Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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.

The altar flowers today are given by Martha Clark to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the beauty of the Earth.

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CALENDAR

SUN Nov 15 **The 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse

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
12:30 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

SUN Nov 29 **The First Sunday of Advent**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing** with the Rev. Martha Clark
Lay Readers: Judy Hall & Rick Whitehouse
LEM/Prayers: Janet Locklear | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
Music Leader: Eileen Cawood

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

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.

from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, feel free to join in.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Tim Hall
Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "Deepen, God, our love of Jesus"

Opening **Hymn 561** "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus"

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.**

Gloria Patri *Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior

Jesus Christ; 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 Book of Judges.

The Old Testament: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 *Said responsively by half verse*

1 **T**o you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

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

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 541** "Come, labor on" *vv 1, 3, 5*

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 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his

ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *The Rev. Rob Banse*

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.

Prayer **Hymn 574** "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel" *vv 1-3*

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 Meade Memorial, Alexandria; Piedmont, Madison; and St. Matthew's, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer,* we pray today for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. 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. **Amen.** (*BCP p. 816*)

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 pray for all who have died, especially Craig Eney and Kathleen Kinnaman Franz, 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.

Offertory **Hymn 551** "Rise up, ye saints of God!"

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.

Communion **Hymn 707** "Take my life, and let it be"

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** "Deepen, God, our love of Jesus" *See insert*

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

COMMUNITY HARVEST POTLUCK

Our **Harvest Potluck Luncheon** is next Sunday, after our Stewardship Ingathering service**. Please let Andrea know how you can help** and what you'll be bringing (a sign-up sheet is available), and **please invite folks to join us for the free meal at 12:30 p.m.** This is a community outreach ministry, so please bring enough to share generously with friends and strangers alike!

A NOTE FROM SENIOR WARDEN JUDY HALL ABOUT THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This is a time to think deeply about your relationship with the church and how you want to **participate in its life with your pledges of time, talent, and treasure.** The Stewardship letter from Lee, our committee chairman, and pledge packets containing a **pledge card and a Time & Talent Survey** have already been mailed**.** Please be sure to **return both** and to write in your suggestions at the end of the survey. Your input is important. The review below of last year's survey suggestions shows that we acted on all but two of them:

- Daniel Fast for Lent - done in 2026
- Website Development - done in 2026
- "Called on the way: The Daily Practice of Discipleship" - not done
- Spring Meditation Walks - not done
- Sunday Morning: Parables - done in 2026

If you need an extra pledge card or survey, they are available in the Narthex by the front door. Let us know what you think and what you are interested in. This year is especially important as we prepare for the changes that are ahead. ***Your voice needs to be heard!***

Peace and Prayers, Judy

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER WITH LECTIO DIVINA

Led by the Rev. Martha Clark | Midweek 5 or 6 p.m. for one hour

The first Sunday of Advent is the start of the new year in the church's liturgical calendar. This year, it falls on Nov. 29. Join Rev. Martha in an Advent *Lectio Divina* of "refilling our lamps" as we wait expectantly for the bridegroom. (see Matthew 25:1-13) *Lectio Divina*, Latin for "divine reading," is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer designed to promote communion with God.

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH

Penni is busily shopping for items with the **$1,815 we raised in October** to support the Clarke County Animal 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.***

NEW WEBSITE ROLLOUT

Our new SquareSpace website is now live and you may find it at: https://goodshepherdbluemont.org/ Email updates, information, and/or photos to **webmaster@goodshepherdbluemont.org**. Look for our new logo, developed in conjunction with this website, on church correspondence and other printed matter.

NO PLASTICS, PLEASE!

We will try to use up the rest of our plastic utensils at our Harvest Potluck. But let's continue to "reduce, reuse, recycle" as we continue to wash dishes and use compostable bowls, cups, and utensils moving forward. **Creation thanks you!**

THE CHRISTMAS TIN PROJECT

This Advent/Christmas ministry is gearing up! Judy has been visiting Dollar Tree stores from Leesburg to Winchester purchasing tins, 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"

We've sent **$500 to Shrine Mont** for their campaign to raise funds for the Diocese of Virginia's retreat center, which was 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.

PRAYERS

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

Prayers for Friends and Family: Julia Rose (Andrea'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.

In thanksgiving for the lives of:

- Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law), Aug. 10, 1954–Oct. 25, 2026, and
- Kathleen Kinnaman Franz (Kelly's mother), July 7, 1951–Nov. 9, 2026

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

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