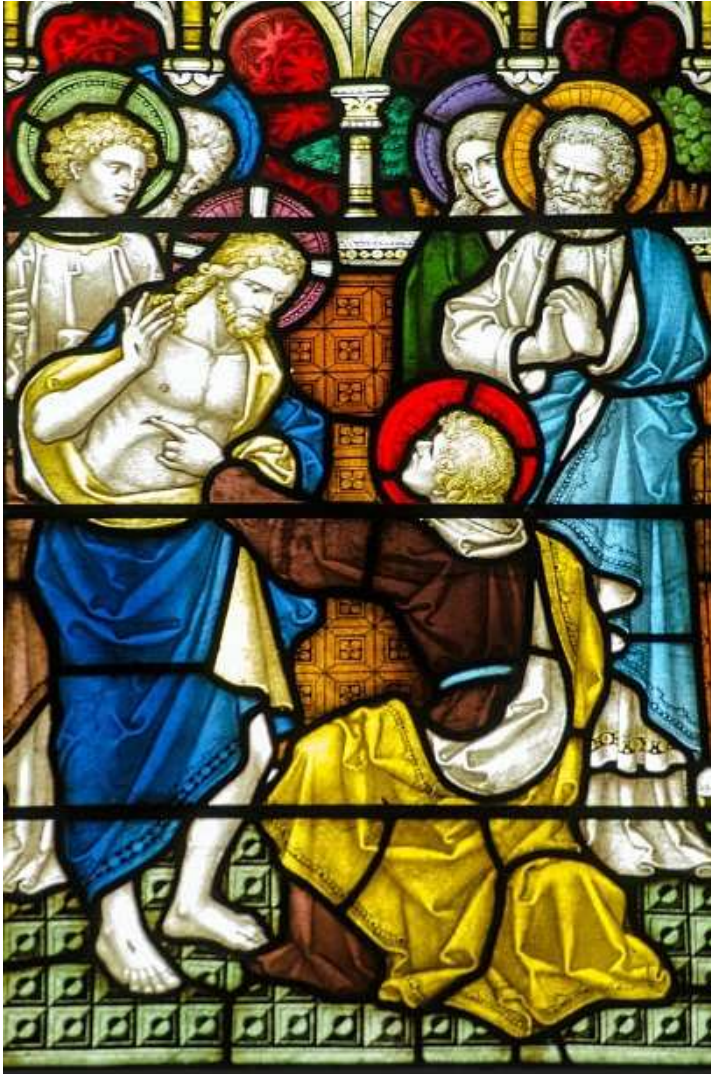


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The Second Sunday Easter
April 27, 2025

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Apr 27** Last day to bring **FISH** donations to church
The Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
- TUE Apr 29** Morning **FISH** delivery, followed by...
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
Noon **Women’s Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (to 2 p.m.)
- WED Apr 30** Distribute **FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)
- SAT May 3** **Pine Grove Group AA** in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
- SUN May 4** **The Third Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor
Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Tim Hall
Zoomer: Judy Hall
- TUE May 6** **Women’s Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (noon - 2 p.m.)
- SAT May 10** **Pine Grove Group AA** in the Parish Hall (7-10 p.m.)
- SUN May 11** **The Fourthth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddell
LEM/Prayers:: Janet Locklear & Josette Keelor
Music Leaders: Rose Holden & Tim Hall
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- TUE May 13** **Women’s Al-Anon** in the Parish Hall (noon-2 p.m.)
- THU May 15** **Vestry Meeting** in the Parish Hall (10:30 a.m. to Noon)

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).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse

LEM & Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Zoomer: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “This is my Father’s world”

Franklin L. Sheppard

Opening **Hymn 432** “O praise ye the Lord”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

The Lessons *(the people may be seated)*

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Said responsively by half verse

Laudate Dominum

1 **Hallelujah!**

Praise God in his holy temple; *

praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *

praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *

praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *

praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath *

praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Revelation to John.

The New Testament: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 180** "He is risen"

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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the

sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The People may be seated or kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*see back page of bulletin*). For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Buck Mountain, Earlsville; Good Shepherd, Bluemont; St. Paul's, Alexandria; and St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. 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, remembering especially Earldine Ingram, Lois Tapscott, Michael Finnerin, Verne Critchfield, Pope Francis and Allen Dec, 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 concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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.

Offertory **Hymn 400** “All creatures of our God and King” *vv 1, 4, 7*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

[Hymnal S-125]

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

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**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 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 **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

Janet Locklear on piano

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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 192** “This joyful Eastertide”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING



A heartfelt “thanks very much” to everyone who made contributions to our **Good Friday Offering** fundraiser from Palm Sunday to Easter. You gave \$700, which means the entire \$500 in matching funds

authorized by your vestry is unlocked. We will be sending a check for \$1,200 to The Episcopal Church – Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS), which will be forwarded to The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God’s people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Our gifts to the Good Friday Offering will support the ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which has continued to provide essential health care services despite the violence of war even through its recent bombing; St. George’s in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful

Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with our congregational gift to the Good Friday Offering we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God's people across their region.

Thank you again for your support and blessing. And let us continue to pray fervently for peace in the Holy Land and relief for those suffering in so many ways!

BISHOP VISIT POSTPONED

Unfortunately, due to other pressing pastoral concerns, the **Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson** has had to **postpone his visit to Good Shepherd** today. He said he is most sorry and plans are underway for him to visit later this summer. Meanwhile, the **Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick will join us on Sun., May 18** to perform the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for Bethany Whitehouse, Rose Holden, and Rick Whitehouse, respectively. As is customary during such visits, the Bishop will lead worship and celebrate at the Lord's Table. It is also customary for the loose offering that day to go towards the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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. **We need your help planning the Bishop's reception.** Please talk to a member of the vestry if you can help with food, setup, and/or cleanup.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Last month, our donation weighed a whopping **133 pounds. Today is the last day to bring donations for this month.** They are being delivered this Tuesday and 40

homemade “to-go” meals are to be handed out on Wednesday. Please talk to Janet Locklear if you can help either day.

You may also give monetary donations, which we will pass on to FISH. Include “FISH” in your check memo or cash in a well-marked envelope. Remember, Anne Cushman told us she can make a dollar go 10 times farther than we can!

As our only year-round outreach effort, FISH is an important part of Good Shepherd’s outreach ministry and we need help in all aspects of this important outreach ministry: shopping, preparing meals, delivering the donated food, and distributing the meals. If you’d like help or lead this wonderful and growing ministry as we go forward in 2025, please talk to Janet Locklear.

DUST OFF YOUR WALKING SHOES

Plan on joining us for the World Vision **Global 6K for Water** on **Saturday morning, May 17**. We will be walking, jogging, or rolling (strollers, bikes, wheelchairs, etc.) at Cool Spring with our goal to raise \$1,000, thus helping to bring life-changing clean water to those who need it the most. Mark your calendars. More info coming soon.

OUR FACILITY

We are looking for people to serve on the Facilities Committee to help plan and execute the care and maintenance of and improvements to our historic property. To join in this important work, contact Ryan Keelor, our Junior Warden.

Good Shepherd is available for weddings, other special events, and regular meetings. Send an email to office@goodshepherdblueмонт.org for more information.



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PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Clarke County Fire & Rescue; Marianne Hooper (Hall granddaughter); Darlene Schaffer; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); friends and family of Michael Finnerin (friends of the Whitehouses); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (Halls' friend's daughter); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); The Keelor & 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; 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 and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends and family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- Earldine Ingram (Tim Ingram's mother), Dec. 20, 1932 – April 17, 2025;
- Lois Tapscott, Dec. 4, 1946 – April 18, 2025;
- Michael Finnerin (friend of the Whitehouses), died April 19, 2025;
- Verne Critchfield (Kathleen Moorcones' father), died April 20, 2025;
- Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) – Pontiff (2013 - 2025), Dec. 17, 1936 – Apr. 21, 2025; and
- Allen Dec (Judi Floyd's friend), died April 23, 2025.

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