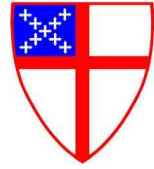


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The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



Our Vision:

Good Shepherd strives to be a welcoming and nurturing congregation, rooted in the knowledge and love of Christ, and committed to growing spiritually and serving our neighbors.

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God in celebration of autumn.



CALENDAR

- SUN Oct 18** **The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
- SUN Oct 25** **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Last day for **FISH** food & funds donations
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Lee Ruddle
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Music Leader: Tim Hall
- TUE Oct 27** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Oct 28** **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)
- SAT Oct 31** **Vestry Meeting**, Parish Hall, 10-11:30 a.m.
- SUN Nov 1** **The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost - “All Saints’ Day”**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Ron Edwards
Music Leader: Janet Locklear



The Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom.



Women's Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, feel free to join in.

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Rob Banse

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

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

Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn 594 “God of grace and God of glory”

Opening Acclamation

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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.

Gloria Patri

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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.***

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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast

faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

Said responsively by half verse

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in
our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in

our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

vv 1-4

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to

them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Rob Banse

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.**

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The People may be seated or kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*see 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 Cristo Rey, Springfield; San Jose, Arlington; Epiphany, Henrico; St. Paul's, Ivy; and Calvary, Hanover. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Canada. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; for Debbie, Rob, Kate, and Martha, 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.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (BCP p. 816)

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 817)

Amen.

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 *(the People stand)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory **LEVAS 72** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

v. 1

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.

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: [WLP 785]

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!***

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The People stand 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.

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,

The Lord's Prayer

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People and Celebrant

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Act of Reception for Spiritual Communion

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 people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion **LEVAS 72** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

vv. 2,3

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 the People

Closing **Hymn 372** "Praise to the living God!"

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH – ALL OCTOBER

St. Francis of Assisi's feast day is celebrated each year in the church's liturgical calendar on Oct. 4. This year is also the 800th anniversary of his passing. In honor of St. Francis' life and love for animals and continuing with our call to Creation Care, we at Good Shepherd Church will be collecting items and raising funds for the **Clarke County Animal Shelter**.

Bring wet or dry cat food, wet dog food, old clean towels, and gently used or new pet toys for our collection box throughout October. Our vestry is offering **a match of up to \$500** for monetary donations, all of which will be used to buy supplies for the animal

shelter. Checks may be made payable to “Good Shepherd” with “Animal Awareness Month” in the memo line. Or you may give cash in a well-marked envelope.

OUR COMMUNITY



FISH Mission Statement

"Ensure everyone in Clarke County has access to the food, clothing, and support they need."

Thank you to everyone who makes donations to FISH. Your gifts of food, funds, and time are critical to this ministry. In September, Good Shepherd collected **\$240 for FISH**. Tim delivered **84.3 lbs. of donated food**. Peggy and Steve made 42 turkey slider lunches. Christine made 10 vegan quinoa & chickpea bowls with lemon basil dressing. Judy and Christine gave out the to-go meals, which also included applesauce, fruit and fruit cups, trail mix, and chips that were available for all.

Our next “meals to-go” preparation and distribution is Oct. 27 & 28, respectively. Please contact Janet Locklear to help with this important ministry in our community.

Also, please remember FISH when doing your grocery shopping and consider buying a little extra to give to those in need. ***Weekly donations of a few items by everyone will really add up.***

NO PLASTICS, PLEASE!

Our world is overrun with plastic waste and we at Good Shepherd have committed our church to reducing our plastic usage. We, too, are overrun with plastic containers, cups, and utensils. Please find other ways to deal with your plastic at home (“reduce, reuse, recycle”). And at Good Shepherd, we’ll continue to wash dishes and use compostable bowls, cups, and utensils when necessary. And no single-use water bottles or Styrofoam, please. **Creation thanks you!**

FALL EVENTS – NEW LEADERS WANTED

Before the new church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, we have two traditional events that need new leaders. The first is our **All Saints’ Day service of remembrance**, which this year falls on the actual day, **Sun., Nov 1**. The second is our **Stewardship**

Ingathering service and Harvest Potluck Luncheon on Christ the King Sunday, which is **Nov 22** this year. **If these events are important to you, please step up and let someone on the vestry know you're ready to breathe new life into one of them.** Whatever you choose, ample help will be provided, and you will be blessing our church.

NEW WEBSITE ROLLOUT

We are getting closer to bringing the new SquareSpace website live: <https://goodshepherdblueмонт.org/> Email updates, information, and/or photos to **webmaster@goodshepherdblueмонт.org**. The old website will be decommissioned in November. As part of the website upgrade, a new logo was created. Look for it on our church correspondence and other printed matter.

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone helping to keep our church running smoothly by taking part in the worship services and helping with the altar, teller duties, after church refreshments and cleanup, and so much more. Please be sure to sign up for October and beyond. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary on the old pump organ behind the lectern.

COMING UP...

- Our **annual stewardship campaign** starts soon. Be on the lookout for letters and information sent to your (physical) mailboxes.
- The Vestry has once again approved **The Christmas Tin project**, so start thinking about what kind of cookies or goodies you can make. This has become a popular outreach to the community, and our neighbors in Pine Grove and friends in the larger community say they look forward each December to receiving these hand-delivered tins of goodies.



PRAYERS

Please pray for our neighbors and ways to serve the community.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Julia Rose (Andrea's friend); David Richardson (Ellen's brother); Caleb (Bethany's friend); Patrick Whitehouse, Airman First Class, USAF (Rick & Ellen's son); Katie Eney (Andrea's sister); Bethany Whitehouse; Suffragan Bishop Michael Sie of Liberia; The Aguilar family (Christine's family); Carol Newman (Pine Grove neighbor); Sam Wiggington (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Bob Zidek (Bryan's dad); Judy Anderson (Bluemont neighbor); Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Donna Sowder and Terri Huff (Rose's friends); Darlene Schaffer and her friends & family: Ryan Schaffer (her grandson), Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas; Eileen Cawood; Nancy Kelley, Tammy (Nancy's daughter), and Jennifer (Nancy's granddaughter); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle & Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram; and Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother).

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



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