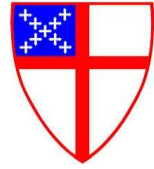


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



CALENDAR

- SUN Aug 17** The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Martha Clark
1:00 p.m. Field Trip to The Josephine School (see Notices)
- WED Aug 20** Psalm 119 Study - 6 p.m. via Zoom
- THU Aug 21** Vestry Meeting – 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Parish Hall
- SUN Aug 24** The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Last day for FISH food donations
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- TUE Aug 26** Morning FISH delivery, followed by...
Preparation of “to-go” meals (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Aug 27** Distribute FISH “to-go” meals
Psalm 119 Study - 6 p.m. via Zoom
- SUN Aug 31** The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing
with The Rev. Susan MacDonald
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Music Leader: Janet Locklear



The Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom. Drop in or contact: <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> - search for Bluemont.



A small group of five women are holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, please feel free to join them.

We do not pass the plate to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse

LEM/Prayers: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Music Leaders: Tim Hall & Josette Keelor

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

Opening Hymn 304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.**

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82

Said responsively by half verse

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.’”
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The New Testament: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **WLP 741** “Filled with the Spirit’s power”

Sung to the tune Eventide (“Abide with Me”)

Then, all standing, 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 12:49-56

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be

scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

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 Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, Saluda; St. Catherine's, Richmond; St. Christopher's, Richmond; St. Margaret's, Tappahannock; St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Alexandria; and Stuart Hall, Staunton. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Scottish Episcopal Church. 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, Gayle and Mark 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, 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 Leader continues

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

Leader and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace (*the People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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 “The Servant Song”

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav’lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the
load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to
hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll laugh
with you.*

*I will share your joy and sorrow ‘til we’ve seen this journey
through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.367

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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: [[WLP 785]]

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!***

Mi corazón 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 stand 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,

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 people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion Music: “My God, thy table now is spread” and
“Bread of the world, in mercy broken”
played by Josette Keelor on clarinet

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)

God of abundance,

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the People

Closing Hymn 493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

Join our Field Trip today after church:

The Josephine School Community Museum

Clarke County African-American Cultural Center

We will leave Good Shepherd by 1 p.m. for Berryville

PRAYER LIST MAINTENANCE

Please send an email to PrayerList@goodshepherdblueмонт.org if you would like to add or remove anyone from our Friends & Family prayer list.

PSALM 119 STUDY GROUP

The Psalm 119 study group, led by Penni Tidwell, is meeting via **Zoom every Wednesday at 6 p.m. through Aug. 27.** Each week we will read a few stanzas of the psalm in various translations of the Bible and have a lively discussion. The group welcomes new attendees at any time and it's not necessary to attend every session. Contact Penni Tidwell for the zoom link and further information.

OUR COMMUNITY



Thank you for your support of FISH!

In July, we collected 48 pounds of food and supplies for FISH of Clarke County. Also 40 to-go meals and numerous “kids” meals were distributed as part of our outreach effort. Don't forget that this summer there is more need than ever, as kids are not in school and funding for fresh produce has been hindered by the cuts in federal aid. Please contact Janet Locklear if you would like to support this effort.

Good Shepherd's July check for FISH will be \$150.

The FISH clothing store and food pantry at 36 E. Main St., Berryville is open every Tuesday from 8 am. to 10 am. and Wednesday from 8 am. to 11 am. Anyone not able to stop by when FISH is open may contact them at 540-955-1823 or fishfoodpantry@comcast.net to schedule no-contact delivery. If you would like to volunteer for FISH, call 540-955-1823.

VESTRY NOTICES

Current facility and grounds projects include work on the roof and gutters, front steps, and adding new steps and railing from the grass parking area to the driveway. After vestry approval, the roof painting contract will be accepted. Penni Tidwell is leading the effort on the steps and parking area project. Please contact her if you would like to help gather information from contractors.



PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Judi Floyd; Andy Pope and Donna Sowder (Rose's neighbors); Rose Holden; Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Bill Floyd (Judi Floyd's brother); Andrea Brown; Patricia Critchfield (mother of Kathleen and widow of Verne); Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Darlene Schaffer; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Eileen Cawood; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); 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); 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, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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



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Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.