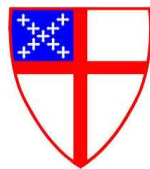


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025

*Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.*

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



## CALENDAR

**SUN Dec 28 The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

Last Sunday for FISH donations

**11:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols**

with The Rev. Martha Clark

**TUE Dec 30 Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**

**10:00 a.m. Preparation of "to-go" meals** (Parish Hall basement)

**WED Dec 31 Distribute FISH "to-go" meals** (morning)

**SUN Jan 4 The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

**11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle

Acolyte: Bethany Whitehouse

Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse

Music: Quiet Sunday w/ A Capella

**SUN Jan 11 The 1st Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse

LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy

Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse



**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 is 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**  
**INCLUDING**  
**A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark  
Lay Readers: Natalie Sweeney, Judi Floyd,  
Lee Ruddle, Kelly Macoy, Judy Hall  
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear  
Zoomer: Judy Hall

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Prelude:** “The Holly and the Ivy” *arr. Kendra Logozar*

**Opening Sentence** *BCP, p. 75*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

*The people stand.*

Opening **Hymn 100** “Joy to the World! The Lord is come”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Bidding Prayer**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to

Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us kneel and pray for the needs of his whole world.

*(Please be seated or kneel)*

We pray for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country, in our diocese, in our region, and in our village. **Amen.**

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 101** "Away in a manger"

*The people sit.*

## **The Lessons**

### **Lesson 1: Luke 2:15-20**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 94** “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” vv. 1-3, 6

*The people sit.*

## **Lesson 2: Luke 2:21, 25-33**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

**O**n the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 107** “Good Christian friends rejoice”

*The people sit.*

### Lesson 3: Luke 2:33-38

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 84** "Love came down at Christmas"

*Gartan*

*The people sit.*

### Lesson 4: Matthew 2:1-11

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 124** “What star is this, with beams so bright”

*w. 1-4*

*The people sit.*

## **Lesson 5: Matthew 2:12-15, 19-23**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

The Magi, having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s

life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 126** “The people who in darkness walked”

*The people sit.*

## **Lesson 6: 1 John 1:1–7**

*A Reading from the first letter of John*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 490** “I want to walk as a child of the light”

*Houston*

*The people sit.*

## **The Homily**

*The Rev. Martha Clark*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*BCP p. 392*

*The People may be seated or kneel*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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 all the baptized into Christ. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for the Anglican Church of Canada. 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, especially for Debbie Pagani, Penni's sister, 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 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 112** "In the bleak mid-winter"

*The People stand for the Doxology*

**Hymn 380 v.3** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

*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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

**Sanctus**

*WLP-858*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*People and Celebrant*

*BCP p. 364*

## 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 and people receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

Communion **Hymn 712** “Dona nobis pacem”

*(Please stand after everyone has shared in the communion)*

*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.**

**Christmas Season Blessing**      *(from the Book of Occasional Services)*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten our hearts with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill us with joy, and make us heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give us his peace and favor. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 99** "Go tell it on the mountain"

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant*      O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as we begin another year. Grant that we may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen our trust in your goodness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



**NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS TINS**

**Thank you everyone baking cookies!** We've had a great response this year. **Thank you everyone who helped pack the tins** one weekday morning and last week after church. Many hands accomplished lots of work! And finally, **thanks to everyone who helped deliver the tins.** We've shared Christmas joy with many of our neighbors, had fun conversations, and received warm feedback. It's been a wonderful year for our Christmas Tins project.

**2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

We have had a wonderful response to this year's Stewardship Campaign. We have received 18 pledges and 16 "We Walk by Faith"

surveys. So many of you have not only pledged your treasures, but also your time and talents. **Thank you for including Good Shepherd in your life for the next year.**

### **SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS**

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who has offered to help with our worship services and with weekly tasks that are so important to keep our church running smoothly. The weekly worship service roster is posted on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. A volunteer sign-up sheet for January is found on the old pump organ in the sanctuary. Thanks again for your gifts of Time and Talent!

### **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

Rev. Cathy Tibbetts, who has been bringing communion to Martha Hayes at Heritage Hall, is offering to teach anyone interested in learning how to administer the rite of Holy Communion to those who cannot come to church. You would accompany Cathy on one of these visits and would be certified in this wonderful way to share Christ's love. Please contact Cathy and/or Judy Hall if you're interested.

### **OUR COMMUNITY**



**Today is the last Sunday to bring donations of food or funds.** Please remember: NO glass jars or bottles. We delivered 77 pounds of food to FISH this past week and will deliver your additional donations to FISH on **Tues., Dec. 30.** We will also be preparing 50 meal boxes to be delivered and distributed on **Wed., Dec. 31.**

Contact Janet Locklear if you would like to support this food ministry financially or help with fixing meals. 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. Call FISH at 540-955-1823 for more information.

## PRAYERS

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

**Friends and Family:** Penni Tidwell; The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts (traveling); family and friends of Brian Allie (Christine's cousin); Bob Zidek (Bryan's dad); Marty Aiken (FISH family); Judy Anderson (Bluemont neighbor); Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Judi Floyd; Rose Holden, her sister-in-law Nancy, and her neighbors Andy Pope and Donna Sowder; Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Darlene Schaffer and her friends & family: Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Becky Loker (daughter of a friend of the Halls); Eileen Cawood; Lovette & the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley and her great-grandson Hyden McClain; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle and his spouse, Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram and Tim's friend Roberta Adams; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother);

**In thanksgiving for the life of Debbie Pagani (Penni's sister).**

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list,  
send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***



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*Junior Warden: Ryan Keelor*

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