

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Dec 29** **The First Sunday after Christmas**
11:00 a.m. **Healing and Holy Eucharist,**
 with The Rev Martha Clark
- SUN Jan 5** **The Second Sunday after Christmas**
11:00 a.m. **Epiphany Lessons & Carols and Morning Prayer,**
 with Tim Hall
Lay Readers: The Whitehouses & volunteers
Musicians: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- SUN Jan 12** **The First Sunday after Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist,** with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
Musicians: Janet Locklear
- SUN Jan 19** **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist,** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing
Musicians: Janet Locklear
- THU Jan 23** **Vestry Meeting** (Time & Location TBD)
- SUN Jan 26** **The Third Sunday after Epiphany**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist,** with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor
Musicians: Tim Hall & Rose Holden
- MON Jan 27** **Last day to bring donations for FISH**
- WED Jan 29** **Distribution of FISH “to-go” meals**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

WITH A LITANY OF HEALING

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Janet Locklear

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “The Holly and the Ivy”

arr. by Kendra Logožar

Opening **Hymn 93** “Angels from the realms of glory”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.**
Amen.

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.

Praise **Hymn 92** “On this Day Earth Shall Ring”

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The People may be seated

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147:1, 13-21

Said responsively by half verse

Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But 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.**

Gradual **Hymn 89** "It came upon a midnight clear"

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

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 overcome 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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Celebrant says to the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together pray the Collect for St. Luke

**Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to
set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son:
Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

The Celebrant continues the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it
more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your
presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,
that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely,
anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness
of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following Collect.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The Celebrant continues

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Celebrant says the following blessing for those who have been named

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant now invites all gathered to come forward for the blessing of healing as the following music is sung, the congregation joining in.

Hymn 324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymn 115 “What child is this”

The Celebrant offers prayer for each person individually according to that person’s need, with lifting up of hands.

After all have been blessed the Celebrant offers this or another concluding collect

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

and then invites the People to stand.

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of Christ 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 **Anthem** “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

(from LEVAS 24)

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

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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: *[Hymnal S-130]*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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,

**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.

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 **Hymn 81** “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless People

Closing **Hymn 87** “Hark! The herald angels sing”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

While stewardship is ongoing in the church, our official 2025 Stewardship campaign concludes at the end of December. We currently have received 16 pledges and 14 “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. ***Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.***

CHRISTMAS TINS

Thanks to the hard work of the congregation the Christmas Tin Project was a success this year. People in Pine Grove definitely know our church from its Christmas tins. We had positive responses from anyone that was home when we knocked on the door, especially the children. We gave out more tins than we bought this year because there were several people who returned tins from previous years. We received a few checks, but most importantly, we had four people at our Christmas Eve service because of the invitation to join us.

Thank you to all of you who helped us. If I missed a name or two off this list please let me know. First this would not be at all possible if it were not for the cookie bakers. Thank you to Dane, Judi, Martha, Janet, Tim, Andrea, Kelly, Eileen, Bryan, and Judy for making sure the cookies were the centerpiece of the tins. Thank you to Eileen, Bryan, Tim, and Judy who helped load and deliver all the goodies.

We distributed a total of 110 holiday tins, consisting of homemade cookies, herbal tea, hot chocolate, candy, and an ornament: 89 tins in the village of Pine Grove, 13 tins in Shenandoah Retreat, and eight tins to friends and family.

EPIPHANY SERIES “THE OTHER ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS: JUDAISM AND ISLAM”

Please join us during the season of Epiphany while we study and learn about our sister religions, Judaism and Islam. We will be meeting once a week and using the book “Invitation to World Religions” as our study guide. **A sign-up sheet and text books for the course are available in the narthex**, along with a survey for the best time for you to meet and where (the church or Zoom). Day and time for the class will be determined based on the results of the survey and will be announced next week..

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. The FISH fall newsletter featured **Lois Tapscott, Rose Holden**, and Good Shepherd in a story called

“Brunch at FISH” that you can read on our bulletin board in the parish hall. **Our Christmas food collection was a wonderful 107 pounds**, including three hams and lots of other delicious holiday food. Also this month, **Martha Clark and Janet Locklear** prepared 40 boxed meals of sliders, fresh fruit, trail mix, and more, which **Martha and Bryan Zidek** distributed from FISH on Wednesday.

In 2024, our church donated 1,327 pounds of food and household essentials and prepared 452 “to-go” meals. **Thank you, thank you to everyone who contributed to this bounty!** Talk to Lois or Rose if you’d like to be involved in this wonderful and growing ministry going forward in 2025.

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: Rose Holden, the Pine Grove AA Group; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; 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,
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