

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



The altar flowers today are given in memory of Maude Houser Brown.



CALENDAR

SUN Dec 1 The First Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Martha Clark

SUN Dec. 1-15 Preparing Advent Christmas tins of baked goods

THU Dec. 5 Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

SUN Dec 8 The Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

MON Dec. 9-18 Delivering Advent Christmas tins

SUN Dec 15 The Third Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

SUN Dec 22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols and Morning Prayer,
with Cindy Ingram
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle & more
Musicians: Janet & Rose | Zoomer: Judy Hall

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Lay Readers: The Whitehouse family

Musicians: Janet Locklear, Rose Holden, Mike Pugh, Judi Floyd

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

Candle Lighting **Hymn 56** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *vv. 1, 2*

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** “Prepare Ye”

from Godspell

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 Trisagion

Fernando Ortega

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. Chords are indicated above the notes, and lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1:

- Chords: E(no3), E, A/E, E, A/C#, B(add4)
- Lyrics: Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.

Staff 2:

- Chords: E/G#, A, B, C#m, F#m7, B(add4)B, E
- Lyrics: Ho - ly im-mor-tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

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

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

See insert

Ad te, Domine, levavi

"I Lift Up My Soul" – *Congregation sings the antiphon, Choir sing the verses.*

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

The New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray

most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn WLP 721** “Signs of endings all around us”

The People stand

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 “Nothing can trouble”

Taizé

♩ = 72 Am Dm7 G Em/C 1. F Dm6

p *mf*

Na - da te tar - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am 2. F Dm6 E Am

f *f*

na - da le ful - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing, God a - lone fills us.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*Leader prays from back page of bulletin*). 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 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 today for God's Creation and those who care for it. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. 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 Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, 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.

The Leader continues

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

Leader and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 310** “O saving Victim, opening wide”

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.367

Eucharistic Prayer B

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
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<i>People</i>	And also with you.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
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<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

Sanctus

Hymnal: S-114

***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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion **LEVAS 13** “My Lord, what a morning”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

God of abundance, you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people

in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the
world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ
our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing **WLP 779** “The church of Christ in every age”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



NOTICES

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2025 Stewardship campaign is well underway. By “Christ the King” Sunday, Nov. 24, we had received 12 pledges and ten “You Welcomed Me” surveys. If you haven’t turned yours in yet, please prayerfully consider how you will support Good Shepherd in the coming year. Extra copies of all the stewardship materials are in the Narthex, if you need them. You may mail in your pledge and survey responses, or put them in the offering plate at church. . ***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 **130 tins to fill**. Please let Judy Hall know (by email to office@goodshepherdblueмонт.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 **starting next Sunday, Dec. 8 and continuing to Sunday, Dec. 15. Packing and delivery of the tins will begin Mon. Dec. 16.** Judy is hoping to get most of the baked goods by next Sunday and some of the packing and delivering will be done that week and next. But we will

take your baked goods through Sunday Dec. 22 to allow for any last-minute packing and delivery. ***Thanks so much for your help!***

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE CHANGE?

We have **new doors on the front of the church**. They are still **bright RED** and **welcoming**. The new threshold is a beautiful mahogany and easier to navigate through to the Narthex. Thanks to a generous member of our congregation, our old front doors that were falling apart have been replaced with solid, new white oak doors that open inwards to improve accessibility.

***This gift of new doors was given in loving memory of
J. Mayo Brown.***

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our Thanksgiving food collection came to a whopping 306 pounds**, including turkeys, stuffing, pumpkin pie fixings, lots canned goods, sweet potatoes and more. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!** 40 boxed meals were given out on **Wed., Nov. 27**. Talk to Lois or Rose if you'd like to help.

Please be thinking about FISH as you do your **holiday shopping...** and pick up extra food for those in need. These are FISH's food needs for **Christmas distribution**:

Canned goods: carrots, yams, diced tomatoes, potatoes, fruit, cranberries, pumpkin, fried onions, cream spinach, gravy

Condiments: salt, pepper, mayo, sugar, marshmallows, coffee

Soups: cream of mushroom, chicken broth, etc.

Stuffing, instant potatoes, non-perishable veggies

Turkeys & Hams: If you want to donate a turkey or ham to FISH, you can **purchase it and bring it to Good Shepherd**, where it can go in the freezer. It will be delivered with **ALL the December donations**. If your store gives you a certificate for a turkey or ham, please use the certificate yourself to get the turkey or ham and then donate it to FISH.

Besides holiday items, **FISH can always use:** cereal, peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, soups, seasoned/flavored rice or couscous, ramen noodles, Knorr rice and pasta blend in chicken flavored sauce, and personal hygiene items. As always, ***no glass containers.***

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS...

...are right around the corner. Many volunteers are needed for many ministries. Talk to Janet Locklear if you'd like to sing with the choir or lend your instrumental talents. Talk to Judy Hall about greening of the church for both seasons. And, of course, it's time to start baking cookies for our annual Christmas Cookie Tin community outreach project. Talk to Tim Hall or Martha Clark if you'd like to read or help with ushering for our Christmas Eve candlelight service.

OTHER FACILITY NEWS

We have a **new color printer/copier** that will be a great aid in bulletin production, reproducing study materials, and more! Our **foundation repairs** are set to begin in early December and finish up by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who is helping make these things happen!

GIVING FLOWERS

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for or to remember a loved one. It also helps defray our weekly flower costs. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. You may provide the flowers or make a monetary donation. Please see the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and let the Altar Guild know whom you are commemorating with your gift.



PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: The Pine Grove Group AA, Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece), Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; Bishop Mark Stevenson and his family; Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Dianne Brumback & family (The Village Market); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); The Keelor and Mowe families; Carter Refo (Judy's cousin); Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Lovette and the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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

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