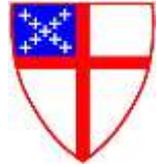


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Feb 23** The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
- MON Feb 24** Last day for FISH food donations
- TUE Feb 25** Morning FISH delivery, followed by...
10:00 a.m. Preparation of “to-go” meals (Parish Hall basement)
Noon Women’s Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (to 2 p.m.)
- WED Feb 26** Distribute FISH “to-go” meals (morning)
7:00 p.m. Epiphany Study: Judaism & Islam (Final class)
- SUN Mar 2** The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Cindy Ingram
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor
Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- TUE Mar 4** Shrove Tuesday
Noon Women’s Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (to 2 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall basement
followed by Burning of the Palms (on patio)
- WED Mar 5** Ash Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter
LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Charlene Fu
Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Please note that **we do not pass the plate** to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex as you enter or leave the church.

Hymns are sung from: The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book),
Wonder, Love, and Praise (“WLP” the green book), and
Lift Every Voice and Sing II (“LEVAS” the red & black book).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Zoomer: Tim Hall | Altar Guild: Kelly Macoy & Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God"

Chaz Bowers

The People stand

Opening **Hymn 391** "Before the Lord's eternal throne"

w. 1-3

The Word of God

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
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.**

The Gloria

Hymnal S-280

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Old Testament: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.""

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Spoken responsively

Noli aemulari

- 1 **Do** not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
 and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
 and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
 and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
 and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
 the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
 do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
 but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
 you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
 they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
 he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
 **he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
 because they seek refuge in him.**

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,4 2-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is

sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Gradual **Hymn 657** “Love divine, all loves excelling”

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 6:27-38

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend,

expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship, p. 53

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 593** “Lord, make us servants of your peace” *vv. 1-3*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI *The People sit or kneel*
The Lay Eucharistic Minister 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 Abingdon, White Marsh and St. Mary’s, Arlington. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister continues

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister and People

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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 stands and affirms God's absolution.

Commissioning of the New Vestry

See insert

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **Hymn 674** “Forgive our sins, as we forgive”

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes 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.**

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 **LEVAS 74** “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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 People stand

Closing Hymn **390** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **In January, we donated 150 pounds** of food and toiletries, and prepared and distributed 40 “to-go” meals. Our next **donations will be delivered on Tue., Feb. 25. “To-go” meals** will also be prepared on **Tue., Feb. 25** and given out on **Wed. Feb. 26**. If you’d like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry in 2025, talk to Judy Hall.

TUESDAY, MAR. 4 – SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Invite your friends and family for our annual **Fat Tuesday fun, downstairs in the Parish Hall, 6-7:30 pm**. Dress up or dress down. There will be games and lots of fattening food. Remember the baby in the King Cake? *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* If the weather is good, we will also burn the palms for Ash Wednesday on the patio.

WOMEN’S AL-ANON GROUP

A small group of five women has started holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd. They meet **every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. The group is using the book “Path to Recovery” and welcomes any other women who would like to participate.

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for a **simple evening meal** of soup, salad, and bread, **lively discussions, and Compline**. For six **Wednesdays beginning March 12, the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts** will lead a Lenten exploration using the book and DVD by Amy-Jill Levine “**Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.**” We will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please register with

Tim Hall so we can be sure to have enough books and supplies for everyone.

BISHOP VISITATION

The **Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson** will be visiting Good Shepherd on **Sun., April 27**. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. He will also perform rites associated with the Bishop's ministry, such as Reaffirmation of baptismal vows or Reception in the Episcopal Church at Good Shepherd.. Please **speak with Rev. Deb or Rev. Cathy** if you are, or someone you know is, interested in learning more about these rites. Immediately following the service, the Bishop will join us for a time of fellowship and informal conversation concerning any and all aspects of life and the mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, April 6 – guest celebrant, the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Diocesan Minister of Congregational Vitality.
- Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Liturgy.
- Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday sacred supper, worship, and foot washing.
- Friday, April 18 – Stations of the Cross and Good Friday worship.
- Sunday, April 20 – The Day of Resurrection.
- Sunday, April 27 – Bishop Stevenson visitation.

More information, with times, coming soon. If you'd like to be involved in planning and/or implementation, or if you have any ideas, please talk to a member of our vestry or one of our clergy.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Vicki Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Michael Finnerin (family friend of the Whitehouses); Rose Holden; Pine Grove Group AA; 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; 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); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); 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 & 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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