

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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

### UPDATED guidelines for indoor worship:

Masks are optional and available at the welcome table in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is available at many locations throughout the church. We are sharing communion wine from the common cup. If you would prefer not to partake, you can make a sign of the cross with the host over the cup as it passes or have the LEM intinct your wafer for you.



## CALENDAR

**WED Dec. 20 FISH food delivery & Christmas to-go meals**

**SUN Dec 24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent and  
4:00 p.m. Festival Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**

with the Rev. Martha Clark, Celebrant  
and the Rev. Deborah Rutter, Homilist

Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut and Ray Ewing

LEM and Crucifer: Josette Keelor

Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

**SUN Dec 31 The First Sunday after Christmas Day:  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer including a service of Christmas**

**Lessons & Carols** with Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Many | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear

**SUN Jan 7 The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Martha Clark, Celebrant

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | LEM & Prayers: Cindy Ingram

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Tim Hall

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

LEM: Tim Hall

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy | Prayers: Lee Ruddle

Keyboardist: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

## Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: “As with Gladness medley

*Picardy*

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*A reading from the “Lighting the Advent Candles” insert.*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together*

**Lord, we thank you for your great gift of love to us. Help us, through Jesus, to love you more and more. Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 65** “Prepare the way, O Zion” *Bereden vag for Herran*

## 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.**

## The Kyrie

*Hymnal S-91 (Sung in Unison)*

***Lord have mercy upon us. (3x)***

***Christ have mercy upon us. (3x)***

***Lord have mercy upon 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

### **The Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 126**

*Said antiphonally by half verse*

*In convertendo*

1 **When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \***  
**then were we like those who dream.**

2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 **Then they said among the nations, \***  
**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

4 **The LORD has done great things for us, \***  
**and we are glad indeed.**

5 **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \***  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**

6 **Those who sowed with tears \***  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

7 **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \***  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

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

**The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 76** "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

*Winchester New*

*The People stand*

*Then, [all standing,] the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

**The Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I

baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Martha Clark*

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "The Lord is My Light"

*Taize*

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

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**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*BCP p. 392*

*(Please be seated or kneel)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister), Dane Toler (Lee's spouse), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila and Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Jeanette Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson family in Russia, Shirley Grey, Jorie & Richard Martin, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn & Ralph Bayfield (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy's mother), Tara Refo (Judy's cousin), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).  
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 the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. 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 give thanks for St. Asaph's, Bowling Green; St. John's, West Point; and Westover, Charles City. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha, and Rob, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for and all who have died, remembering especially Art Eppley 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.**

**Confession of Sin**

*BCP p. 360*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

**The Peace** (*The People stand*)

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

*People*          **And also with you.**

**Greetings and Announcements** (*Please be seated*)

**THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*The People remain seated*

Offertory Hymn **WLP 6** "The desert shall rejoice"

*Sterling*

*Please leave your offering in the plate found on the Narthex table.*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367*

*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**

*Hymnal: S-114 (Sung in unison)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

***Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People may be seated or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Agnus Dei

*Hymnal S-164 (Sung in unison)*

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.*  
*Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.*  
*Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:*  
*give us your peace, give us your peace.*

### An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### The Act of Reception

*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all **virtual** participants.*  
Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.  
And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to  
come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me  
from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to  
your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the following*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Music “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

*piano solo*

*Traditional Basque Carol*

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*BCP p. 365*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces this blessing*

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 54** “Savior of the nations, come”

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



# NOTICES

## 2023 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TINS PROJECT

As of Wednesday evening, 42 tins had been packed and delivered in Pine Grove, thanks to Bryan and his big pickup truck. Bryan is such a patient gentleman, filling tins and delivering to all the rough roads in town. We have 40 more tins to deliver on Pine Grove Rd, nine to the retreat, and 12 to share with AA. Hopefully, these will all have been delivered by this morning. The rest are available to **share with your friends, family and neighbors**. Be sure to record the additions on the “share” sign-up sheet. **Thank you to everyone** who has helped with this annual outreach project.

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Remember our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is coming to a close. We received a few more pledges this past week, with much thanks! Please bring your pledges and, especially, your “Works and Wisdom” surveys to the church before the end of the year. or mail them to P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA 20135. We look forward to hearing from you so we can plan for the 2024 church year.

## FISH OF CLARKE COUNTY

We continue to collect canned and dry goods, fresh produce, and paper products for **FISH of Clarke County**. Our next collection due date is this coming Tuesday, Dec 19. *Remember, this is the Christmas season, a good time to give generously to those in need.* Lois and Penni will be distributing “to-go meals” and pet food from the FISH Food Distribution Center in Berryville on Wednesday morning, Dec 20. **Please contact Lois to help.**



## **GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*Senior Warden: Lois Tapscott*

*Treasurer: Cindy Ingram*

*Junior Warden: Tim Hall*

*Register: Janet Locklear*

## PRAYERS

**Please continue to pray for our neighbors and for ways that our church can serve the community.**

***Friends and Family:*** For Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends), Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister), Dane Toler (Lee's spouse), Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin), Judson Hardy (Janet's father), Penelope Yungblut, Martha Hayes, Sheila and Karen Tapscott, Lee Ruddle, Tim Ingram, George & Debbie Rutter, Jeanette Carter, Nancy Kelley, the Adamson family in Russia, Shirley Grey, Jorie & Richard Martin, Dusty Bailey & Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends), David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Michael Mohn & Ralph Bayfield (previous clergy), Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents), Judith Refo (Judy Hall's mother), Tara Refo (Judy Hall's cousin), Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend), Pat Pearson, Pat Wolcott & her family (in-laws of Josette), and Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

**In thanksgiving** for the life of Art Eppley of Lancaster, PA, Eileen Cawood's brother-in-law, (Nov. 11, 1956 – Dec. 9, 2023).

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Art, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***

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***The Church:*** For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.