Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany March 2, 2025

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

The altar flowers today are given by Janet Locklear to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother,

Dorris Montgomery Hardy, Nov. 9, 1932 - March. 3, 2017.

CALENDAR

SUN Mar 2 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Tim Hall

TUE Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday

Noon Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (to 2 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall basement

(see Notices)

followed by Burning of the Palms (on patio)

WED Mar 5 Ash Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter LEM & Prayers: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy & Charlene Fu

Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

SUN Mar 9 The First Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time starts

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

Music Leader(s): Janet Locklear

TUE Mar 11 Women's Al-Anon in the Parish Hall (noon to 2 p.m.)

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.

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).

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Tim Hall
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor
Music Leader: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Altar Guild: Janet Locklear & Judy Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Alleluia, song of gladness"

Urbs beata Jerusalem

Opening Sentence and Prayer for Epiphany

(The People stand)

Officiant Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of

the Lord rises upon you. Isaiah 60:1

People The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall

I fear? Psalm 27:1

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn 460 "Alleluia, sing to Jesus!"

vv. 1-4

Confession of Sin (Please be seated or kneel)

EOW p. 19

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People together

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 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 Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

The Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

Hymnal S-35

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lessons (The People may be seated)

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Said responsively

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

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

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying
A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

The New Testament: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 122 "Alleluia, song of gladness"

vv. 1 and 4

(The People sit)

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying
A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until

he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Tim 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 **LEVAS 115** "Spirit of the Living God" 2x

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may be seated or kneel

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.

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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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader 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 St. Anne's, Reston and St. Stephen's, Catlett. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Burundi. 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.

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 Richard Sauer, 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 Officiant continues

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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

(The People stand)

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" Old 100th

Officiant All things come of thee, O God.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Officiant prays

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 Hymn 618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Closing Prayer

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

NOTICES

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. In February, we donated 35 pounds of

food and toiletries, and prepared and distributed 40 "to-go" meals. Our next donations will be delivered on Tuesday, March 25. "Togo" meals will also be prepared on Tue., March 25 and given out on Wed. Feb. 26. If you'd like to be involved in or lead this wonderful and growing ministry in 2025, talk to Judy Hall.

TUESDAY, MAR. 4 - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Invite your friends and family for our annual **Fat Tuesday fun**, **downstairs in the Parish Hall, 6-7:30 pm.** Dress up or dress down. There will be games and lots of fattening food. Remember the baby in the King Cake? If you are the lucky one to find the baby you'll be crowned queen or king! **Laissez les bon temps rouler!** If the weather is good, we will also burn, on the patio, the palms from last year's Palm Sunday for this year's Ash Wednesday.

WOMEN'S AL-ANON GROUP

A small group of five women has started holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd. They meet **every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. The group is using the book "Path to Recovery" and welcomes any other women who would like to participate.

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for a simple evening meal of soup, salad, and bread, lively discussions, and Compline. For six Wednesdays beginning March 12, the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts will lead a Lenten exploration using the book and DVD by Amy-Jill Levine "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven." We will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please register with Tim Hall so we can be sure to have enough books and supplies for everyone. In preparation for the first get together, please read chapters 5 thru 7 from Matthew's Gospel.

BISHOP VISITATION

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson will be visiting Good Shepherd on Sun., April 27. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. He will also perform rites associated with the Bishop's ministry, such as <u>Reaffirmation</u> of baptismal vows or <u>Reception</u> in the Episcopal Church at Good Shepherd. Please **speak with Rev. Deb or Rev. Cathy** if you are, or someone you know is, interested in learning more about these rites. 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 the 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, April 6 guest celebrant, the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham,
 Diocesan Minister of Congregational Vitality.
- Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Liturgy.
- Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday sacred supper, worship, and foot washing.
- Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross and Good Friday worship.
- Sunday, April 20 The Day of Resurrection.
- Sunday, April 27 Bishop Stevenson visitation.

More information, with times, coming soon. If you'd like to be involved in planning and/or implementation, or if you have any ideas, please talk to a member of our vestry or one of our clergy.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Vicki Hooper (in-law of the Halls); 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 life of Richard Sauer (Cindy Ingram's father), July 8, 1934 to February 22, 2025.

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

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