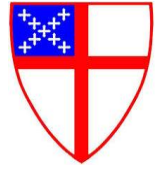


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

JESUS REPLIED: “LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND.’ THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.”
MATTHEW
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The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 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 25** **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Last day for FISH food & funds donations
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Judy 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
- SUN Nov 8** **The 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Kate Bryant
Lay Readers: Judy Hall & Rick Whitehouse
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear



The Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom. Drop in or contact:
<https://aavirginia.org/meetings> - search for Blumont.



Women’s Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd – 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.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Judy Hall

Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Lee Ruddle

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Music Leader: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Sentence (*The People stand*)

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our father and the
Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

People **I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to
the house of the Lord.** (*Psalms 122:1*)

Opening Hymn 517 “How lovely is thy dwelling place”

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now let us pray, confessing our sins against God
and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin (*Please be seated or kneel*)

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Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

(The People stand)

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to 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. Alleluia!

The Antiphon (Officiant)

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

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Psalms 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Glory to 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 Lessons *(The People may be seated)*

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Said responsively by half verse

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it
is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we

care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

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

vv. 2-3

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Judy Hall

The Apostles’ Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer **Hymn 574** “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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The People may be seated or kneel

Suffrages A

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

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

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

The Officiant and People pray together

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 St. Aiden's, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; and St. Peter's, New Kent. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. 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.

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.

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 pray for all who have died, remembering especially Jeannie Light, 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.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 100)

Amen

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 100)

Amen

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

Amen.

The Officiant invites the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.

The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

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

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

(The People stand)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements *(Please be seated)*

The Offertory

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

Officiant All things come of thee, O God.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of ourselves to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world. For this, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your 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 your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **LEVAS 106** “Take My Hand, Precious Lord”

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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. **Today is the last day to give monetary donations for October.**

Our next “meals to-go” preparation and distribution is **this coming Tuesday and Wednesday**, 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**. Thanks to everyone who has already offered to help with this service! 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 and Craig Eney (Andrea's sister and brother-in-law); 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 Ruddell & 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@goodshepherdblueмонт.org



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