

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



CALENDAR

SUN Mar 23 The Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall

MON Mar 24 Last day for FISH food donations

TUE Mar 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 Mar 26 Distribute FISH “to-go” meals (by 8:45 a.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study, to 8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SUN Mar 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

Music Leader: Eileen Cawood

TUE Apr 1 Women’s Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (Noon to 2 p.m.)

WED Apr 2 Lenten Study, 6–8 p.m. at the church (see Notices)

SUN Apr 6 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor

Zoomer: Tim Hall

Music Leader: Janet Locklear

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).

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite I

Officiant & Homilist: Tim Hall
Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse
Zoomer & Altar Guild: Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

*The Officiant and People begin with the **Opening Prayer*** BCP p. 264

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.

Opening Sentence for Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People together (seated or kneeling)

Almighty and most merciful Father,

**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,**

**we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done.**

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises

declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission
of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (*standing*)

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glorify the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The officiant continues with this invitation during the season of Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come let us adore him.

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

HymnalS-35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I

AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

*Said responsively by half verse**

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 **O** God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from the Paul’s letter first letter to the Corinthians

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all

ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **LEVAS 88** "My faith looks up to thee"

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in

Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Tim Hall

The Apostles’ Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

**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.**

Suffrages A *(Please be seated or kneel)*

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V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our

souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Shrine Mont Camps and The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

For our friends and family: (*Leader prays from back page of bulletin*). Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering especially Richard Sauer, Deborah Piplani and Geraldine Kolowski, give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Other Collects

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*After the **Prayer for Mission**, our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may follow.*

The officiant says:

We sum up these and all the prayers on our hearts, praying together
the General Thanksgiving.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy
servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us
and to all men.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the
blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we beseech thee,

**give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness
all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the
Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**

Amen.

The Officiant prays **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

The Peace (*Please stand*)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 685** “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

The Grace (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

FASTS DURING LENT

Music Fast: In a first for Good Shepherd, we are observing a “music fast” for the first three Sundays in Lent. Today’s service is our third spoken or “said” service, but it will include limited *a capella* singing. Said services are stripped to their more basic elements and are a way to focus our worship in this season of sorrow, to be more prayerful and penitent, and to reflect on the meaning of the liturgy. This fast will also be a time when our musicians can enjoy a well-earned Sabbath rest from their work of preparing for and leading the music every Sunday, and of researching music for the choir during the holidays. We will appreciate them all the more when they return at the end of this music fast.

Daniel Fast: Anyone interested in undertaking a **Daniel Fast**, modeled after the fast from the king’s food that Daniel followed in Daniel 1:8-16 at the beginning of his training in the Babylonian court, can contact Christine Kestner for guidance at christinekestnerchc@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers: During Lent, we will also **fast from altar flowers**. But as we look forward to **Easter and the Bishop’s visit**, your gift of flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for or to remember a loved one. Please contact Judy Hall if you’d like to **contribute flowers or funds for either of those occasions**. Your memorials will be listed in the bulletins.

LENTEN STUDY

This Wednesday will be our third lesson of our Lenten study led by **the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts** using the book by Amy-Jill Levine “**Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.**”

Join us for any of the **next four weekly sessions** even if you can’t be there for all of them. We start at **6 p.m. in the Parish Hall** with a **simple evening meal** of soup, salad, and bread, followed by lively

discussions and Compline. **Online discussion starts at 7 p.m.** Rev. Cathy has prepared a complete syllabus for the class, which is available in the Narthex.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **In February, we donated 35 pounds** of food and toiletries, and prepared and distributed 40 “to-go” meals.

Our next **donation will be delivered this Tuesday, March 25 before 9:45 a.m.** and we will also be preparing **40 boxed “To-go” meals this Tuesday.** The boxed meals and extra goodies will **given out at FISH by 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday.** We need help in all aspects of this important outreach ministry: shopping, preparing meals, delivering the donated food, and distributing the meals. If you’d like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry as we go forward in 2025, please talk to Judy Hall.

Next Sunday, FISH director Anne Cushman will be speaking to us about FISH’s work, new initiatives to help the community, and upcoming changes that may make food sourcing even more difficult than it already is. As our only year-round outreach effort, FISH is an important part of Good Shepherd’s outreach ministry, so please come to learn how we can better support its necessary work in Clarke County.

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. 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. We need your help planning the Bishop’s reception. Please talk a member of the vestry if you can help with food, setup, and/or cleanup.

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.

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.



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Register: Janet Locklear

Junior Warden: Ryan Keelor

Treasurer: Tim Hall

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Marianne Hooper (Hall granddaughter); Darlene Schaffer; 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); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (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; 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); Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- **Richard Sauer** (Cindy Ingram's father), July 8, 1934 to February 22, 2025;
- **Deborah Piplani** (Rev. Deborah Rutter's friend), June 18, 1948 - March 5, 2025; and
- **Geraldine Kolowski** (Darlene Schaffer's cousin), died March 20, 2025.

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