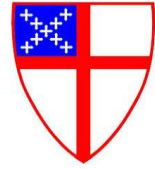


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

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



CALENDAR

- SUN Sep 7** **The 13th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor
- SUN Sep 14** **The 14th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
Music Leader: Tim Hall
- THU Sep 18** **Vestry Meeting** – 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Parish Hall
- SUN Sep 21** **The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Last day for FISH food donations
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SUN Sep 28** **The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor
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 Blumont.



A small group of five women has started holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Other women are always welcome.

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.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

(The People stand)

Opening Hymn "This is my Father's world"

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my list - 'ning ears
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and 'round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the mor - ning light, the li - ly, white, de - clare their mak - er's praise!
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fath - er's world: I rest me in the thought
This is my Fath - er's world: he shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fath - er's world: why should my heart be sad?

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought,
in the rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - 'ry where.
The Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

People **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord. (*Psalm 122:1*)"**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now let us pray, confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin (*Please be seated or kneel*)

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Officiant and People together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The 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)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

**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 Deuteronomy.

The Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that

you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Said responsively by half verse

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 **H**appy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

The New Testament: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

(The People stand)

Gradual **Hymn 440** “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

(The People may be seated)

The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Josette Keelor

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 574** “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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 People may be seated or kneel

Suffrages A

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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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

The Officiant and People pray together

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 St. Francis', Manakin Sabot, and St. James', Leesburg. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. 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, Cathy and Susan, 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 Officiant continues with other Collects, concluding with

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.**

(The People stand)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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”

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 594** “God of grace and God of glory”

Closing Prayer

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

PRAYER LIST MAINTENANCE

Please send an email to PrayerList@goodshepherdbluemont.org if you know of any Friends & Family prayers that may be removed.

PSALM 119 STUDY GROUP

The Psalm 119 study group, led by Penni Tidwell, continues via **Zoom every Wednesday at 6 p.m. through Sep 24.** 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



In August, we collected **85 pounds of food and supplies** for FISH of Clarke County. **Fifty (50) to-go meals** and numerous “kids” meals were also distributed as part of our outreach effort. Please contact Janet Locklear if you would like to support this effort.

Thank you for your support of FISH!

Good Shepherd parishioners contributed another \$300 in August, which was sent to FISH this past week.

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, repair of the front steps, and adding new steps and railing from the grass parking area to the driveway. After vestry approval, the roof painting contract has been signed and **work began on Tuesday, Sep. 2**. 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.

JUDY & TIM SABBATICAL

After close to 20 years at Good Shepherd, the Halls are taking a well deserved mini-sabbatical beginning after the service on Sep. 14 and returning after the service on Oct. 12. Much help is needed while they are away... setting the altar and doing flowers, sending weekly emails, posting electronic bulletins and updating the website, checking the mailbox and P.O. box, doing the bank deposits, Zooming the services, mowing, and more! Let Tim or Judy know if you'd like to take on something extra while they are gone. They also have tentative plans for an extended vacation in early 2026.

PRAYERS

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

Friends and Family: Mark Ronlov and Kim Schaeffer (Andrea's friends), 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); 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); Lovette & 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); 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.