

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



*The altar flowers are given by Tim & Judy Hall in loving memory of Tim's father, W. Daniel Hall Jr., born 15 December 1921, and Judy's parents Carter Lee Refo and Judith Bailey Refo, married this day in 1951.*



## CALENDAR

- 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
- MON Dec 16** **FISH donations due** (see Notices)
- WED Dec 18** **FISH “to-go” meals distribution**
- 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, Josette Keelor  
Musicians: Janet & Rose | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
**White Elephant gift exchange** during coffee hour  
(see Notices)
- 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 & many
- SUN Dec 29** **The First Sunday of Christmas**  
**11:00 a.m.** **Holy Eucharist & Healing**,  
with The Rev Martha Clark  
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Tim Hall  
Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Kelly Macoy  
Musicians: Janet Locklear

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Rutter

LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Judy Hall

Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing

Musicians: Janet Locklear & Mike Pugh

## Welcome and Introduction

**Prelude** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *arr. By Melissa Blanton*

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

*The third candle is lit.*

*Then the congregation prays together*

**Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made up: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of HOPE. Teach us the PEACE that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of JOY that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**Opening Hymn 56** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *m. 5, 6*

## 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

### The Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn "They'll know we are Christians"

*The People stand*

**VERSES**  
 Capo 1: (Em)

Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come, And all

(Am) (Em) (Am)  
 Bbm Fm Bbm

1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all  
 2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll  
 3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's  
 4. praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all praise to the

REFRAIN

(Em) Fm (Em) Fm (C) D $\flat$

1. u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our  
 2. spread the news that God is in our land.  
 3. dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 4. Spir - it, who makes us one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B $\flat$ m (Em) Fm (Am) B $\flat$ m (Em) Fm

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

*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 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Deborah Rutter*

**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 **WLP 827** “O Lord hear my prayer”

**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 Christ Church, Gordonsville; Grace Church, Bremo Bluff; La Iglesia Santa Maria, Falls Church; and St. James, Warrenton. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Tanzania. 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** “Prepare” *sung by choir* *Jon Paige*

*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.***

***Glory 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 **Hymn 60** “Creator of the stars of night”

*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 58** “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

**The Dismissal**

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

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



# NOTICES

## 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We currently have received 15 pledges and 13 “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. ***Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.***

## 2024 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TINS PROJECT

We are continuing an Advent tradition of preparing and handing out Christmas tins to our neighbors and friends. **What we need most is volunteer bakers and delivery elves.** To cover Pine Grove and friends we need 130 tins... 65 dozen cookies! Please bag your cookies, six at a time, in sandwich bags or get cookie bags at church and **bring them to church by Dec 15.** We will continue to take bags of cookies through Sunday Dec 22 to allow for any last-minute packing and delivery. Don't forget to sign up to **take some Christmas Tins to friends or family** who need some Christmas Cheer. Packing and delivery of the tins will begin tomorrow, Monday Dec 16. ***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. **Tomorrow is the last day to bring your food donations** for this month. FISH needs all kinds of holiday food and staples to **help make Christmas a little more special for those in need.** So please give generously and, as always, ***no glass containers.***

## SEASONAL FUN: WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Next Sunday, after church, we'll have a bit of extra Christmas cheer. Please bring a small, inexpensive gift to exchange with your friends... it can even be something you already have. And a bit of food for our after church refreshments would be nice, too!

## PRAYERS

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

***Friends and Family:*** Rose Holden, the Pine Grove AA Group; Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Lois Tapscott; Nancy Prestipino (former organist); Bishop Gayle Harris; 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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