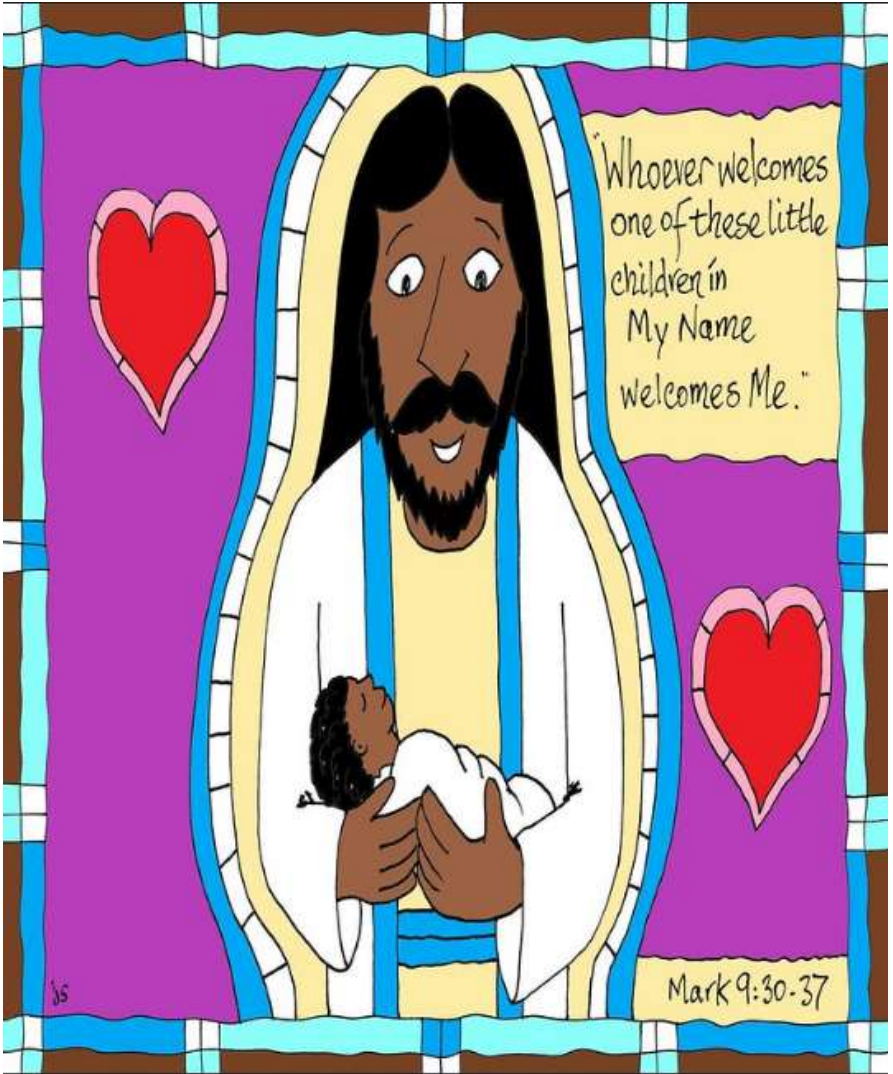


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!



- SUN Sep 22**    **The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.    **Morning Prayer**, with Josette Keelor
- MON Sep 23**    **Last Day to bring FISH donations**
- WED Sep 25**    **FISH to-go meals distributed**
- SAT Sep 28**    **To Love and Heal Creation** (see Notices)
- SUN Sep 29**    **The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.    **Holy Eucharist & Healing**, with The Rev Rob Banse  
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell  
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Tim Hall  
Musicians: Eileen Cawood & Rose Holden
- SAT Oct 5**    **Free breakfast & Pet Blessing**, 10 a.m. to Noon
- SUN Oct 6**    **The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.    **Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist**,  
with The Rev Martha Clark  
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards  
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden
- THU Oct 9**    **Love God, Love God's World**  
6:00 p.m.    "Water and our Baptismal Covenant" (see Notices)
- SUN Oct 13**    **The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m.    **Morning Prayer**, with Tim Hall  
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle  
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden  
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell
- SAT Oct 19**    **Meditation Walk** with Penni Tidwell & Rose Holden

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



## DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Officiant: Josette Keelor

Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

### Welcome and Introduction

Prelude: "This is my Father's World"

*Franklin L. Sheppard*

### Opening Sentence and Prayer

*Psalm 96:11-12*

*(The People stand)*

*Officiant* Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it.

*People* **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Loving God, Creator of all, we thank you for the beauty of Creation; show us, we pray, how to respect the fragile balance of life. Guide by your wisdom those who have power to care for or to destroy the environment, that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 636 "How firm a foundation"

*vv. 1-3*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(The people may be seated or kneel)*

*Officiant and People together*

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us.**

**Heal our relationship with all creation.**

**Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect**

**of the creatures who share the earth with us.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent  
for what we have done to harm them,  
and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,  
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant*      This is the day the Creator has made.

*People*        **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Alleluia!**

*The Antiphon (Officiant)*

The loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole Creation: Come let  
us adore the Creator.

**The Venite** (*Psalms 95:1-7*)

*Hymnal S-35*

***Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

**The Lessons** (*The People may be seated*)

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

**The Old Testament: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
“Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 54**

*Said responsively by half verse*

*Deus, in nomine*

*Antiphon (sung by cantor, congregation repeats)*

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.

In every age, O God, you have been our hope.

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*

**in your might, defend my cause.**

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*

**give ear to the words of my mouth.** [*Antiphon*]

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,

and the ruthless have sought my life, \*

**those who have no regard for God.**

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*

**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*

**in your faithfulness, destroy them.** [*Antiphon*]

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*

**and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*

**and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

*Antiphon*

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A Reading from the letter of James.

**The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*(The People stand)*

Gradual **Hymn 480** "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

*(The People may be seated)*

*The Reader introduces the third lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

**The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

“The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

*Josette Keelor*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*BCP p. 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



**The Prayers**

*BCP p. 97*

*Officiant*      May God be with all Creation.

*People*          **And restore us to harmony.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*The People may be seated or kneel*

**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.**

**Suffrages with Creation**

V. Heal your Creation, O God, and bless your offspring;

**R. Guide and sustain your creatures, now and always.**

V. Day by day your Creation blesses you;

**R. We join our voices to praise your Name for ever.**

V. O God, unite us with all Creation in harmony;

**R. Have compassion on our failings, O God.**

V. O God, show us your love and sustaining power;

**R. For your creatures live and move only in you.**

V. In you, O God, is our hope;

**R. And your Creation shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day*

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*BCP p. 392*

*The Lay Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For our friends and family: Martha Clark & her family; Janet Locklear & her family; Ray Ewing, Doug & Steve Bush (Ray's nephews); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); Carter Refo (Judy's cousin); Jon Edensword (Ray's friend); the Keelor and Mowe families; Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Nathaniel Cawood (Eileen's son) and his wife Abbie; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Jean Ames (Judi Floyd's neighbor); The Rev. Michael Sie; Gloria Broy (Lois' friend); Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois' nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother-in-law); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy's great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, and Joanne Conner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; 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); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family). 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 the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For an end to the rage and anger in this nation, that keeps us from sharing

God's loving grace. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. 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 Kingston Parish, Mathews; Little Fork, Rixeyville; St. Gabriel's/San Gabriel, Leesburg; and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of North India (United). For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Sean, Presiding Bishop Elect, for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Rob, 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, remembering especially Caroline Marguerite Mowe (Ryan's niece), Ann Ewing Bush (Ray's sister), and Judson Hardy (Janet's father), 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 Lay Leader may be seated.*

*The Officiant continues*

### **A Collect for Creation and Redemption**

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

*The Officiant invites the people to pray the General Thanksgiving together.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP p. 101*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up ourselves to your service,**

**and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*The Officiant prays* **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** *BCP p. 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*(The People stand)*

Thanks **Hymn 390** "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

### **The Grace**

*Ephesians 1:8-10*

With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **Greetings and Announcements** *(Please be seated)*

### **The Offertory**

*The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture*

*BCP p. 376*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

*Please leave your offering in the plate on the Narthex table.*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

### **Closing Prayer for the Cosmos**

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Closing **Hymn 379** “God is Love, let heaven adore him”

### **The Blessing**

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

### **The Dismissal**

*Officiant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



## **NOTICES**

### **OUR COMMUNITY**



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. Our **August donation was 74 lbs.** Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden also prepared 40 “to-go” meals. The last day to bring **your food donations for September is tomorrow** and “to-go” meals are to be distributed **on Wednesday**. Please talk to Lois or Rose if you’d like to help.

### **LOVE GOD, LOVE GOD’S WORLD**

We gathered for our first session of this film-based study to celebrate God’s creation and discover how it relates to our faith in Christ Jesus. The theme was “God so Loved the World” and included a

video of Bishop Curry (and others) speaking at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Apollo 8 mission – which gave us the photo “Earth Rise” – and a reflection from the Rev. Stephanie Spellers.

This **nine-session series** was created by The Episcopal Church, to transform participants regardless of where they are on their creation care journey or what their role in creation care might be. It’s not too late to sign up for this exciting and rewarding experience ... please contact Cindy Ingram. Sessions 2 & 3 will be October 9 and 30.

### **FALL MEDITATION WALKS**

Josette Keelor and Janet Locklear led our first Fall Meditation Walk at Cool Springs yesterday, with the theme of **“Returning Home to Nature”**, which explored our spiritual and ecological roots in nature and our sense of homecoming in the natural world. Our next walk, led by Rose and Penni, is planned for **Sat., Oct. 19**. The third walk is set for **Sat., Nov. 16**.

### **“TO LOVE AND HEAL CREATION”**

All are invited to an **Environmental Ministry Conference** hosted by the diocese’s Creation Care Committee on **Sat., Sept. 28** from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at The Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn (8727 River Road, Henrico, VA 23229). Good Shepherd will cover your registration fee. Learn more at [EpiscopalVirginia.org](http://EpiscopalVirginia.org).

### **GIVING FLOWERS**

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks or to remember a loved one. It also helps defray our weekly flower costs. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. You may provide the flowers or make a monetary donation. Please let the Altar Guild know whom you are commemorating with your gift.



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## PRAYERS

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

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**In thanksgiving** for the lives of:

- Caroline Marguerite Mowe (Ryan's niece), May 21, 1990 - Aug. 29, 2024;
- Ann Ewing Bush (Ray's sister), Feb. 10, 1940 - Sept. 11, 2024;
- Judson Hardy (Janet's Father), Nov. 8, 1931 - Sept. 13, 2024.

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants Caroline, Ann, and Judson,, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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