

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



*The altar flowers are given by Martha Clark to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for her husband, Bryan Zidek, on his birthday.*



CALENDAR

SUN Dec 22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols and Morning Prayer,
with Cindy Ingram

White Elephant gift exchange during coffee hour

TUE Dec 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Choir Practice before service

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, Christine
Kestner, Ron Edwards, Ryan Keelor
Musicians: Janet Locklear & many

SUN Dec 29 The First Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist,
with The Rev Martha Clark

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Janet Locklear

Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

SUN Jan 5 The Second Sunday after Christmas

10:15 a.m. Choir Practice before service

11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols and Morning Prayer,
with Tim Hall

Lay Readers: The Whitehouses & more

Musicians: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO
INCLUDING
A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Officiant: Cindy Ingram

Musicians: Janet Locklear, Mike Pugh,

Choir: Josette Keelor, Eileen Cawood, Judi Floyd

Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy, Lee Ruddle, Josette Keelor

Tableau Players: Jennifer & Bethany Whitehouse

Zoomers: Penni Tidwell, Judy Hall

Welcome

Prelude

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” *Arr. Christine Robbins*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

Hymn 56 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *w. 7, 8*

The 4th candle is lit. Then the congregation prays together

Loving God, we open ourselves to you. Light our lives with your imagination. 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. Magnify your LOVE within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Opening Sentences *BCP, p. 75*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:3,5*

The congregations stands

Hymn 73 “The King shall come when morning dawns” *w. 1,3,5*

A Bidding Prayer:

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the

story of the God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

The People may be seated or kneel.

Confession of Sin

from Enriching Our Worship

Officiant and People together

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 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.**

The People 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 Savior of the world now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 80:1-7

Said responsively by half verse

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The People may be seated.

The Lessons

Lesson 1: Micah 5:2-5a

A Reading from the Prophet Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Hymn 54 “Savior of the nations, come!”

The People may be seated

Lesson 2: Luke 1:5–25

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you

did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

WLP 889 “The Song of Zechariah”

Shepherd’s Pipes

The People may be seated

Lesson 3: Luke 1:26–38

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel"

Gabriel's Message

The People may be seated

Lesson 4: Luke 1:39–45

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

Anthem "Holy is His Name"

John Michael Talbot

Josette & Janet

Based on Luke 1:46:55, "The Magnificat"

The Homily

Cindy Ingram

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 People may be seated

Choir Anthem "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

Carey Landry

Mike Pugh, Josette Keelor, and Ladies ensemble

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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 St. Matthew's, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Episcopal Church. 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.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Prayer for Mission

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of thy holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship thee as thou hast been revealed in thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

After the Prayer for Mission, our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may follow.

Then the officiant says

We sum up these and all the prayers on our hearts, saying together...

The General Thanksgiving

BCP p. 101

Officiant and People

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.**

An Advent Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may be seated

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

The Officiant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. *BCP p.376*

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Grace (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our path; and may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing **WLP 724** “People look east”

vv. 1,4 & 5

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

While stewardship is ongoing in the church, our official 2025 Stewardship campaign concludes at the end of December. 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. Extra copies of all the stewardship materials are in the Narthex. ***Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.***

SEASONAL FUN: WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

For this 4th Sunday of Advent, after church, we’ll have a bit of extra Christmas cheer. During our **hearty holiday brunch** we will exchange small, fun, inexpensive and wrapped gifts (or re-gifts) with our friends. Each person is given the opportunity to choose a wrapped gift or “steal” an opened gift from another player. The player whose gift is taken can then do the same or choose another wrapped gift. In this way we’ll have some fun and relax together.

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. The FISH fall newsletter featured **Lois Tapscott, Rose Holden**, and Good Shepherd in a story called “**Brunch at FISH**” that you can read on our bulletin board in the parish hall. **Our Christmas food collection was a wonderful 107 pounds**, including three hams and lots of other delicious holiday food. Also this month, **Martha Clark and Janet Locklear** prepared forty boxed meals of sliders, fresh fruit, trail mix, and more. **Martha and Bryan** gave them out at FISH on Wed., Dec. 18.

For 2024 our church donated 1,327 pounds of food and household essentials and prepared 452 “to-go” meals. **Thank you, thank you to everyone who contributed to this bounty!** Talk to Lois or Rose if you’d like to be involved in this wonderful and growing ministry going forward in 2025.

FISH can always use: cereal, peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, soups, seasoned/flavored rice or couscous, ramen noodles, Knorr rice and pasta blends 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: 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,
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