

April 17, 2025



## Piedmont Episcopal Church

214 Church Street  
Madison, Va 22727

The Rev. Becki Casey  
Priest-in-Charge

April 20, 2025 - 11 a.m. Worship  
Service

Wherever you are on your spiritual  
journey, you  
can find a home here.  
Our doors and hearts are wide open!

### Readings for Easter - April 20, 2025

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**Luke 24:1-12**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24**

### Lay Servers - April 20, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Jim Landolt
Usher.....	Colt Puryear
Acolyte.....	Molly Sanford
Children's Church.....	Resumes after Easter
Lector.....	Jim Landolt
Intercessor.....	Jaynie Jackson
LEM.....	Joe Parker
Altar Care.....	Vickie Parker
Fellowship.....	Brunch at 10 a.m.

# WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

## Tuesday

**7:30 a.m.** Men's Bible Study at Joe Goodall's home

## Wednesday

**4 p.m.** Bible Study with Norris John

**5:30 p.m.** Potluck Fellowship Dinner - **Cancelled**

**6:30 p.m.** Choir Practice with Rev. Brad Jackson **Cancelled**

## Friday

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer with Bill Birkhofer

**9:45 a.m.** Understanding the Bible - Rev. Becki (Will not meet 4/18)

## Minister's Musings

### Changing Season, Changing Prayers

Did you know there are eleven different Eucharistic Prayers approved for our use? The Book of Common Prayer contains eight, and an additional three have been authorized since the 1979 revision of the prayer book. The church recognizes language changes over time and that there are many ways of communicating a single theme. Also, hearing an idea expressed differently can highlight meaning for us in unexpected and valuable ways. While there is comfort in hearing the same words week after week, there is new inspiration available from having God's story reimagined for us as we pray.

During the nine months since I arrived, we have used two of these eleven prayers. My desire is to gradually expand our repertoire. The familiarity of this community with Prayer A will probably always make it a favorite and we will keep it in the rotation. However, it is a joy to pair eucharistic prayers with each season's themes, so this Easter we will be transitioning into Prayer D. This prayer is a beautiful and compelling narrative explaining God's joy in creation, God's work throughout history to repair the brokenness of the world, Christ's act of redemption, and what we are doing when we partake in The Great Thanksgiving together with the entirety of the heavenly host. It is an ideal expression of resurrection joy!

Easter is the most exuberant season of the liturgical year and so our liturgy will strive to match that festive feel. Once again, we will be chanting the preface, like we did at Christmas. Additionally, you will note the absence of the confession. Many Anglican churches eliminate the confession during these seven Sundays as a recognition that the entirety of Easter is a celebration of Resurrection and subsequent grace, making the regular emphasis on sin and

confession less appropriate. Finally, you will see that The Prayers of the People are included as part of Prayer D itself. The prayers, therefore, are led by the priest rather than an intercessor.

My deepest hope and prayer is that everyone will participate in our unfolding liturgy with enthusiastic curiosity, listen deeply, and be moved by God's Spirit in new ways. The greatest part of liturgy is that it is indeed, "the work of the people". Together we will try new things, choose to retain some and discard others. Every person will experience this new liturgy in a different way, and I am eager to hear how these changes are received. Please know that your participation is valuable and let me know your preferences!

-Rev. Becki

Collect: Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we gather for worship. Guide our hearts, minds, and voices as we offer our praise and petitions. May our liturgy be a true encounter with you, a source of grace and renewal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, Sharon Carter, Mike Cashman, David Cronk, Janice Edwards, Joanie Edwards, Jill F., Alfred Goossens, Vera Griffin, Brad and Lydia Hansen, Ginger Hawkins, Zoe Hubbard, Shelby Jean Hull, Kim, Ryan Mahanes, Aaron Milligan, Hannah Moyer, Mary Moyer, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Robert, Michael Rider, Pat Roberts, Steve Sanford, Ann Skidmore, Sarah, Carolyn Stanley, Joe Stanley, Kathryn Thomas, Robert Ulrich and Sylvia Vior.**

**\*If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Becki Casey @ [beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com](mailto:beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com) by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger.**

## Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the

Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and we lift up Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs



### **All Eyes on the Tomb**

Passion Week is the peak of the Christian liturgical year! You may prefer the cinnamon smells and snuggly feeling of Christmas, but theologically the empty tomb is the celebration of the culmination of what started in Bethlehem. And so, all Christians turn their attention to Jesus' tomb during this Holy Week.

The Christian liturgies that begin on Maundy Thursday, with The Last Supper, do something unique for three days. Beginning on Maundy Thursday, there will be no dismissal at any of the services. The Triduum (the combined liturgy of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil) are considered a single liturgy that concludes on Easter Sunday. Many of you may not be able to attend all the services being offered, but together we will be in dedicated prayer, with our eyes towards the tomb, until we gather Sunday. On Easter the tomb will be empty, and we will rejoice with loud praises, a beautifully decorated church, white paraments, and the return of the Alleluia!!



## Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, we will have a brunch at 10 am, in the parish house, before our 11 am worship. After our Easter service there will be an outdoor egg hunt for the children. We ask that all children **bring a basket** to collect their eggs! Please join us!



## Upcoming Schedule of Events

April 17th - Maundy Thursday Joint service at Grace 7PM

April 18th - Noon Good Friday Liturgy at Grace, 6-7PM Stations of the Cross at Piedmont

April 19th - 6PM-6AM Easter Vigil

April 20th Easter Sunday - 7AM Sunrise Service at the Winslow Barn in Stanardsville, 9AM Easter Service at Grace, 10AM Potluck breakfast at Piedmont, 11AM Easter Service at Piedmont and egg hunt

# PIEDMONT & GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES HOLY WEEK

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PALM  
SUNDAY

GRACE CHURCH 9:00 AM  
PIEDMONT 11:00 AM

MAUNDY  
THURSDAY

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HOLY EUCHARIST &  
FOOT WASHING  
JOINT SERVICE AT  
GRACE CHURCH 7:00 PM

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GOOD  
FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
GRACE CHURCH 12:00 NOON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
PIEDMONT 6:00 PM

EASTER  
SUNDAY

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SUNRISE SERVICE AT  
WINSLOW'S BARN 7:00 AM  
GRACE CHURCH 9:00 AM  
PIEDMONT 11:00 AM





*The Madison Choral Society presents*

## **HYMNS TRIUMPHANT**

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### **Annual Review of Piedmont and Grace Church Covenant**

Many of you may have heard us speak about this "Covenant" that was created last year between Grace and Piedmont Church. But what's it all about? Why was it created? What's the purpose of it? Who's idea was it? Just a few questions you may have!

The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Transitional Minister, from the Virginia Episcopal Diocese, worked with Grace and Piedmont last spring, as we began our search for a new priest-in-charge. With her assistance, both church vestries worked to create a document. It consists of three parts: a statement of our shared mission and spiritual. And contains both churches mission statements. While describing our relationship with Grace Church, it serves as a guide should any conflict arise between us. Both Grace and Piedmont agreed to a yearly review of it.

Ethan Wagner, Director

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 P.M.

Orange Baptist Church  
Orange, VA

Sunday, May 4, 2025

4:30 P.M.

Mt. Carmel Church  
Haywood, VA

Copies of the covenant have been placed on the bulletin boards in the sanctuary and the parish house. If anyone would like to review it, please feel free to pick up a copy. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Becki or any member of the vestry.

-Sharon Hicks



## **Altar Flowers**

Ministry Opportunity

As we come to the end of the Lenten season, we will soon enjoy flowers on our altar. Thanks to those who have already selected dates for these gifts. There are only four pairs of Sundays remaining for making a gift of altar flowers in 2025. These available dates are May 18- 25 , July 27 -August 3, August 24-31, and October 26-November 2. Please make a note on the bulletin board in the sanctuary and ask any altar guild member if you have questions.

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