

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



*The altar flowers are given today by Andrea Brown in memory of her mother  
Kathleen Grant Van Wyck.*



## CALENDAR

- SUN Dec 8**    **The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**10:15 a.m.**    **Choir Practice** before service  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts
- Dec. 9-18**    **Preparing & Delivering Advent Christmas tins**
- SUN Dec 15**    **The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**10:15 a.m.**    **Choir Practice** before service  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter  
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing  
Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden
- MON Dec 16**    **FISH donations due** (see Notices)
- WED Dec 18**    **FISH “to-go” meals**
- SUN Dec 22**    **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**10:15 a.m.**    **Choir Practice** before service  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Lessons & Carols and Morning Prayer**,  
                    with Cindy Ingram  
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle & more  
Musicians: Janet & Rose | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- 12:15 p.m.**    **White Elephant Gift Exchange, Fun!**
- TUE Dec 24**    **Christmas Eve**  
**4:00 p.m.**    **Festival Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev Martha Clark  
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing  
Musicians: Janet Locklear, Rose Holden & many

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Lay Reader: Kelly Macoy

Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

## Welcome and Introduction

**Prelude** “Let the Valleys be Raised”

*Dan Schutte*

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*A reading from the “Lighting the Advent Candles” insert.*

Candle Lighting **Hymn 56** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *vv. 3, 4*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> candles are lit. Then the congregation prays together*

**Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the HOPE and PEACE you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of HOPE. Teach us the PEACE that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 76** “On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry” *vv. 1, 2, 5*

## The Word of God

*BCP p. 355*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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.**

# The Trisagion

Fernando Ortega

E(no3) E A/E E A/C# B(add4)  
Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.

E/G# A B C#m F#m7 B(add4)B E  
Ho - ly im - mor - tal One. Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

## 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

### The Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

## **The New Testament: Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident

of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual **Hymn 65** "Prepare the Way, O Zion" vs. 1

*The People stand*

*Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

**The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Cathy Tibbets*

**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** "It is Good to Trust"

*Taize*

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

*The People sit or kneel*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For our friends and family: (*Leader prays from 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 God's Creation and those who care for it. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. 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 Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.



*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The 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**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord 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 **Anthem** “Advent Echo Carol” *sung by choir* Mary Kay Beall

*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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**

*Hymnal: S-114*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:***

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

***Glorify be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People may 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*BCP p. 364*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Hymnal S-164 (Sung in unison)*

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

### **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 **WLP 722** “The desert shall rejoice”

*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**

Closing **Hymn 66** “Come thou long expected Jesus”

**The Dismissal**

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

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



**NOTICES**

## 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2025 Stewardship campaign is well underway. We currently have received 13 pledges and 12 “You Welcomed Me” surveys. If you haven’t turned yours in yet, please prayerfully consider how you will support Good Shepherd in the coming year. Extra copies of all the stewardship materials are in the Narthex, if you need them. You may mail in your pledge and survey responses or put them in the offering plate at church. ***Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.***

## 2024 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TINS PROJECT

We are continuing an Advent tradition that started during the COVID lockdown of preparing and handing out Christmas tins to our neighbors and friends. This year, we have **130 tins to fill**. Please let Judy Hall know (by email to [office@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdbluemont.org) or in person) how many bags of your home-baked goodies you can provide (6 pieces/bag). **Bring your goodies to church at your convenience** and place them in the refrigerator **starting next Sun., Dec. 8 and continuing to Sun., Dec. 15. Packing and delivery of the tins will begin Mon. Dec. 16.** Judy is hoping to get most of the baked goods by next Sunday and some of the packing and delivering will be done that week and next. But we will take your baked goods through Sun., Dec. 22 to allow for any last-minute packing and delivery. ***Thanks so much for your help!***

## OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our Thanksgiving food collection came to a whopping 306 pounds**, including turkeys, stuffing, pumpkin pie fixings, lots canned goods, sweet potatoes and more. **Thank you, thank you! Forty** boxed meals were distributed on **Wed., Nov. 27.** Talk to Lois Tapscott or Rose Holden if you’d like to help.

Please be thinking about FISH as you do your **holiday shopping...** and pick up extra food for those in need. These are FISH's food needs for **Christmas distribution:**

**Canned goods:** carrots, yams, diced tomatoes, potatoes, fruit, cranberries, pumpkin, fried onions, cream spinach, gravy

**Condiments:** salt, pepper, mayo, sugar, marshmallows, coffee

**Soups:** cream of mushroom, chicken broth, etc.

**Stuffing, instant potatoes, non-perishable veggies**

**Turkeys & Hams:** If you want to donate a turkey or ham to FISH, you can **purchase it and bring it to Good Shepherd**, where it can go in the freezer. It will be delivered with **ALL the December donations on Mon., Dec. 16.** If your store gives you a certificate for a turkey or ham, please use the certificate yourself to get the turkey or ham and then donate it to FISH.

Besides holiday items, **FISH can always use:** cereal, peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, soups, seasoned/flavored rice or coucous, ramen noodles, Knorr rice and pasta blend in chicken flavored sauce, and personal hygiene items. As always, ***no glass containers.***

### **GIVING FLOWERS**

A gift of Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to give thanks for 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 see the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and let the Altar Guild know whom you are commemorating with your gift.



## PRAYERS

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

**Friends and Family:** The Pine Grove Group AA; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; Bishop Mark Stevenson and his family; Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Dianne Brumback & family (The Village Market); Eileen Cawood; Jordan Williams (Lois's nephew); Pam Huff (Rose's friend); The Keelor and Mowe families; Carter Refo (Judy's cousin); 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); Lovette and the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Richard Sauer (Cindy's father) and his family; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Rose Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friend's niece); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Geraldine Kolowski, Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

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

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