Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Ten Bridesmaids by Dinah Rau, 20
https://timehrhardt.com/2020/11/08/parable-of-the-ten-bridesmaids/

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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Our Vision:

Good Shepherd strives to be a welcoming and nurturing congregation, rooted in the knowledge and love of Christ, and committed to growing spiritually and serving our neighbors.

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CALENDAR

SUN Nov 8 **The 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Kate Bryant

SUN Nov 15 **The 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse
Music Leader: Tim Hall

SAT Nov 21 **Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall - 10 to 11:30 am**

SUN Nov 22 **The 26th Sunday after Pentecost - "Christ the King"**
Last day for FISH food & funds donations
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Ron Edwards
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
12:15 p.m. **Harvest Potluck Luncheon** in the Parish Hall
Invite folks. Bring appetizer, main dish, side, or dessert

TUE Nov 24 **Morning FISH delivery, followed by…**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of "to-go" meals** (Parish Hall basement)

WED Nov 25 **Distribute FISH "to-go" meals** (morning)

The Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom.

Women's Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, feel free to join in.

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. Kate Bryant
Lay Reader: Rick Whitehouse
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 57** "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Opening Acclamation *BCP p. 355*

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 61** "Sleepers, wake!"

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Book of Joshua.

The Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to

serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Said responsively by half verse*

1 **H**ear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who

have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 620** "Jerusalem, my happy home" *vv 1-3*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to

us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *The Rev. Kate Bryant*

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 *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 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 Clergy and Lay Delegates and Alternates to Annual Convention and members of all Diocesan Committees. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer,* we pray today for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; for Debbie, Rob, Kate, and Martha, 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.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (*BCP p. 816*)
Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Christ our Lord. (*BCP p. 817*)
Amen.

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 Craig Eney, 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
Birthdays & Anniversaries

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory
The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

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 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 may stand, be seated, 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.

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,

The Lord's Prayer *BCP p. 364*

People and Celebrant

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 436** "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!" *vv. 1-3*

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

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NOTICES

FALL EVENTS – NEW LEADERS WANTED

We are still seeking help for our **Stewardship Ingathering service and Harvest Potluck Luncheon** on Christ the King Sunday, which is **Nov. 22** this year. **If you're ready to breathe new life into it or you'd just like to help, please step up and let someone on the vestry know.** Whatever you choose, you will be blessing our church.

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone helping to keep our church running smoothly by taking part in the worship services and helping with the altar, teller duties, after church refreshments and cleanup, and so much more.

Please be sure to sign up for November and beyond. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary on the old pump organ behind the lectern.

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH

What an outpouring of love in October for the animals in our midst! **We raised $1,315 in donations to support their care at the Clarke County Animal Shelter**. That was more than enough to release the full **vestry match of $500**. In addition to donated items**, a total of $1,815** will be used to purchase needed supplies for and to support the shelter. **St. Francis is no doubt smiling on us!**

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

Take-away copies of the devotional for **Nov-Dec-Jan are available in the Narthex.** We provide Forward Day-by-Day to parishioners as a simple and effective way to have a daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in fewer than 200 words.

OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who makes donations to FISH. Your gifts of food, funds, and time are critical to this ministry. In October, Good Shepherd collected **$340 for FISH**. Eileen delivered **105 lbs. of food and one winter coat**. Peggy and Janet made **42 turkey slider lunches**. Christine made **12 vegan meals** of pumpkin black bean chili with cornbread skulls. Of course, apple sauce, fruit, trail mix, chips and Halloween candy were available for all.

Please contact Janet Locklear to help with this important ministry in our community. Also, please **remember FISH** when doing your grocery shopping and **consider buying a little extra** to give to those in need. Weekly donations of a few items by everyone will really add up. ***And this month we'll be helping with Thanksgiving.***

NO PLASTICS, PLEASE!

Our world is overrun with plastic waste and we at Good Shepherd have committed to reducing our plastic usage. We, too, are overrun with plastic containers, cups, and utensils. Please find other ways to

deal with your plastic at home ("reduce, reuse, recycle"). And at Good Shepherd, we'll continue to wash dishes and use compostable bowls, cups, and utensils when necessary. **Creation thanks you!**

NEW WEBSITE ROLLOUT

We are getting closer to bringing the new SquareSpace website live: https://goodshepherdbluemont.org/ Email updates, information, and/or photos to **webmaster@goodshepherdbluemont.org**. The old website will be decommissioned this month. Look for our new logo on church correspondence and other printed matter.

NOVEMBER – ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

What is the Stewardship Campaign? It is mail in your mailbox and talks during church services. It is a time to consider your relationship with the church and how you want to **participate in the life of our church with your pledges of time, talent, and treasure**. The year 2027 promises to be an important one of preparation for change and we hope you'll be involved in many ways.

THE CHRISTMAS TIN PROJECT

The Vestry has once again approved this Christmas ministry, so start thinking about what kind of cookies or goodies you can make. This has become a popular outreach to the community, and our neighbors in Pine Grove and friends in the larger community say they look forward to receiving these hand-delivered tins of goodies.

SHRINE MONT – "LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN"

At its Oct. 31 meeting, **our vestry voted to donate $500 towards the Shrine Mont Capital Campaign** that celebrates the Diocese of Virginia's retreat center established more than a century ago in Orkney Springs, Va. The two goals of the campaign are to:

- refurbish, enhance and expand Shrine Mont's facilities, and
- grow the endowment to support operations, affordability, and outreach.

For more information about this campaign and how to support it, see the brochures in the narthex.

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PRAYERS

Please pray for our neighbors and ways to serve the community.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Julia Rose (Andrea's friend); David Richardson (Ellen's brother); Caleb (Bethany's friend); Patrick Whitehouse, Airman First Class, USAF (Rick & Ellen's son); Katie Eney (Andrea's sister); Bethany Whitehouse; Suffragan Bishop Michael Sie of Liberia; The Aguilar family (Christine's family); Carol Newman (Pine Grove neighbor); Sam Wiggington (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Bob Zidek (Bryan's dad); Judy Anderson (Bluemont neighbor); Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Donna Sowder and Terri Huff (Rose's friends); Darlene Schaffer and her friends & family: Ryan Schaffer (her grandson), Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas; Eileen Cawood; Nancy Kelley, Tammy (Nancy's daughter), and Jennifer (Nancy's granddaughter); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle & Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram; and Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother).

In thanksgiving for the life of Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law), Aug. 10, 1954 – Oct. 25, 2026.

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

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