



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, 7:00-8:45pm

Dates to Remember

1/9&11 Start of Women's Bible Study (Place 4 You)

1/25 Women's Prayer Meeting

1/27 Mom's Night Out

1/28 New! Monthly Church-wide Prayer Meeting

2/4 Pre Souper Bowl Church Lunch

2/16-18 Cornerstone Arctic Blast Winter Retreat

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

Thank You from the Pastors and Staff

We are grateful to serve this church and want to say thank you for the generous Christmas gift given to each of us. It is a joy to be a part of the family at Shady Grove. Thank you for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. We look forward to seeing what God will do with our church family in 2024.

Prayer Meeting, January 28

We will begin meeting monthly at the home of Charlie and Kim Baile 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.



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 9**), 9:30am-noon and Thursdays (**January 11**), 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 \$15,100 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

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!

Local Ministry Opportunities: 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:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

Matthew

25:35-40

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship – Ephesians 2:11-18

Leader: Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands

All: Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

All: And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Unison Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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

SHARING AND CARING

Testimony

Reformed Univ. Fellowship International at George Mason University

Matthew Delong

**Pastoral Prayer
Mitchell**

Elder John

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

“Loving the Stranger”

Rev. Matthew Delong

Scripture Reading – Leviticus 19:33-34

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Sermon Notes

Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Benediction