Good Shepherd **Episcopal Church**



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church We are so glad you are here or joining us online!

CALENDAR

SUN Jan 26 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts 11:00 a.m. MON Jan 27 Last day to bring donations for FISH Distribution of FISH "to-go" meals WED Jan 29 SUN Feb 2 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Morning Prayer, with Josette Keelor 11:00 a.m. Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle Music Leader: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall SUN Feb 9 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts 11:00 a.m. LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse Music Leader: Janet Locklear 12:30 p.m. **Annual Congregational Meeting (see Notices)** The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany SUN Feb 16 Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter 11:00 a.m. LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor and Janet Locklear Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards Music Leaders: Tim Hall & Rose Holden

Please note that **we do not pass the plate** to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex as you enter or leave the church.

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Hymns are sung from: The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book), Wonder, Love, and Praise ("WLP" the green book), and Lift Every Voice and Sing II ("LEVAS" the red & black book).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Music Leader: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Altar Guild: Andrea Brown & Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn 533 "How wondrous and great thy works"

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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**.

The Gloria "Glorify Your Name"

by Donna Adkins

Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you,
Glorify your name in all the Earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the Earth.

Jesus, we love you ... Spirit, we love you ...

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Prophet Nehemiah.

The Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.".

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

The People stand

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Prayer **Hymn 693** "Just as I am, without one plea" vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The People sit or kneel
The Lay Eucharistic Minister and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For our friends and family: (Leader prays from 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 Christ Ascension, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, 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, especially for the birth on January 13th of Gemma Magdalene Young, granddaughter of a friend of the Whitehouses.

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, especially Nickey Ecklund and Alan Moeck, 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister continues

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lay Eucharistic Minister 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 stands and affirms God's absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 WLP 785

[Spanish] 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 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,

The Breaking of the Bread

for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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 <u>virtual</u> 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 and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion WLP 761 "All who hunger, gather gladly"

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

Closing Hymn 537 "Christ for the world we sing"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

EPIPHANY SERIES:

"THE OTHER ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS: JUDAISM AND ISLAM"

There's still time to join us during the season of Epiphany as Cindy Ingram leads a weekly study of our sister religions, Judaism and Islam, using the book "Invitation to World Religions" as our study guide. We meet on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** via Zoom.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sun.**, **Feb. 9**, in the parish hall following the worship service. Come and hear what was accomplished in 2024 and what the Vestry expects might be possible in 2025. We will elect two new Vestry members to replace Cindy Ingram and Tim Hall who will be stepping down. Tim will continue to serve as Treasurer and Cindy will also continue her many

activities in support of the church. We recognize that Feb. 9 is Super Bowl Sunday, but all can be assured that the meeting will conclude long before the game kicks off.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. In 2024, our church donated 1,327

pounds of food and household essentials and prepared 452 "to-go" meals. The last day for donations this month is **tomorrow**. Boxed meal distribution is scheduled for **this Wednesday**. Talk to Judy Hall if you'd like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry in 2025.

BISHOP VISITATION

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson will be visiting Good Shepherd Sunday, April 27. As is customary during a Bishop's visit the Bishop leads worship and celebrates at the Lord's Table in addition to performing rites frequently associated with the Bishop's ministry such as the Confirmation we have scheduled that day. In addition, the Bishop would be delighted to include other rites, namely Holy Baptism; Reaffirmation of baptismal vows; and Reception of anyone interested in membership in the Episcopal Church at Good Shepherd. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in learning more about any of these opportunities to go deeper in your life of faith at Good Shepherd, we invite you to speak with a member of the Vestry or to one of the clergy so that we might answer your questions and gather information to assist the Bishop in preparation of certificates. Immediately following the service, the Bishop will join us for a time of fellowship and informal conversation concerning any and all aspects of life and mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

GIVING FLOWERS

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for or to remember a loved one. It also helps defray our weekly flower costs. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. You may provide the flowers or make a monetary donation.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Michael Finnerin (family friend of the Whitehouses); Rose Holden; Pine Grove Group AA; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Dianne Brumback & family (The Village Market); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); The Keelor and Mowe families; Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Lovette and the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim & Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- Nicole (Nickey) Ecklund (the sister of Christine's brother-in-law, Jon Ecklund), who leaves behind her husband and two children,
- Alan Moeck (Christine's friend), who leaves behind his wife and adult daughter and son.

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

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