



# SHADY GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 3, 2024**

**“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**

**3/9** Bridal Shower for Azure Fernsler

**3/14** Women's Prayer Meeting

**3/15** Women's Night with Julie Lowe

**3/16** One-day Parent Conference with Julie Lowe

**3/17** Young Adult Lunch

**3/24** Church-wide Prayer Meeting

**3/29** Seder Dinner

**3/30** Easter Egg Hunt

**4/13** Mom's Night Out

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**

### ***Upcoming Dates for Families***

We know that there are many options for your family in the summers. Here are a few dates for the children and youth during the summer that we want to be sure you know about:

**5/31** Cornerstone Banquet

**6/14-15** Cornerstone Sprint

**7/8-12** VBS

**7/24-26** Sports Camp

**8/ 8-11** Cornerstone Retreat

**8/17** SG Kids Brunch & a Movie

**9/8** Church Picnic

### ***College Choir Coming to Town***

The Wheaton Concert Choir & Chamber Orchestra will be presenting Handel's Messiah at Fourth Presbyterian in Bethesda Wednesday, **March 6**, 7:00pm.

### ***New Sunday School Classes***

Beginning **today**, there will be two new classes offered for Spring Sunday School. A team of women will be teaching a class called “Finding our True Identity in Christ” using Tim Keller’s book, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* and The Gospel Coalition’s book, *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Who We are in Christ*. Pastor Baile, Chris Kinsinger, and Gene Sohn are teaching Isaiah 40-55 in room 10-11. Please come and join us as we explore the beautiful promises and the greatness of God on display in these incredible chapters that often get overlooked.

### ***Parent Conference, Saturday, March 16, 2024 with Julie Lowe***

We’re extending registration to Monday, **March 4!** Reserve your spot today! Parents, educators, grandparents, aunts and uncles. All are encouraged to join us on Saturday **March 16**, 9-2pm for a Safeguards conference with teacher and counselor Julie Lowe. Julie will tackle the relevant issues of technology, child safety, and how to equip parents to face the difficult issues culture presents to our children and teens.



### ***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.

### ***Interested in Joining the Church?***

Sunday evening, **March 10**, 6-8pm, Pastor Baile will be leading a seminar for those interested in joining our church. The Inquirers seminar is designed to help answer questions about our church, our denomination, a few of our doctrinal distinctives, and our membership vows. If you would like to participate in the seminar please let Pastor Baile know in person or e-mail Pastor Baile at [charlie@shadygrovepca.org](mailto:charlie@shadygrovepca.org).

### ***Seder Dinner, Good Friday, March 29***

Mark your calendars! Chosen People Ministries will lead us in an explanation of the Seder dinner and the symbolism of the elements that point to Christ. We will eat together at 5:30, Friday, **March 29**, with the presentation following. More information about the meal will be available shortly; however, you may use the QR code to sign up for the Seder presentation. Bring guests to experience this evening!



### ***Next Young Adult Lunch, March 17***

The newlywed Bailes (Haddon and Eliese) are hosting the next young adult lunch Sunday, **March 17** after the morning worship service. Stay tuned for directions and more details!



### **Shady Grove Women**

#### ***Body & Soul: Mirroring God’s Image, A Women’s Evening with Julie Lowe***

Women and girls of the church, plan to join us on Friday, **March 15** for an Evening with Julie Lowe. Julie will be speaking to us about body image and our identity in Christ. Light refreshments will be available at 6pm and you’ll be home by 9pm! Mothers, we encourage you to bring your middle school and teenage daughters. This is a message we all need to hear. Register today!



### ***Join us for a Bridal Shower!***

The women of the church are invited to celebrate with Azure Fernsler, the bride-to-be of Joe Lokos. There will be a shower Saturday, **March 9, 11:00 am**. Registry information is [here](#). There will be invitations in the lobby with more information. We hope you can join us!

### ***March Women's Prayer Meeting***

All women are welcome to a prayer meeting Thursday, **March 14**, in room 10/11 at church.

### ***Mom's Night Out***

Jessica Engle is hosting the next Mom's Night on Saturday, **April 13**. Moms will meet at [Rise Pies, Clarksburg Outlets](#) at 6pm for dinner followed by a game night at the Engles' home.



### **Shady Grove Men**

#### ***Romans Bible Study***

Pastor Charlie Baile will be leading the men through the book of Romans on **Saturdays** from 9:00-10:30am in the hospitality room at the church. Although an RSVP is not required, contact Pastor Charlie if you'd like to be included. Coffee will be provided.



### **Shady Grove Missions**

#### ***Missionaries of the Month***

#### ***Sarah Lokos, Montgomery County Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)***

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of me and Montgomery County FCA! It has certainly been a season of growth. I am thankful that we have added three new FCA Huddles at schools across the county this year. Our Rockville High School FCA just kicked off for the first time a couple weeks ago! I've been amazed and encouraged by our student leaders this year. They have a passion for sharing the Gospel on their school campuses and have a deep desire to grow in their own walks with the Lord. On March 22, I will be traveling to Malaysia with two local high school students and a volunteer. Please pray for safety over this trip. Pray for the Lord's provision for all the paperwork and funding to come through. Most importantly, please pray that we can be an encouragement to our FCA Malaysia staff and serve and love them well. Please pray for our summer ministries as we are in full planning mode for our internship and summer camps. Lastly, our FCA Impact Dinner is on March 18. Please pray that this event would be glorifying to God, we would communicate the vision and mission of FCA well, and raise the funds needed to support our growing ministry.

### ***Shady Grove Pregnancy Center***

The March Deacon's Offering is designated for the **Shady Grove Pregnancy Center**.

### ***Mercy Ministry Training Opportunity Begins This Week***

Are you interested in learning about how to have effective relationships with our Montgomery County neighbors in need of holistic transformation in the name of Christ? *Consider registering for the next "Redemptive Compassion" course offered by [Love In the Name of Christ \(Love INC\) Montgomery County](#) beginning Wednesday, March 6.* The 4-session class teaches six core principles to guide our relationships with those who repeatedly find themselves unable to consistently meet their basic human needs, and who are ready to change. These principles guide us about how to love these individuals, God's image-bearers, with a compassion that

redemptively points them to Christ. The principles help people take accountability for breaking out of mindsets and actions that perpetuate a cycle of crisis. In addition, the training introduces participants to Love INC, a ministry that helps connect our neighbors in need with partner churches who have offered to help in specific ways. The class also meets the requirement for anyone who is interested in volunteering with Love INC. There is a \$20 fee that covers the cost of the book used in the course. Training is offered in afternoon sessions (1-3pm) or evening sessions (6-8pm) at [Covenant Life Church](#) on **Wednesdays in March**. (Childcare Not Provided) **Sign up by calling Love INC MoCo at (301) 747-1410 or register via SignUpGenius by clicking the link for the time you want: [March 6-27: 1-3pm](#), or [March 6-27: 6-8pm](#).** Find out more about [Love INC MoCo](#).

### ***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 Cart will continue to collect donations throughout the year. 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.**



### ***Pastoral Prayer Requests***

#### **Our world**

- Israel – war with Hamas
- Ukraine – ongoing war with Russia

Our **community** – prayers for being salt and light to our unsaved family, friends, and co-workers

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## **WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY**

### **For Reflection:**

“...For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end...”

from **The Nicene Creed**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship — John 18:33-38**

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns - Hymn #234**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns, all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

## **Prayer**

### **Scripture Reading – John 18:38-19:16**

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.” <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak

to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

### **Forever and Ever**

Forever and ever we will sing Your praises,  
Forever and ever we will glorify Your name,  
Above all names, ev'ry name.

*Merciful Lord Jesus, You took the cross to free us,  
You conquered death and sin in a battle they could never win.  
For You are the first, the last, Lord of the future, Lord of past.  
You reign in glory as the King, You are worthy, so worthy.  
You reign in glory as the King, receive the praise we sing.*

Forever and ever we will sing Your praises,  
Forever and ever we will glorify Your name,  
Forever and ever we will sing Your praises.

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

### **SHARING AND CARING**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Elder Scott Melson**

### **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**"Majority Rules in Favor of Barabbas"**

**Pastor Charlie Baile**

**Scripture Reading – Mark 15:1-15**



And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

### **Sermon Notes**

## **The Power of the Cross**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
"Finished!" the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross

Oh, to see my name written in the wound  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live  
Won through your selfless love.

This the power of the cross, Son of God slain for us  
What a love, what a cost; we stand forgiven at the cross

## **Celebration of Communion**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## See Him in Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are  
Once these streets had sung to Him, now they cry for murder

Such a frail and lonely man, holding up the heavy cross  
See Him walking in Jerusalem on the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill hear the scorn and laughter  
Silent as a lamb He waits praying to the father

See the King who made the sun and the moon and shining stars  
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down so that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross now no longer breathing  
Dust that formed the watching crowds takes the blood of Jesus

Feel the Earth is shaking now, see the veil split in two  
And He stood before the wrath of God shielding sinners with his blood

See the empty tomb today, death could not contain him  
Once the servant of the world now in vict'ry reigning

Lift your voices to the one Who is seated on the throne  
See him in the new Jerusalem Praise the one who saved us

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## Benediction