

April 24, 2025



Piedmont Episcopal Church

214 Church Street
Madison, Va 22727

The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge

April 27, 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 April 27, 2025

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Psalm 150

Lay Servers - April 27, 2025

Vestry Person.....Dave Bagby
Usher.....Beppy White
Acolyte.....Karen Czar
Children's Church.....Eve Bargmann
Lector.....Jessalyn Fink
Intercessor.....Priest
LEM.....Susan Bagby
Altar Care.....Vickie Parker
Fellowship.....Sharon/Karen

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 the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Buck Mountain in Earlysville, Good Shepherd in Bluemont, St. Paul's in Alexandria, and St. Paul's Memorial in Charlottesville.

Minister's Musings

Legacies of Reconciliation

On Monday in Easter Week Pope Francis left this world and entered his eternal rest. April 21st is also the feast day of Saint Anselm. In view of Pope Francis' life and the legacy St. Anselm, it is perhaps not a coincidence that this particular date has linked them for us. The ministry of both these men were marked by navigating the troubled relationships of powerful systems around them to provide growth and peace between people previously divided.

Pope Francis was best known for challenging the boundaries around the Roman Catholic church. He was the first pope to come from outside of Europe. He pushed the church to value the lives and voices of those on the fringes of society, the poor, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community. He appointed a far more diverse group of bishops than any of his predecessors and he worked to create unity across religious lines. His life consistently illustrated the humility of a servant in contrast to the supremacy of his title. He lived 900 years after St. Anselm but shared his heartbeat.

St. Anselm lived in England during the late eleventh century, positioned as a religious leader between warring monarchs, ecclesiastical, and papal authorities. It was during his life that The Great Schism occurred, dividing the Eastern Orthodox and Western Roman Catholic churches. His refusal to deny his moral and theological convictions in the face of such conflict sent him into exile twice. Nevertheless, the church recognized the spirit of wisdom through his life and canonized him, eventually also making him a doctor of the church.

Saint Anselm was noted for laying some sophisticated theological groundwork; he had a scholastically driven mind. While I appreciate his philosophical principles, the thing I find most winsome about him is the appeal he makes to reason, rather than pure deference to Medieval scholasticism. He encouraged people to think, argue, and strive to understand God. He assumed the world was created by a God who desired to be known and would therefore express divinity through the created order. He trusted God to work through the minds and hearts of thinking humans.

In a time when our culture elevates divisiveness and tribalism, I take inspiration from those who illustrate their faith through the wisdom of humility and love.

-Rev Becki

Collect: Almighty God, whose servant Anselm helped your church to understand its faith in your eternal Being, perfect justice, and saving mercy: Provide your church in all ages with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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.

Creation Care April 2025

Happy Earth Month.

Earth Day has taken 55 years to become a month and, I think, every day should be an Earth Day. Earth Day was this last Tuesday and it is no coincidence that it falls in what our Orthodox siblings call "Bright Week", the week after Easter.

It is also the time when the Resurrected Jesus walked the earth and invites us to join Him. Archbishop Hosam of the Diocese of Jerusalem calls the Resurrection a calling, not a comfort. It is the glorious mystery

of our faith and, I believe, that time when we are called out from whatever tomb that we have built for ourselves to follow Jesus in the Way of taking care of each other and all of God's Creation.

"Nature is a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise"

These are words left behind by Pope Francis, always an advocate for our climate and God's world; I can only imagine what sights that he is seeing now.

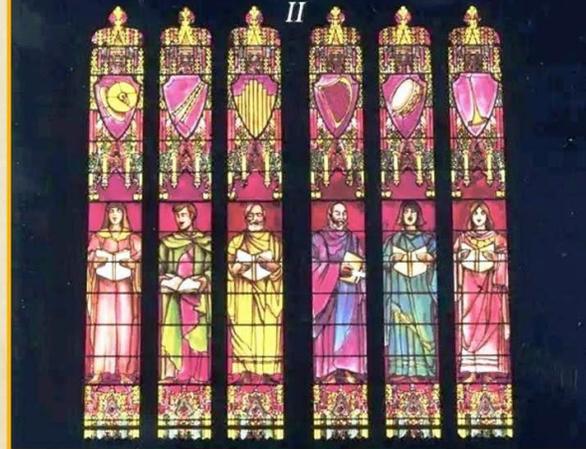
This Easter Season and for Earth Month and for all times, we are invited out to enjoy the mystery of Creation with gladness and praise and join hands in caring for the least of these, wherever we might find them.

In His service,
Deacon Kathryn

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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
7:30 P.M.
Orange Baptist Church
Orange, VA

Sunday, May 4, 2025
4:30 P.M.
Mt. Carmel Church
Haywood, VA

Annual Review of Piedmont and Grace Church Covenant

Many of you may have heard us speak about this "Covenant" that was created last year between Grace and Piedmont Church. But what's it all about? Why was it created? What's the purpose of it? Who's idea was it? Just a few questions you may have!

The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Transitional Minister, from the Virginia Episcopal Diocese, worked with Grace and Piedmont last spring, as we began our search for a new priest-in-charge. With her assistance, both church vestries worked to create a document. It consists of three main sections: administrative, financial and spiritual. And contains both churches mission statements. While describing our relationship with Grace church, it serves as a guide should any conflict arise between us. Both Grace and Piedmont agreed to a yearly review of it.

Copies of the covenant have been placed on the bulletin boards in the sanctuary and the parish house. If anyone would like to review it, please feel free to pick up a copy. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Becki or any member of the vestry.

-Sharon Hicks



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who has provided flowers for our altar this year. There are only four pairs of Sundays remaining for making a gift of altar flowers in 2025. These available dates are May 18- 25 , 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.

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