



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, 202 Oakton Road, Gaithersburg, the last Sunday of each month. The first meeting will be **January 28**, 6:15-7:45pm.



Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

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!

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.

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 23**), 9:30am-noon and Thursdays (**January 25**), 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 \$25,100 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

Local Ministry Opportunities: SOUPER Bowl Food Drive Jan 14-Feb 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!



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 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 |

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:

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. **I Corinthians 5:7-8**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Exodus 12:1-13

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

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Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
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Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His un-changing grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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Responsive Scripture Reading – Exodus 12:21-28

Leader: Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.

All: For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

Leader: You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say,

All: ‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’ ”

Leader: And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. ²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder Let us praise the Savior’s name
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, Join and point to mercy’s store
When through grace in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

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

SHARING AND CARING

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Bruce Fraser

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

“Truly I Say to You”

Pastor Charlie Baile

Scripture Reading – Mark 14:12-31

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?” ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

Sermon Notes

There Is a Fountain *Hymn #196*

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears,
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, oh, forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled, His pard’ning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And, “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Benediction