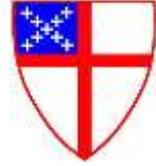
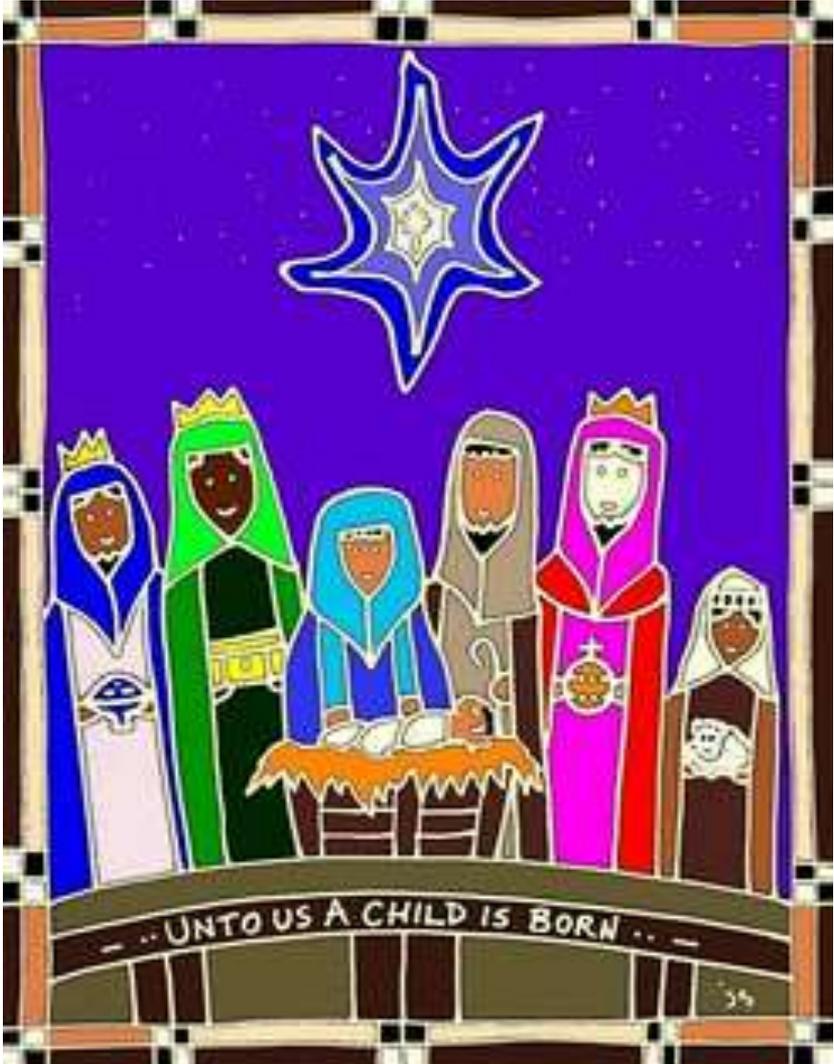


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

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



## CALENDAR

- SUN Jan 12**    **The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts  
LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SUN Jan 19**    **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter  
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall  
Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- THU Jan 23**    **Vestry Meeting**, 4:30 p.m. at the church (preferred)  
and via Zoom
- SUN Jan 26**    **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts  
LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell  
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor  
Music Leaders: Tim Hall & Rose Holden
- MON Jan 27**    **Last day to bring donations for FISH**
- WED Jan 29**    **Distribution of FISH “to-go” meals**
- SUN Feb 2**    **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Morning Prayer**, with Josette Keelor  
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle  
Music Leader: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Tim Hall
- SUN Feb 9**    **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**11:00 a.m.**    **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts  
LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Lay Readers: Bethany & Rick Whitehouse  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear

**DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO**  
**INCLUDING**  
**A SERVICE OF EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Officiant: Tim Hall

Lay Readers: Bethany Whitehouse, Rick Whitehouse, Kelly Macoy,  
Christine Kestner, Tim Hall, Ryan Keelor, Josette Keelor

Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood

**Welcome and Introduction**

Prelude: “We Three Kings”

*Hopkins/Shackley*

**Opening Sentence**

*BCP, p. 75*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

*The people stand.*

Opening Hymn 110 “The snow lay on the ground”

*vv. 1-3*

*Venite Adoremus*

**A Bidding Prayer**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of 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 make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us kneel and pray for the needs of his whole world.  
*(Please be seated or kneel)*

We pray for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country, in our diocese, in our region, and in our village. **Amen.**

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the

sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter** (*The People stand*) *BCP p. 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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. Alleluia.**

*The Antiphon (Officiant)*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Hymn 101** “Away in a manger”

*Cradle Song*

**The Lessons** (*The People sit*)

**Lesson 1: Luke 2:15-20**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

**W**hen the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 94** “While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

*Winchester Old*

*The people sit..*

**Lesson 2: Luke 2:21, 25-33**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

**O**n the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 107** “Good Christian friends rejoice”

*In dulci jubilo*

*The people sit..*

### **Lesson 3: Luke 2:33-38**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 84** "Love came down at Christmas"

*Gartan*

*The people sit..*

### **Lesson 4: Matthew 2:1-11**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people remain seated.*

**Hymn 128** “We three kings of Orient are”

*vv. 1-4 sung by the three kings | Congregation sings refrain and v. 5*

## **Lesson 5: Matthew 2:12-18**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

**T**he Magi, having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn** “A Voice Was Heard in Ramah”

*Llangloffan (H-68)*

*Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

A voice was heard in Ramah that could not be consoled,  
As Rachel wept for children she could no longer hold.  
For Herod ruled the nation, yet feared the Infant King.  
How great the devastation that fear and anger bring!

O God, we hear the crying for little ones of yours;  
For many still are dying in conflicts and in wars —  
In every troubled nation, on every violent street,  
How great the lamentation when fear and anger meet!

Whenever one is weeping, the whole world suffers, too.  
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them, we're also serving you.  
So may we not ignore them, nor turn our eyes away,  
But help us labor for them to bring a better day.

O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.  
May we be brave to practice your peace in every place —  
To love each fear-filled nation, to serve each troubled street.  
How great the celebration when peace and justice meet!

*The people sit.*

## Lesson 6: Matthew 2:19-23

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 126** “The people who in darkness walked”

*Dundee*

*The people sit.*

## Lesson 7: 1 John 1:1–7

*A Reading from the first letter of John*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is

in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

**Hymn 490** “I want to walk as a child of the light”

*Houston*

*The people sit.*

**The Homily**

Tim Hall

**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**

*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.**

### **The Collects for the First Sunday after Christmas Day and The Holy Name**

Almighty God, you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives. **Amen.**

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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

*BCP p. 392*

*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 for St. Martin's, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Church in Wales. 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 and 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 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.**

## Christmas Season Blessing

*(from the Book of Occasional Services)*

*(Please Stand)*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,  
bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten  
our hearts with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the  
Savior's birth, fill us with joy, and make us heralds of the Gospel.  
**Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and  
earth to heaven, give us his peace and favor. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

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

## Greetings and Announcements

### The Offertory

*The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.*

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

*The People stand for the Doxology*

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

*The officiant prays*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Hymn 99** “Go tell it on the mountain” *Afro-American Spiritual*

### The Dismissal

*Officiant* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as we begin another year. Grant that we may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen our trust in your goodness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



## NOTICES

### CHRISTMAS TINS

Thanks to the congregation’s hard work, this annual Christmas outreach was a success again this year. Pine Grove residents definitely know our church because of these Christmas tins. When we made the deliveries, people who were home responded positively, especially the children. Several people returned tins from previous years, so we wound up distributing more tins than originally planned. We also received a few checks, but most importantly, four people attended the Christmas Eve service because of the invitation to join us.

Thank you to everyone who helped us, especially the cookie bakers, without whom this would not have been possible. Thanks to Dane, Judi, Martha, Janet, Tim, Andrea, Kelly, Eileen, Bryan, and Judy for making sure the cookies were the centerpiece of the tins. And thank you to Eileen, Bryan, Tim, and Judy who helped load and deliver all the goodies. We distributed a total of 110 holiday tins, consisting of homemade cookies, herbal tea, hot chocolate, candy, and an ornament: 89 tins in the village of Pine Grove, 13 tins in the Shenandoah Retreat, and eight tins to friends and family.

### EPIPHANY SERIES “THE OTHER ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS: JUDAISM AND ISLAM”

Please join us during the season of Epiphany while we study and learn about our sister religions, Judaism and Islam. We will be meeting once a week and using the book “Invitation to World Religions” as our study guide. **A sign-up sheet and text books for the course are available in the narthex**, along with a survey for the best time for you to meet and where (the church or Zoom). Day and time for the class will be determined based on the results of the survey and will be announced next week..

### OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **In 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.

### 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,  
send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***



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