers as well as those interested in learning more about this worship ministry. Please join us after the service and coffee for a brief **LEM Orientation and Training** in the sanctuary.

OUR COMMUNITY



Our **January donation** of canned, dried and boxed foods weighed **86 pounds**. Last month, Lois Tapscott and Judy Hall packed and distributed 35 “to-go” meals. **February donations need to be brought to the church by the 26th.**

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Rob Banse; Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Chris Turner (Josette's friends); 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); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Lee Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; Nancy Kelley; the Adamson family in Russia; Jorie & Richard Martin; Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents); Judith Refo (Judy Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Pat Pearson; and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Van Sant Lynch (Martha Hayes' sister), January 11, 1932 – February 7, 2024

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.

In the ***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*** we pray today for St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station. In the ***Anglican Cycle of Prayer***, we pray today for the Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church.



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