

March 20, 2025



## Piedmont Episcopal Church

The Rev. Becki Casey  
Priest-in-Charge

March 23, 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 23, 2025

**Exodus 3:1-15**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**Luke 13:1-9**

**Psalms 63:1-8**

### Lay Servers - March 23, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Dave Bagby
Usher.....	Dona Hutchinson
Acolyte.....	Jim Landolt
Children's Church.....	Sharon Hicks
Lector.....	Susan Bagby
Intercessor.....	Jaynie Jackson
LEM.....	Karen Czar
Altar Care.....	Beppy White
Fellowship.....	Potluck

## WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

### Tuesday

**7:30 a.m.** Men's Bible Study with Rev. Brad Jackson

### Wednesday

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

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

**6 - 7 p.m.** Lenten Bible Study and Discussion with Rev. Becki

**7 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

### Lenten Group Study

Are you looking for encouragement to support your Lenten practices? This year we are exploring our understanding of and experiences with the Holy Spirit. Each week during Lent we will gather for a potluck dinner at Piedmont Church's Parish House on Wednesday evening for a short Bible study, and then discussion. Dinner will begin at 5:30PM. At 6PM we will begin the study. Come, and bring your friends!

### Lenten Confessions

You may not know this, but The Episcopal Church offers an Anglican rite of confession called The Reconciliation of Penitents. If you are curious, it can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 447. Unlike in the Roman Catholic rite, the Episcopal version is not considered a sacrament, and it is not obligatory. However, many Episcopalians embrace this rite as part of their Lenten practice. The Reverend Becki is pleased to hear the confessions of anyone who desires. Please contact her to arrange a time.

## Minister's Musings

### Sanitary Sacraments

Dear friends, ever since our world faced its most recent global pandemic, the church has wrestled with the safest way to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion. We all remember what it was like when our gatherings were restricted entirely and the ongoing concern we felt when, on returning, we masked during worship. We all desire to receive The Eucharist, and we all need to know that we are as safe as possible. Health in our world will remain an ongoing concern. Throughout the COVID-19 ordeal, scientific studies were undertaken to learn, assess, and determine the best way for the church to move forward. A year ago, The Diocese of Virginia issued a statement for practices moving forward based off the findings of these results. Last week, I attended a training with our diocesan bishops, and they asked the priests to bring the churches into compliance with that statement.

If you would like to see the statement or reference the studies for yourself, you can find the information [here](#).

The essence of the report states that drinking wine directly from the chalice is the cleanest, safest, way for the whole congregation to receive. Many people feel that dipping the bread into the wine is safer than sharing the cup, but fingertips inevitably get into the chalice, and they are far less clean. Chalice bearers wipe and turn the cup after each person has been served and the silver of the chalice itself acts as a protection against germs. In essence, sipping is safer than dipping.

The change we will be making is to encourage everyone to sip directly from the chalice. Intinction (dipping) will now ONLY be done by the priest who will use hand sanitizer before serving, limiting the number of fingers inside the chalice. We prefer for everyone to sip but understanding how uncomfortable that is for people who have never done so. Consequently, intinction will remain an option ONLY from the priest's hands.

When you come to the altar rail, you will have three options for the chalice. First, you can raise your hands as usual, receive, and consume the bread before using your hands to guide the chalice to your lips to taste the wine. Second, you can use one hand to point to your other palm, indicating your desire for intinction, at which point I will dip the bread into the wine and hand it to you for consumption. Third, if you prefer to take the bread and abstain from the wine altogether, you can consume the bread and then cross your hands over your chest, so the chalice bearer knows your wish. Be assured, those who come to the altar desiring the sacrament, having consumed the bread, have received the full grace of the sacrament (BCP. 457).

Most of us have attended church so long that we participate in the liturgical movements with very little thought. Our bodies perform their way through the liturgy by rote. Changing our well-worn habits can be difficult. Even if our hearts are willing, retraining our bodies can take effort. I expect this transition

to take some time to feel comfortable. I am grateful for your willingness to trust our church's leadership and bend our practices to ensure the safety of the whole community. May we be patient with one another as we practice something new together!

-Rev. Becki



## 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, Ryan Mahanes, 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.**

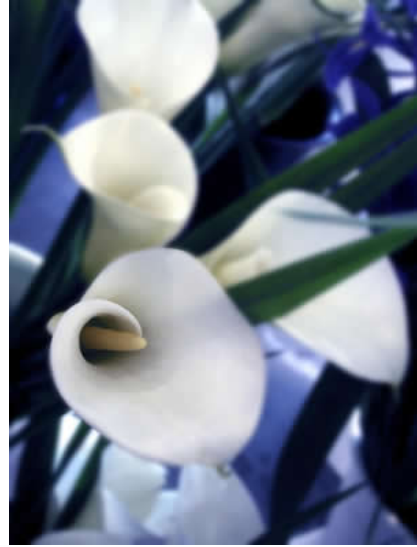
**\*If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Becki Casey @ [beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com](mailto:beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com) by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger.**

## Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we lift up Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Shrine Mont Camps and The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

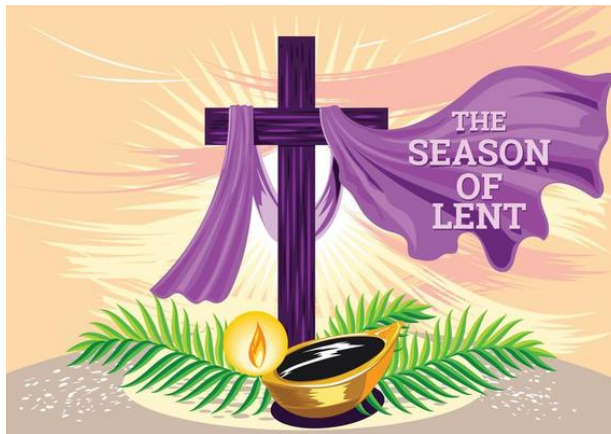
# EASTER LILIES

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 the name in comment section of the order form and return forms to Vickie Parker.



## Lenten Lessons

Thank you to Rev. Becki Casey, Kay John and Jeanie Palin for leading the women of Piedmont and Grace Church in Lenten Lessons. Thank you to all that helped provide a delicious lunch. Many attended and spent time in prayer, scripture and fellowship.



## Upcoming Schedule of Events

March 12 - April 9th -- 6-7PM Wednesdays - Bible Study and discussion between potluck and choir

March 22nd - Culpeper Region Small Church Conference 9:30AM-12:30PM at St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper

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

April 13th- Palm Sunday

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

### **Madison Lenten Bible Study sponsored by Madison Minister's Association**

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

Schedule:

March 9 Madison UM Church

March 23 Madison Presbyterian Church

April 6 Beth Carr Baptist Church

Seder with Rabbi Rose

### **Instructional Passover Seder**

On Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30PM, at Beth Car Baptist Church, in Madison, the Madison Ministerial Association is hosting an instructional Passover Seder. Rabi Rose Jacob will be leading us through the components and stories of the Passover festival. The Passover meal will be provided. All are invited at no cost. However, to ensure the preparation of the proper amount of food, RSVPs are requested. Please let Becki know if you hope to attend.

### **SHRINE MONT SUMMER CAMPS - FOR ALL AGES!**

Looking for a meaningful summer experience for your child, teen, or even the whole family? Shrine Mont Camps offer multiple sleep-away camps, each one distinguished by unique themes, type of camper, activities of focus, and different age groups. Located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, all campers enjoy fun activities, outdoor adventures, and building friendships in an inclusive Christian community. Visit [www.shrinemontcamps.org](http://www.shrinemontcamps.org) for more information and to register online. Scholarships available.



## SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

**22 MARCH, 2025**

**9:30 - 12:30**

**St. Stephen's  
Culpeper, VA**

CULPEPERREGION@GMAIL.COM

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