

May 1, 2025



Piedmont Episcopal Church

214 Church Street
Madison, Va 22727

The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge

May 4, 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 May 4, 2025

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Psalms 30

Lay Servers - May 4, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Dave Bagby
Usher.....	Beppy White
Acolyte.....	Molly Sanford
Children's Church.....	Joe Parker
Lector.....	Susan Bagby
Intercessor.....	Rev. Becki
LEM.....	Dave Bagby
Altar Care.....	Kay John/Sharon Hicks
Fellowship.....	Dona Hutchinson

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

6:30 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



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 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 Church of Ireland. In our Diocesan

Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church in Charlottesville, Emmanuel in Harrisonburg, and Trinity in Arlington.

Minister's Musings

Sustained Through Joy

This week I spent three days at a clergy retreat at Shrine Mont. Our keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Bertice Berry, who encouraged us to claim joy. She noted the number of times we push aside, fail to feel, or even notice the good things God offers us as gifts. In view of our current world's events, she encouraged us to look for, receive, and enjoy life's gifts when they come. She affirmed the development of our resilience through pausing to appreciate the joys of life. Too often we downplay compliments, rush past a good laugh, don't notice the love infused through the hug of a friend, or are too filled with anxiety from the news to celebrate simple victories. Bertice affirmed through her own story, the challenges and pains of life. But, greater still, she declared the power of joy to sustain us through those difficulties.

Friday, May 2nd, is the feast day of Saint Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, arguably one of the most significant theologians in the history of the church. Athanasius lived in the mid fourth century, a time of enormous development and controversy over Christian doctrine. During that time, a man named Arius rose in prominence, teaching against the divinity of Christ and the trinity. Athanasius battled against that heresy, gaining the name "Father of Orthodoxy", helping to develop the theology of the Nicene Creed.

Athanasius was loved and respected by those who shared his views. Heretics and schismatics, however, used all the powers at their disposal to disparage and harm Athanasius and his message. He was exiled five times during his life. He was accused of being too young to be a bishop. To discredit his preaching, he was defamed for committing theft, murder, witchcraft, and even for being responsible for a famine. His life was one of struggle, yet he never wavered on his mission.

We have the privilege to repeat the Creeds every week, crossing ourselves in the name of the trinity, and our familiarity with these truths can numb us to the tears and effort that mapped them for us. The struggles of our lives can fool us into thinking the times in which we live are worse than ever before. Worse still, focusing on the world's failings can deceive us into believing those failings are the thing upon which we should fixate. But Athanasius left us an example of a man whose eyes remained on Christ regardless of those who set themselves against that message.

Our participation in bringing the Kingdom of God starts with acknowledging the fallenness of a broken world, not seeking to escape it. God gives us the gift of joy to sustain us through our work in this world. Seeing joy and naming it when the hurt and fear loom large, is not easy. Allowing ourselves to name and feel it, is the sustenance God offers us for the journey. Even amid pain, God

always offers us goodness. May we have the grace to walk in it, to laugh, dance, and savor the joy. And may our absorption of joy sustain us as it did our brother Saint Athanasius to fulfill the work God has ahead.

-Rev. Becki

Sunday's Baptism

This Sunday, May 4th, we will be celebrating the baptism of Nic Bullen! Please join us in welcoming Nic's adoption into the family of God and affirming our commitment to support Nic in his life with Christ!

Worship Leader Training

Liturgy is defined as "the work of the people". Our church is blessed to have a robust crew of volunteers who participate in the work of preparation for worship every week. The altar guild lays the groundwork in advance of the service. Then lectors, intercessors, ushers, lay eucharistic ministers, Sunday school teachers, and acolytes all work together to make our services an opportunity for meaningful worship. During our stewardship campaign, many people signed up to continue or start serving in new ways. We have been working to coordinate updated protocols as our procedures have shifted. In May, we plan to offer trainings for all our various service roles. If you would like to participate in Sunday worship, we need your participation! Please let Becki know if evenings or Saturdays work better for a scheduled training.



Come Away with Me... Culpeper Regional Retreat

Who doesn't love summer camp?! The amazing Culpeper Region has joined once again to offer a camp experience for us to share. The camp will be held at Shrine Mont for the weekend of July 11-13. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from around the diocese, enjoy fun, fellowship, and worship together away from the pressures of home.

The costs are for double occupancy rooms for adults are \$91 per person, per night (plus tax) or \$182 for the weekend. The cost includes meals. If an adult would like a private room, it is \$119 per night. Children 4-13 years old cost \$62 per night. Scholarships are available, so do not let the cost keep you from registering!

A deposit needs to be placed to hold our rooms, so please let Becki know if you are interested in this exciting experience.

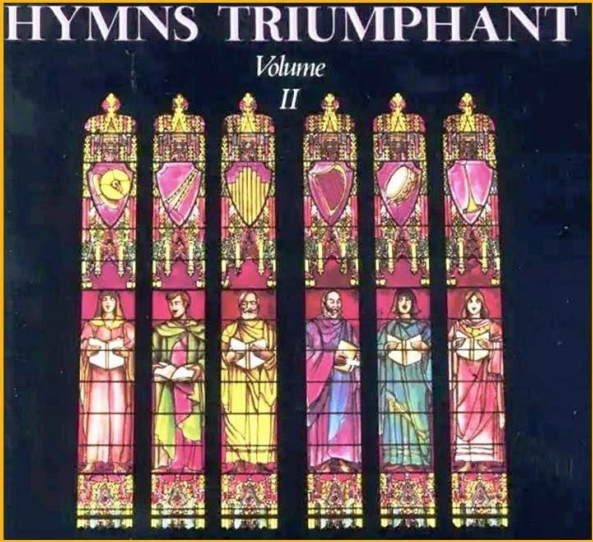
Piedmont Parish Directory Completed!

Our 2025 parish directory is completed! Copies will be available starting this Sunday. Please pick up a copy. Thank you to all that helped gather and update this information and prepare this year's directory.

The Madison Choral Society presents

HYMNS TRIUMPHANT

Volume
II



The Triumph of the Christian Life

A Symphonic Choral Suite Based on
Traditional Hymns Arranged by Lee Holdridge

Ethan Wagner, Director

Friday, May 2, 2025	Sunday, May 4, 2025
7:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.
Orange Baptist Church	Mt. Carmel Church
Orange, VA	Haywood, VA



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who has provided flowers for our altar this year. There are only three pairs of Sundays remaining for making a gift of altar flowers in 2025. These available dates are 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.

Piedmont Episcopal Church | 214 Church Street | Madison, VA 22727 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!