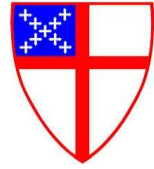
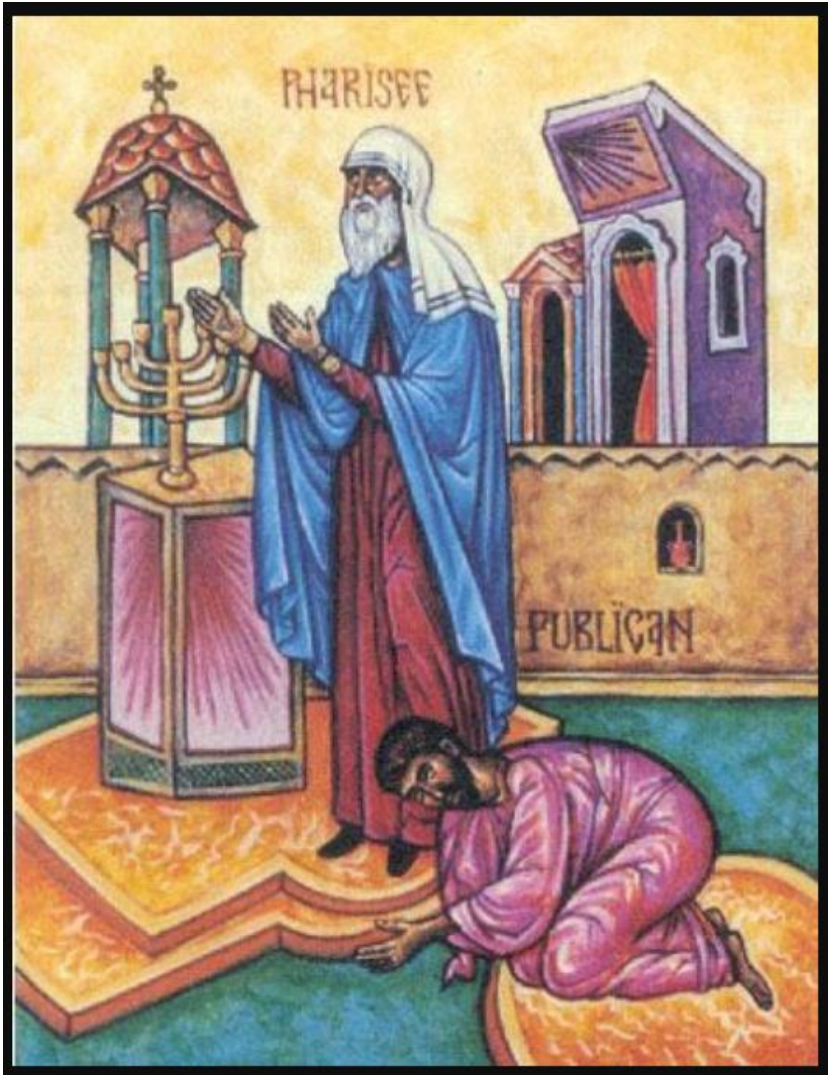


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



CALENDAR

- SUN Oct 26** **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Last Sunday to bring donations for FISH & Clarke County animal shelter
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
- TUES Oct 28** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Oct 29** **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)
- SAT Nov 1** *Turn your clocks back tonight before bed*
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Nov. 2
- SUN Nov 2** **The 21st Sunday after Pentecost,**
celebrating **All Saints’ Day** (see Notices)
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM: Josette Keelor | Prayers: Lee Ruddle
Music Leader: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Ron Edwards
- THU Nov 6** **Diocese of Virginia Annual Convention**
- **SAT Nov 8** Judy Hall is our delegate
- SUN Nov 9** **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Contemplative Eucharist** with The Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Lee Ruddle and Josette Keelor
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear
Zoomer: Tim Hall



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. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Judy Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

arr. Melissa Blanton

Opening **Hymn 686** "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

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.**

Praise **Hymn 398** "I sing the almighty power of God"

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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-6

Said responsively by half verse

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

The New Testament: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 517 "How lovely is thy dwelling-place"

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 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like

other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

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 St. George's, Pine Grove, Shenandoah; St. Stephen's Culpeper; Grace, Kilmarnock; and St. Mary's, Fleeton, Reedville. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church in Wales. 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 Sarah, Archbishop-designate, 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 pronounces the absolution.

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 680** “O God, our help in ages past”

vv 1-3, 6

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 corazon te adora!***

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The People 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.**

The Act of Reception for Spiritual Communion

*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.

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 6** “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

ALL SAINTS DAY

Next Sunday, Nov. 2, is All Saints Day, when we will be remembering by name all those in our midst who died in the past year. Please email names for inclusion to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org and bring photos of your deceased loved ones, no matter when they died, to be displayed on the altar surrounded by candles.

OUR COMMUNITY



Today is the last Sunday to bring donations for our FISH Ministry. We will deliver your donations to FISH on Tues., Oct. 28. We will also be preparing 50 meal boxes to be delivered and distributed on Wed., Oct. 29.

Contact Janet Locklear if you would like to support this **food ministry financially or by volunteering.**

The FISH clothing store and food pantry at 36 E. Main St., Berryville is open every Tuesday 8-10 a.m. and Wednesday 8-11 a.m. Deliveries can be scheduled by contacting FISH at fishfoodpantry@comcast.net or 540-955-1823. If you would like to volunteer for FISH, call 540-955-1823.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY FOR A HOLIDAY CHOIR

It's not too early to start thinking of the upcoming Holy Days and planning for our **Advent and Christmas music!** Please let Janet Locklear know if you are interested in participating in our seasonal choir or/and an instrumental ensemble (guitar, flute, clarinet, bells, drum and more).



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); 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; Adriana Rincon and family (Ron's friend); Lyam (Ron & Christine's friend); 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 & 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.