



Piedmont Episcopal Church

The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge

March 16, 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 Sunday, March 16, 2025

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Psalm 27

Lay Servers - March 16, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Beppy White
Usher.....	Kay John
Acolyte.....	Molly Sanford
Children's Church.....	Eve Bargmann
Lector.....	Dona Hutchinson
Intercessor.....	Anthony Smith
LEM.....	David Bagby
Altar Care.....	Beppy White
Fellowship.....	Potluck

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

4 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John

5:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner

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

Friday

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

9:45 a.m. Understanding the Bible - Rev. Becki

Vestry Meeting Sunday March 16th following worship

Lenten Group Study

Are you looking for encouragement to support your Lenten practices? This year we will take our instruction from Max Lucado's *Help is Here*, to explore the Holy Spirit's role in our spiritual journey. Each week during Lent we will gather for a potluck dinner, a short video Bible study, and discussion in the Parish House. Dinner will begin at 5:30PM. At 6PM we will watch the video and then discuss what we learn. Come, and bring your friends!

Minister's Musings

Alleluia Intermission

We have all been there. The one voice among the congregation with the accidental "alle..." before biting off the last syllable and remembering that joyful exclamation is on temporary suspension. Oops.

But why? Why do we pause the joy? In a world filled with so much pain and heartbreak, what could possibly be the benefit of losing one of our constant sources of delight? Is God mad? Has God fled? Certainly not! But as we all know, there is something powerful about periods of transition and suspension that build expectation and allow us to experience things differently. And so, Christians, like so many other religious practitioners from various faith traditions, choose to embrace a period of restriction.

In Lent everything about the weekly liturgy shifts from joy and praise to penitence and reflection. We forgo the Gloria in favor of seeking mercy. We

remove the altar flowers and veil the crosses. We limit our music and privilege the minor keys. We choose a reflective posture, stillness, and quiet. For five Sundays our congregational focus will be on the cost of sin rather than the joy of salvation. We can do this free from fear because we know Easter is coming.

We exist in a noisy world and cannot help but be influenced by its clamor. The news, social media, music, friends, and entertainment all loudly tell us what to think and how to feel. During Lent, our churches mark a stark difference in our practice to highlight The Voice that is so often unnoticed above the fray. If it feels jarring or unsettling, in contrast to the outside world, that is an invitation. We do this together, deliberately, so we can hear. We will move from here in forty days with both the joy of anticipated release and a freshly calculated sense of purpose.

If you find yourself cutting off the praise, mid-word, in the next worship service you attend, don't be embarrassed. We are all grateful to know and be reminded that the Alleluia's will soon return! But, for now, we will try to remember together the reason why we are holding ourselves back. Soon enough we will celebrate again. Thanks be to God...

-Rev. Becki

Collect: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and, finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, 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, Aaron Milligan, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Chris Palumbo, 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**

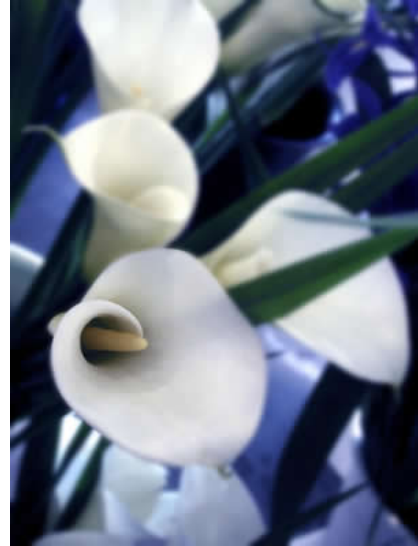
an email to Rev. Becki Casey @ beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger.

Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we lift up The Anglican Church of Canada. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace in Casanova, St. John's in Arlington, and St. Patrick's in Falls Church.

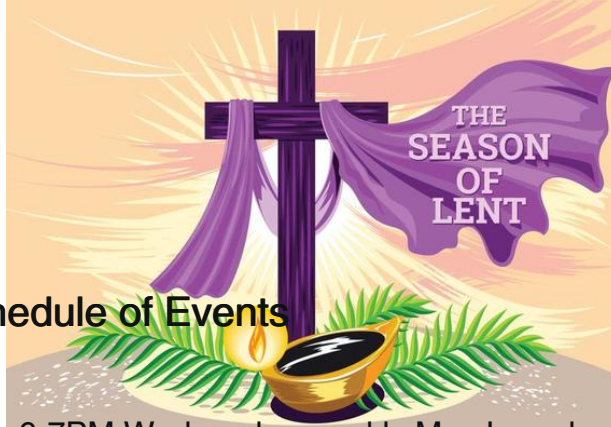
EASTER LILIES

It's time to order Easter Lilies for our altar, for Easter Sunday! Order forms will be available this Sunday. Cash payments can be placed in the offering, marked with your name "for Easter lilies". Checks can be made out to Piedmont Church with a notation in the memo "for Easter Lilies". If you would like to honor someone, please put name in comment section of order form and return forms to Vickie Parker.



Retreat Thank you





Upcoming Schedule of Events

March 12-April 9th 6-7PM Wednesday weekly Max Lucado, Help is Here, video and discussion between potluck and choir.

March 15th 10AM-1PM Grace Church ECW Women's Lenten retreat and luncheon

March 22nd Culpeper Region Small Church Conference, time and place TBD

April 6th 4:30PM Seder Meal and Teaching at Beth Car Baptist with Madison Ministerial Association

April 13th Palm Sunday

April 17th Maundy Thursday 5:30PM Stripping of the Altar at Piedmont and then 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

Study the Constitution!

The group meeting to Study the Constitution has extended their meetings for one more session. They will be meeting Saturday, March 22nd at the Piedmont Parish House at 11 am.



March 8, 2025

Lent Retreat Graves Mill

Preparing Our Hearts

Christians have a long tradition of honoring the 40-day season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Historically this period was marked by reflection, prayer, fasting, confession, and almsgiving. In modern life, it can be challenging to carve out the time to honor Lent in a meaningful way. God is always calling to our hearts, but we often feel that pull distantly through the endless pressure of our schedules. If your soul feels a craving to connect more deeply with God and others, if you desire to pause the busyness of life and make space to hear the voice of God, or if you feel drawn into something you may not even be able to name, then this retreat is for you. Join us and explore what God's Spirit is stirring.

*Led by the Rev. Becki Casey and the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

*Brunch style snacks and finger foods gratefully accepted!

Graves Mill Chapel
104 Bluff Mountain Rd
Madison, VA

9am - 12:30 pm

Sponsored by:

Gaves Mill Chapel
Piedmont Episcopal Church - Madison
Grace Episcopal Church - Standardsville

Madison Lenten Bible Study
sponsored by
Madison Minister's Association

*Each evening study will begin at 4:30
p.m. and will include a lite meal of soup
and bread, followed by a Bible Study.*

Schedule:

Mar. 9 Madison UM Church

Mar. 23 Madison Presbyterian Church

April 5 Beth Carr Baptist Church

Seder with Rabbi Rose

On Saturday, March 15th, the women of Grace, Stanardsville and the women of Piedmont, Madison are invited to attend a morning of Lenten Lessons followed by Lunch.

We will gather in the Grace Church Sanctuary at 10 am. The Rev. Becki Casey will start the morning with prayer, scripture, and meditation, regarding The Purpose of Lent.

The morning will also include art, journaling, sharing, and quiet reflection.

We will then enjoy some fellowship during our soup and salad lunch.

I hope you will be able to attend. If you have any questions please reach out to Rev. Becki or Jeannie Palin.



Creation Care Committee Open House (Via Zoom)

March 18 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

The Diocese of Virginia's Creation Care Committee (CCC) was established by Bishop Peter Lee several decades ago as a way to bring awareness to parishes of God's gift of creation. During the subsequent years, our world has changed. While the CCC continues to celebrate God's gift of creation, it also encourages both parishes and individuals to increase energy efficiency of their properties, reclaim and restore the native habitat around them, and consider spiritual resilience in a climate-changed time. Our work unifies us because of our common faith. We offer worship resources, educational experiences, and safe places for discussion—always focusing on loving Jesus, embodying justice, and trying to serve as disciples. The CCC meets monthly and has two working groups: Habitat Restoration and Spiritual Resilience. We invite you to join us on March 18, 7 PM. Click [here](#) for more information. Register by March 15 by emailing creationcare@episcopalvirginia.org

<https://episcopalvirginia.org/event/creation-care-committee-open-house-zoom/>



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Virginia

*A Lenten Retreat
with
Bishop Susan Goff*

*At Grace and Holy Trinity Church
8 N. Laurel St., Richmond, VA 23220
on
Wednesday, March 19, 2025*

Open to the Public

*"The Desert Shall Rejoice!
Hope in Troubling Times"*

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SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

22 MARCH, 2025

9:30 - 12:30

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