

**March 27, 2025**



## **Piedmont Episcopal Church**

**The Rev. Becki Casey  
Priest-in-Charge**

**March 30, 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 30, 2025**

Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Psalm 32

### **Lay Servers - March 30, 2025**

Vestry Person.....	Beppy White
Usher.....	Beppy White
Acolyte.....	Karen Czar
Children's Church.....	Jaynie Jackson
Lector.....	Sharon Hicks
Intercessor.....	Anthony Smith
LEM.....	Susan Bagby
Altar Care.....	Beppy White
Fellowship.....	Daughter's of the King

## 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

### Celebrating Spring Like Flowers

Tuesday, March 25th, was the celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation (the day Gabriel appeared to Mary, telling her she would be the mother of God). Nearly every branch of Christianity commemorates this sacred moment. Mary's response to the angel is something worth celebrating! Unlike most of the Biblical figures called by God, who responded to their callings with the resistance of butts and can'ts, Mary's response was unique. She was certainly confused, but her words indicated curiosity rather than opposition. She responded in wonderment, not aversion. And then, after Gabriel's unspecific answer to her question, "how can this be?" She replied, "may it be done to me according to your word". She didn't insist on answers or list her limitations. She was open; open to the impossible, open to change, open to hope.

In my opinion, this is the perfect feast day to celebrate spring!

Every day, for the past two weeks, I have stepped into my garden in surprise at the new life emerging. Lenten Roses, yellow daffodils, purple hyacinth, pea plants more than an inch tall now, and so many new and, as yet, unknown green stalks appearing every day. These brave plants feel the pull of Spring, the call of the sunshine, beckoning to their buried, sleeping selves. They do not know that when they pierce the top of the soil, they may encounter stinging rain, cold snow, or frozen nights. They don't worry about what exists beyond. They merely respond to the call of Spring. Like Mary, they don't argue or resist. And as a result, we all benefit from their beauty.

Unlike the Spring bulbs, we do know what exists out here in the world. The threat and loss of this place can lead many to fear and hate. All of it can make us feel so unsafe. Which is why celebrating Mary and Spring are so important! Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that this world was made by God, and it was made good. We are made of God, and we have such capacity for good. Mary said "yes" to Gabriel. She didn't allow her fear to dampen her openness. The flowers say "yes" to the pull of the sun. We too can join in the legacy of the brave who go before us with curious hearts, willing to be surprised by good, eagerly blossoming through hope. Christ was resurrected so that we too may experience the power of life and hope over despair and death. May we be willing!

-Rev. Becki

Collect: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, 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.**

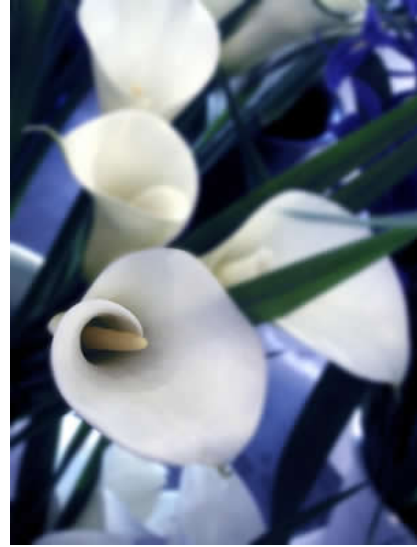
## Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we lift up Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Incarnation in Mineral, St. George's in Fredericksburg, St. Michael's in Arlington, and St. Paul's in Hanover.

## EASTER LILIES

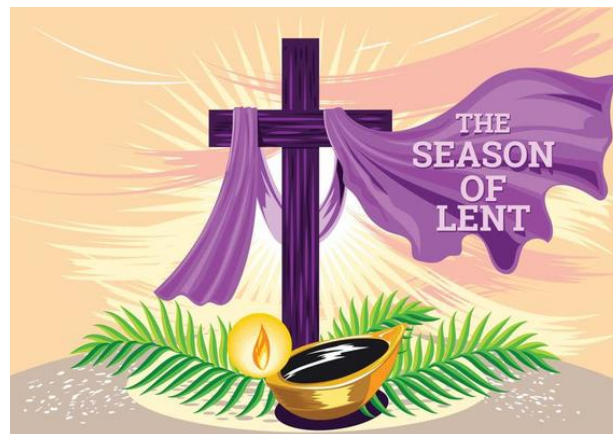
It's time to order Easter Lilies for our altar, for Easter Sunday! Order forms will be available this Sunday. Cash payments can be placed in the offering, marked with your name "for Easter

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.



### **The Passion Readings and Easter Brunch Sign up**

Thanks to all who have signed up to participate in services during the month of April. There are two other sign-ups for April still to come! On Palm Sunday, we will be reading the passion gospel as a narrative and will need several lectors to take assigned parts. Also, on Easter Sunday we will have a brunch at 10am before our 11 am worship and there will be a sign-up to assist in planning.



### **Upcoming Schedule of Events**

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

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

### **Graves Mill Service and Potluck**

This coming Sunday, March 30th, is a fifth Sunday. We will have an evening prayer service at Graves Chapel at 4:00, followed by a potluck dinner. Reverend Brad Jackson will offer communion at the service. Please join us for the service and bring a dish to pass for the dinner that follows.

### **Instructional Passover Seder**

On Sunday, April 6th, 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.



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Canned fruits  
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