

November 21, 2024



Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

November 24, 11 am - Holy Eucharist

Bishop Ted Gulick

**Readings for November 24, 2024**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-13 (14-19)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**Lay Servers - November 24, 2024**

Vestry Person.....Jaynie Jackson

Usher.....Kay John

Acolyte.....Jim Landolt

Lector.....Bill Birkhofer

Intercessor.....Kathryn Thomas

Bishop's Chaplain.....Joe Parker

Altar Care.....Kay John/Sharon Hicks

Fellowship.....Bishop's Reception

**WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH**

## Tuesday

**7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in the Sun room**

## Wednesday

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

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

**6:30 p.m. Choir Practice - Brad Jackson**

## Friday

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



### **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, Vera Griffin, Brad and Lydia Hansen, Ginger Hawkins, Zoe Hubbard, Shelby Jean Hull, Kim, Marilyn Myers, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Chris Palumbo, Robert, Pat Roberts, Steve Sanford, Ann Skidmore, Sarah, Carolyn Stanley, Joe Stanley and Robert Ulrich.**

**\*If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Deacon 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 The Anglican Church of South America. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we lift up Creator Parish in Mechanicsville and Emmanuel Parish in Middleburg.

## Celebrating Commitments with Our Chief Pastor

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11AM, Bishop Ted Gulick will be worshipping with us at Piedmont Church. According to The Book of Common Prayer, bishops are “pastors of the church, exercising a ministry of oversight and supervision.” Bishops also “act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.” Part of their work in building up the church is through presiding at Confirmations, Reaffirmations, and Receptions. This week we have the joy of participating in services honoring the Confirmation of Wes Napier from Grace Church, Stanardsville, and James Bemis from Piedmont, along with the reaffirmation of Carolyn Stanley and the Reception of Karen Czar. Please join us in celebration over God's continued work in these precious lives!

### "MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

#### Christ the King

*Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

This Sunday is the feast day of “Christ the King”. Unlike most of our feast days, this celebration is relatively new. Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in 1925 as a response to the rise of fascism through Benito Mussolini. His aim was to remind Christians of their fidelity to Christ over and above earthly powers and rulers. At a time in Europe where political fervor was growing and political leaders were looked to as beacons of strength and decisiveness, Christians were invited to remember Christ's ultimate victory.

The tendency of human consciousness is to associate power with dominance. But Jesus illustrates the strength of his kingship through compassion, service, justice, and lovingkindness. To be followers of the way of Christ, the mantle we must take up is one of humility. The Scriptures promise the rise and fall of many human kingdoms. None of them are eternal. None will provide salvation. Only one kingdom will last forever, and we make it our aim to align ourselves with that kingdom's identity. As we face conflict in our political landscape, our Christian hope lies with Jesus Christ, the King of all kings.

-Rev. Becki

*Collect: Most Gracious God, who in Jesus of Nazareth showed us an alternative to the kings, queens and emperors of history, help us to revere and emulate Jesus' leadership: To love, and to seek justice for all people. Help us*

*to recognize the true grandeur and life-changing power based in loving you and all of our neighbors. In Christ Jesus with you and the Holy Spirit, may we co-create a world ruled not through domination, but in that radical and all-powerful compassion and love. Amen. (-Susan Russell)*

## The Wealth in Our Tradition

Have you ever noticed the size of our prayer book? It's not as small as our printed bulletins sometimes lead us to believe. In fact, it is filled with loads of tools and liturgies we seldom use. Along with the morning, evening, and noonday services, the lists of lectionary readings, the entire book of Psalms, and extensive prayer lists, there are also five different Eucharistic Prayers. Many people who grew up in The Episcopal Church remember when the Rite One service, composed in Elizabethan English, was the universal language of prayer. In 1979, The Church, recognizing the evolution of modern English, adopted The Book of Common Prayer as it is found in today's pews. Additionally, The Hymnal 1982 contains a multiplicity of both hymns and service music.

Most worshipping communities develop an affinity for one of the Eucharistic Prayers, just like they do for certain hymns and service music. There is enormous benefit and comfort found in repeating the same words in the same ways Sunday after Sunday. There is also tremendous advantage in hearing and participating in the liturgy in different ways. The same thoughts, communicated differently, can transform our way of understanding God, engaging in prayer, and experiencing worship. Those who crafted our prayer book understood the blessing of variance within our worship.

Together, we are going to begin an experiment. As we enter Advent this year, we will embark on a journey of discovery. Instead of Eucharistic Prayer A, we will engage prayer B. We will practice singing, instead of reciting, the Sursum Corda. We may even try some different service music.

As we expand our use of the prayer book, I am eager to hear how each of you experience the service. I invite your impressions, feedback, and engagement with how we shape our liturgy in the future. Feel free to read the other prayers and consider for yourself how the differences impact you. Talk with each other. What do you love? What feels uncomfortable? Is there something you would like to have us try? Our worship is a communal expression and experience before God. Together, let us explore our faith and enter worship with curiosity and the expectation of illumination.

-Rev. Becki



## Coffee with CASA

Bring a Friend!

Friday, 11/22/24 at 10 am

Join Us at Cake Krums Cafe to learn about the advocacy work of Piedmont CASA and enjoy a cake pop on us!

CASA Volunteers needed for children in foster care in Greene and Madison



Learn more about CASA Volunteers



Looking for a way to make a difference in a child's life? Piedmont CASA is now providing advocates for children and youth in foster care in Greene and Madison. As a CASA Volunteer, you will be the voice for a child in need. Your advocacy will bring hope - and a better chance at a better future. Join our team of dedicated CASA Volunteers and make a difference in your community today!



pcasa.org  
434.971.7515

## Upcoming Dates

As we inch our way into holiday season, please be looking ahead with us. There are some exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss. Some are for attending. Some are for noting and marking with prayer support.

November 7-9: The Diocese of Virginia's Annual Convention (please be praying for our church's leadership)

November 24: Bishop Ted Gulick's visit to Piedmont

November 27: Interreligious Thanksgiving Service at Piedmont at 5pm

December 3: Wandering into Advent beginning at Piedmont from 5:30-8pm

December 14: Morning Advent Retreat at Grave's Chapel

December 24: 7:30PM and 10:30PM Christmas Eve Eucharist Services  
December 29: Lessons and Carols at 11AM with Piedmont at Grace

**Please Join Us for a Madison Community  
Thanksgiving Worship Service**

**Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street  
just down Church Street from the Madison Courthouse**

**An offering of canned goods, coats or donations will be  
gratefully received for the Madison Emergency Services  
Association, M.E.S.A.**



Madison Ministers' Association

## Wander Into Advent

Join us for a evening of enlightenment as we prepare our spirits for Advent. We will begin with dinner at Piedmont Episcopal, followed by the Message at Madison UMC. We will conclude our wandering at Madison Presbyterian with dessert and a special activity.

**DEC 3rd: 5:30-8:00 PM**



All Are Welcome



## Jesus Born and Born Again

Presented by

*The Madison Choral Society*

Directed by Ethan Wagner

Friday, December 6

7:30 P.M.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Orange, VA

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Sunday, December 8

4:30 P.M.

Mt. Carmel Church

Haywood, VA

# ADVENT RETREAT

WITH BISHOP SUSAN E. GOFF

*An Advent of Hope*

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To register, please email,  
[office@hoco.org](mailto:office@hoco.org) with the number of  
people in your group.

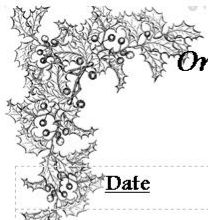
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4819 Monument Ave  
Richmond, VA 23230  
[www.hoco.org](http://www.hoco.org)



## Loaves and Fishes

PEC's last Loaves and Fishes packages (40) for this year will be delivered to the Madison Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, November 25. Please use the following list as you shop for your weekly or holiday food needs, filling in the shopping list available in the Parish House this Sunday, November 10th. Please bring your items on November 17th if possible but no later than November 24th, as we will pack the bags on the 24th for delivery on the 26th. **Thank You for your generous donations and support!**





## Orange/Madison Community December 2024 Concerts

All Concerts are FREE!

| <u>Date</u>                | <u>Time</u>      | <u>Organization/Place</u>                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| December 6th               | 7:30pm           | <b>Madison Choral Society</b><br>St. Thomas Episcopal Church |
| December 8th               | 4:30pm           | <b>Madison Choral Society</b><br>Mt. Carmel Church, Haywood  |
| December 9th<br>Sing Along | 7:30pm           | <b>Rapidan Orchestra</b><br>The Music Room in Orange         |
| December 13th              | 7:30pm           | <b>Orange Community Chorus</b><br>Orange Presbyterian Church |
| December 14th<br>& 15th    | 5:00pm<br>7:30pm | <b>Singing Christmas Tree</b><br>Orange Baptist Church       |
| December 15th              | 3:30pm           | <b>Orange Community Band</b><br>Orange County High School    |
| December 17th              | 7:30pm           | <b>Messiah Sing-a-Long</b><br>St. Thomas Episcopal Church    |
| December 19th              | 6:30             | <b>BRAVO Concert</b><br>The Music Room in Orange             |

### Services of Lessons and Carols

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|---------------|--------|------------------------------|
| December 13th | 6:30pm | Walker's Chapel, Madison Co. |
| December 19th | 7:00pm | Woodberry Forest School      |
| December 24th | 5:30pm | Orange Baptist Church        |
| December 24th | 7:30pm | Orange Presbyterian Church   |

## The Diocese of Virginia Presents A Creation Care Webinar November 12th

**Creation Care Webinar with Bishop Stevenson: Reflections on Hurricane Katrina**

Date December 12, 2024

Time 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Our new era of “extreme weather” promises storms that can smash infrastructure, wash away communities and lives, leave millions without power and the basic necessities of life. We are now also beginning to understand the lingering impact of “invisible” trauma on survivors, and the societal challenge of “climate refugees” within our own borders.

What tools exist for faith leaders, both ordained and lay, to prepare spiritually and to sustain their congregations in this new era? What does spiritual resilience look like for catastrophic weather events and their long aftermath?

Bishop Stevenson took up his post as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Louisiana shortly before Hurricane Katrina struck in late August, 2005. Hurricane Katrina caused the deaths of at least 1,833 people while hundreds of thousands were displaced. A conservative estimate of damage was \$100 billion.

The Spiritual Resilience Working Group of the diocesan Creation Care Committee invites you to a webinar via Zoom with Bishop Stevenson, where he will share his insights from this experience.

December 12, at 4 PM. There will be time for Q & A.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

## Second Annual Coat Collection

We will be collecting new and gently used coats between Nov 1st and Nov 25th. You can drop off coats on the carport, at Piedmont Episcopal Church parish house, right next to the church. 214 Church St. Madison, VA. Please call Karen at 908-337-9754 to let her know when you drop off or if she needs to pick up coats. Sponsored by churches in Madison County.

## MESA

## Madison Emergency Services Association

Saturday DECEMBER 7, 2024

10 am - 12 noon  
927 Orange Road  
Madison, VA 22727

There will be FREE Coats of all sizes for all ages!



Grief Support Group

**Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church St  
Madison, VA**

**First Tuesday of each month at 6 pm**

**December 3, 2024**

**Place: Piedmont Fellowship House, next door to the church, living  
room, enter through the kitchen door in the carport**

**Grace Episcopal Church, 97 Main St.  
Stanardsville, VA 22973**

**Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm**

**December 17, 2024**

## Grief Support Group



***No one should have to grieve alone.***

Grace and Piedmont Episcopal Churches together with Gentiva Hospice are offering a support group that will provide spiritual and faith-based gatherings designed to accompany each person in their unique walk with grief from the loss of a loved one or any other of the losses that life immerses us in, loss of job, relationships, or way, the grief brought about from fear of the future, the news, or our culture.

Madeleine L'engle in talking about her own experience says, "Bereavement is not the truncation of...love, but one of its regular phases."

Join us as we learn to walk this new and difficult path together. We need one another.

Meetings:

Places: Piedmont Episcopal Church, [www.piedmontepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.piedmontepiscopalchurch.org)

First Tuesday of each month at 6 PM, Enter the Fellowship House thru the carport, we will meet in in the living room,

Grace Episcopal Church, [www.gracechurchstanardsville.org/general](http://www.gracechurchstanardsville.org/general)

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, Come in the side door on Ford Avenue; we will meet in the Sunday School room to the left down the hall

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