Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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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.

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CALENDAR

SUN Nov 29 **The First Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing** with the Rev. Martha Clark

THU Dec 3 **Advent Evening Prayer**, 5-6 p.m. (see Notices)

SUN Dec 6 **The Second Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Advent Lessons & Carols** with Kelly Macoy
Lay Readers: ***Many volunteers needed***
Zoomer: Tim Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear

THU Dec 10 **Advent Evening Prayer**, 5-6 p.m. (see Notices)

SUN Dec 13 **The Third Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Music Leader: Eileen Cawood

THU Dec 17 **Advent Evening Prayer**, 5-6 p.m. (see Notices)

SUN Dec 20 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse
Music Leader: Tim Hall

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. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Judy Hall & Rick Whitehouse
LEM/Prayers: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Music Leader: Eileen Cawood

Prelude "Sleepers Awake" *J.S. Bach*

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer for the Start of a New Church Year
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as we begin another church year together. Grant that we may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen our trust in your goodness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle
A reading from the "Lighting the Advent Candles" insert.

Candle Lighting **Hymn 56** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *vv. 1 & 2*

The 1st candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together
Loving God, as we enter this Advent season we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the power of HOPE. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Opening **Hymn 73** "The King Shall Come" *vv 1, 3, 5*

The Word of God *BCP p. 355*
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Trisagion *music by Fernando Ortega*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy, on us. (3x)

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Said responsively by half verse*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The New Testament: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual hymn **WLP 721** "Signs of Endings all Around Us"

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

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

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

The Gospel: Mark **13:24-37**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *The Rev. Martha Clark*

A Litany of Healing

The Celebrant says to the people

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power

to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Celebrant continues the Litany with this bidding
Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.
The People audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

The Prayer Leader then leads the Litany
God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

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

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.
A period of silence follows.

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

Confession of Sin
The Prayer 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 pronounces the absolution.
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The Celebrant continues

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

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

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

The Celebrant now invites all gathered to come forward for the blessing of healing.

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

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray

The Celebrant and People together pray

Thank you, Father, for your healing love at work within me. Thank you, Father, for your healing love at work within the other people here. Thank you, Father, for your healing love at work in the lives of those for whom we have interceded. Thank you, Father, for the assurance of victory! I love you Father! I love your Son, Jesus! And I love your Holy Spirit! Amen.

The Celebrant invites the People to stand.

The Peace (*the People stand*)

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

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THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory hymn "Christ, Be Our Light" *Bernadette Farrell*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own holy people,
light for the world to see. (Refrain)

Refrain: ***Christ, be our light.***
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light.
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your Word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice (Refrain)

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* *BCP, p.361*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*LEVAS 256*)

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 stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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
People and Celebrant *BCP p. 364*

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 hymn **LEVAS 152**
"Let us Break Bread Together on our Knees"

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 66** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Keep awake to the presence of Christ, watch for the signs of God's coming, and let your light shine in the darkness.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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NOTICES

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER WITH LECTIO DIVINA

Led by the Rev. Martha Clark | 5-6 p.m., Thu., Dec. 3, 10, & 17

Today, the First Sunday of Advent starts the new liturgical church year. Join Rev. Martha in an Advent *Lectio Divina* of "refilling our lamps" as we wait expectantly for the bridegroom. (see Matthew 25:1-13) *Lectio Divina*, Latin for "divine reading," is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer designed to promote communion with God.

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

Take-away copies of the devotional for **Nov-Dec-Jan are available in the Narthex.** We provide Forward Day-by-Day to parishioners as a simple and effective way to have a daily prayer practice.

OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who makes donations to FISH. Your gifts of food, funds, and time are much appreciated. In November, we donated **$340 and 106 pounds of food**. For the monthly to-go meals, Peggy and Janet made **42 turkey slider lunches** and Christine made **12 vegan chickpea and rice casserole lunches** with cranberry orange pumpkin muffins. After our Harvest Luncheon last Sunday, we packaged **19 meals and 2 dessert boxes** that Eileen labeled and delivered to the new outside refrigerator of free meals at FISH. Natalie also made **five meals** and delivered them **to Rose Hill** nursing home**.** Please **remember FISH** when doing your grocery shopping and **consider buying a little extra** for those in need. Weekly donations of a few items by everyone will really add up.

THE ADVENT CHRISTMAS TIN PROJECT

2026 marks our 6th year for this ministry! Judy has purchased more than 150 tins. We'd like to do even more. Our goal is 195 six-cookie bags. **See the table near the Sacristy in the parish hall to sign up to bring cookies by Dec. 13 and pick up cookie bags for filling.** This is a popular outreach to the community and our neighbors in Pine Grove and beyond say they look forward 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: Carolyn Kovac (Judi Floyd's sister-in-law) and Joyce Smith (Carolyn's caregiver); Kelly Macoy; Cassie Gonce and her family (Lee and Dane's friend); Julia Rose (Andrea's friend); Patrick Whitehouse (Rick & Ellen's son) his wife, Racheal, and their infant daughter, Abigail; 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.

In thanksgiving for the life of Kathleen Kinnaman Franz (Kelly's mother), July 7, 1951–Nov. 9, 2026

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

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Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.