



**SHADY
GROVE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**“Magnifying Jesus Christ by ministering His gospel to
ourselves, our community and around the world”**

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Welcome to Shady Grove Presbyterian Church!

Our Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45am, in person and broadcast live on YouTube

Sunday Evening Cornerstone Youth Group Tonight, 6:00-7:45pm

Late Morning Prayer (Tuesday and Friday, 11:00-11:30) on Zoom

Thursday evening Cornerstone Bible Study this week, 7:00-8:40pm

Dates to Remember

1/25 Women's Prayer Meeting

1/26 Cornerstone Youth Game Night

1/27 Mom's Night Out

1/28 New! Monthly Church-wide Prayer Meeting

2/4 Souper Bowl Church Lunch

2/16-18 Cornerstone Arctic Blast Winter Retreat

3/16 One-day Family Conference with Julie Lowe

See updates and details on our website (<https://shadygrovepca.org/>)

Facebook page ([ShadyGrovePCA](#)) & Instagram ([ShadyGrovePCA](#))



New Here?

Welcome to Shady Grove!

We're glad you're here! Please visit our welcome center in the lobby or scan the QR code to fill out a connect card.



Shady Grove Adults

Prayer Meeting, January 28

We will begin meeting monthly at the home of Charlie and Kim Baile in Gaithersburg the last Sunday of each month. The first meeting will be **January 28**, 6:15-7:45pm.

Winter Sunday School Classes

Russ Rushton will continue to teach *Knowing God* in room 10/11 and a variety of teachers will teach the Epistle of Hebrews, meeting in room 13. The winter quarter of Sunday School meets weekly until February 25.

Giving Options

In addition to online giving (<https://shadygrovepca.org/give/>) or mailing in your checks, there is a Check Deposit Box located outside the church office, resembling a mail slot.

Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

Please plan to join us on Sunday, **February 4** after the morning service for our Souper Bowl Sunday lunch. We'll have soup, chili, game food, sodas and desserts. Come for some soup, stay for the fellowship! [Sign up](#) to bring something SOUPER!

Family Conference, Saturday, March 16, 2024 with Julie Lowe

More information will be coming soon, but make your plans to attend a Saturday one-day family conference with teacher and counselor [Julie Lowe](#). Our goal is to equip parents to face the difficult issues culture presents to our children and teens.



Shady Grove Women

Upcoming Women's Bible Studies

The Place 4 You Bible Study recently completed a study on the first half of Exodus. Please make plans to join us this January as we study *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40*, with Jen Wilkin. The new study begins the week of **January 8**. We meet weekly on Tuesdays (**January 16**), 9:30am-noon and Thursdays (**January 18**), 7:00-9:00pm. Workbooks will be available in each class for \$10. Come and be blessed! Please contact the church office if you are bringing children.

In-Person Women's Prayer Meeting

All women are invited to gather to pray together on Thursday, **Jan 25** from 2-3pm in room 10/11.

Mom's Night Out

Jackie Davidson and Hannah Hawes are organizing a mom's night on Saturday, **January 27** at 6:30pm, hosted by Anne Wolfe. Moms will be meeting at Nagoya Sushi, 402 King Farm Blvd #130, Rockville, MD 20850. Please contact the office with questions.



Shady Grove Missions

"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." Jn 4:35b

The ***White Fields offering*** is a missions offering we have done for many years as a church. It is an annual offering raising funds to respond to the one time needs of our domestic and international missionaries, and to support our church's annual short term missions trips.

Each year the missions committee prayerfully selects recipients for a portion of the offering. This past year, **Covenant Village** (the Christian retreat center that hosts our youth and men's retreats), **International Students Inc** (Hon Lam's student ministry at Montgomery College), and the **Shannons in Peru** (for the construction of a center to minister to people with disabilities) were among the ministries supported. We were also blessed to provide financial assistance to ministries with specific needs to help fill financial shortfalls. The White Fields offering also enabled us to send two short-term missions trips this year, one to Colombia and one to Honduras, both of which ministered in large part to rural indigenous populations with limited access to biblical teaching.

Two of the ministries we would like to support this year include the ministry of **Sarah Lokos** (working with local youth with FCA), and **the Dillons** (church planting at a multi-ethnic church in Panama). We are also looking at a new missionary project we can support and planning to send short-term teams next year to Columbia and Honduras, building on existing relationships.

Our goal is to raise \$35,000. We have raised \$24,400 to date. The drive will run through the end of January. You can give online or by writing "White Fields" in the memo line of your

check. There are also envelopes labeled White Fields at the entrance of the church sanctuary. You can give towards White Fields at any time of the year, but giving at this time helps the committee prepare better for how to distribute the funds. The missions committee would like to thank you in advance for your generous gifts to the work of expanding the reach of the Gospel.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Missionaries of the Month

Russ Isler, Good News Jail Ministry, Montgomery County

Russ will be retiring from the Chaplaincy on January 31, 2024 after 25 years of service in Montgomery County. Please pray for a capable replacement who will carry on this great work. Please continue to pray for Russ's family and health. Continue to pray for MCCF as it continues to adjust to the times that we are in. ***A personal note from Russ:*** I am so thankful to have been an agent of the gospel behind walls for this many years. I am beyond thankful for the support that this church has given me and this work throughout the years. Blessings and peace, Chaplain Isler

Ryan Bratt, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), Univ of MD

Ryan started with RUF in the summer of 2023. Here are some of Ryan's reflections on his first semester.

1. God is at work at Maryland. We have an incredible group of students who have been raised in the church who are growing and maturing as they learn to live out their faith away from home. But we also have students questioning and exploring faith.
2. Our students need prayer. They face many challenges and pressures on campus—from secularism and a culture that rarely understands and often opposes the Christian faith, and pressure to define themselves by their grades and accomplishments.
3. Personally, this semester has confirmed that I love RUF and I love ministering with these students. I'm so thankful that God has sustained Hanna and me during this season and has also given us joy in this ministry! But I would ask you to pray for the fundraising needs of RUF Maryland this winter. RUF considers a healthy financial account to have at least 2 months of financial reserves in the account. When I started, Chris Garriott had left this account in a healthy place, for which I am incredibly grateful. But over the semester, I have not had enough support to match expenses and my account has gone down. At the beginning of December, my account was below 1 month of reserves. I cannot continue on this trajectory. One of my goals to get my finances on track is that between now and March, I am hoping to raise an additional \$3,000 in monthly giving pledges (or \$36,000 in annual pledges). If you would like to support this ministry financially, or increase your support, I would love to talk to you more. Please do not hesitate to reach out! Ryan Bratt

Local Ministry Opportunities: SOUPER Bowl Food Drive January 14-February 11, 2024

Join us as we collaborate with Gaithersburg HELP to provide canned goods and other food items. Express your support for who you think will win the Super Bowl by filling your team's box!

The Micah Cart

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

The Micah “Basket” that has been recently located in the hallway outside the church office has become a Micah Cart. This ministry restocks the food pantry at Gaithersburg HELP. For a list of the items currently needed, check [here](#). **The pantry coordinator has requested boxes of cereal as a pressing need.**



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WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

For Reflection:

If a man devotes his time, money, and affections to the pursuit of worldly things, they do not blame him. If he gives himself up to the service of money, pleasure, or politics, they find no fault. But if the same man devotes himself, and all he has, to Christ, they can scarcely find words to express their sense of his folly. “He is beside himself. He is out of his mind. He is a fanatic. He is an enthusiast. He is righteous over-much. He is an extreme man.” In short, they regard it as “waste.”

J.C. Ryle

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship – Revelation 4:1-8

Leader: After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

All: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Prince of Peace

You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy; Worthy of Praise
I will follow; I will listen; I will love you; All of my days

Chorus:

Men:

*I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him
I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him*

Women:

*(You are Lord of Lords);
(You are King of Kings)
(You are Mighty God);
(Lord of everything)
(You're Emmanuel);
(You're the Great I Am)
(You're the Prince of Peace);
(Who is the Lamb)
(You're the Living God);
(You're my Saving Grace)
(You will reign forever);
(You are Ancient of Days)
(You are Alpha, Omega);
(Beginning and End)
(You're my Savior, Messiah);
(Redeemer and Friend)*

You're my Prince of Peace, And I will live my life for you.

Responsive Scripture Reading – Revelation 4:9-11

Leader: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

All: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

To Christ the Lord let every tongue, its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?

Survey the beauties of His face, and on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell.

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave.
To Heaven the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete.

Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine.
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer One

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

I Am Not My Own

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known
I am His creation the Maker's masterpiece
And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the Living God
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image O may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

Chorus: I belong to the Lord O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord I am not my own

And if He has redeemed me I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave (*to Chorus*)

I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair
So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care (*to Chorus*)

Tag: I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord I am not my own

(Children eight years and younger are dismissed to children's church.)

SHARING AND CARING

Pastoral Prayer
Nola

Elder Mike

Ministry in Music

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

“Everybody Measures what Jesus is Worth”

Pastor Charlie Baile

Scripture Reading – Mark 14:1-12

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” ³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have

me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. ¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

Sermon Notes

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Bridge:

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.