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ANGLICAN

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

# welcome!

We are a community of believers seeking and sharing life in Christ through ancient-future faith. We consider it a great privilege to worship the Lord with you today. In fact, your presence today is a gift from God. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you feel at home.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children age 2 and under in the nursery, located in the classroom on the right upon entering the lobby.

Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed to Children's Chapel at the beginning of worship service and will return prior to Communion.

## WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

Please tell us more about yourself and how we can pray for you by filling out a Connect Card.

Just click on this code with your smartphone camera to fill it out online



## RESOURCES

Download the [2019 Book of Common Prayer](https://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/index.php/downloads/) and the [Daily Office](https://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/index.php/downloads/) from the ACNA website <https://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/index.php/downloads/>.

Install the YouVersion Bible app from the App Store.  
We use the NRSV version during our Worship Service.



Install the Daily Office app from the App Store.



For more information about Good Shepherd and to hear any of our past sermons, please visit our website:

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WELCOME

THE DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN (3 YEAR-OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

*Please stand.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,

**People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

THE PROCESSION

***“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”***

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b> Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art Dear desire of ev'ry nation Joy of ev'ry longing heart</p>	<p><b>VERSE 2</b> Born Thy people to deliver Born a child and yet a King Born to reign in us forever Now Thy gracious kingdom bring By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne</p>
<p><b>VERSE 3</b> Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee Come Thou long expected King</p>	

## **“O Come All You Unfaithful”**

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<b>VERSE 1</b> O come all you unfaithful Come weak and unstable Come know you are not alone	<b>VERSE 2</b> O come barren and waiting ones Weary of praying Come see what your God has done
<b>CHORUS</b> Christ is born Christ is born Christ is born for you	<b>VERSE 3</b> O come bitter and broken Come with fears unspoken Come taste of His perfect love
<b>VERSE 4</b> O come guilty and hiding ones There is no need to run See what your God has done	<b>BRIDGE</b> He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon His promise is peace for those who believe He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon His promise is peace for those who believe
<b>VERSE 5</b> So come though you have nothing Come He is the offering Come see what your God has done	

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 126.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
- 3 Then it was said among the nations, \*  
'The LORD has done great things for them.'
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we rejoiced.

- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 6 May those who sow in tears \*  
reap with shouts of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, \*  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

#### THE LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28.*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Please stand and sing.*

#### ***“See He Comes”***

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#### **CHORUS**

Hallelujah hallelujah

Come oh Lord on earth to reign

Hallelujah hallelujah

We await the coming day

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel reading today is from John 3:22-30.*

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

#### HOMILY

*Please stand.*

#### THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our Presiding Bishop and our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;

*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

*The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

*Please stand.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>          Holy holy holy Lord          God of pow'r and might          Heaven and earth are filled          With Your glory</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>          Hosanna hosanna in the highest          Hosanna hosanna in the highest</p>
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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:*

All baptized Christians of any age are welcomed and encouraged to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; grape juice is available from our acolyte. Please dispose of your empty cup in the bowl on the offering table as you return to your seat.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### ***“Out Of The Depths”***

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<b>VERSE 1</b> Out of the depths O Lord I cry to You When I am tempted to despair Though I may fail to trust Your promises You never fail to hear my prayer And if You judged my sin I'd never stand again But I see mercy in Your hands	<b>CHORUS</b> So more than watchmen for the morning I will wait for You my God When my fears come with no warning In Your Word I'll put my trust When the harvest time is over And I still see no fruit I will wait I will wait for You
<b>VERSE 2</b> The secret mysteries belong to You We only know what You reveal And all my questions that are unresolved Don't change the wisdom of Your will In every trial and loss My hope is in the cross Where Your compassions never fail	<b>BRIDGE</b> For you.. Wait for you Wait for you Lord Wait for you I will wait for you Lord Wait for you....More than a watchman for the morning I will wait For you for you When my fears come with no warning I will trust in you Faithful you are faithful In every trial and loss, my hope is in the cross Where your compassions never fail.

## ***“Come Ye Sinners”***

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<b>VERSE 1</b> Come ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and power	<b>VERSE 2</b> Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh
<b>CHORUS</b> I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms In the arms of my dear Savior Oh there are ten thousand charms	<b>VERSE 3</b> Come ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry until you're better You will never come at all
<b>VERSE 4</b> Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him	<b>VERSE 5</b> View Him prostrate in the garden On the ground your Maker lies On the bloody tree behold Him Sinner will this not suffice
<b>VERSE 6</b> Lo th'incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of His blood Venture on Him venture wholly Let no other trust intrude	

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Please stand and sing.*

## ***“Doxology”***

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<b>INTRO</b> Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN IN RECESSION

***“His Name Is Wonderful”***

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>  Come see the baby, crib for a bed  His mother Mary lay down His sweet head  The starlight was shining, the wise men were led  Come see the baby and worship Him</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>  His name is Wonderful, Counselor  Mighty God, Prince of Peace  Everlasting Father  Emmanuel  Holy One, Son of God  Savior of the world</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>  Come and adore Him on bended knee  He came to ransom someone like me  What could I offer? What could I bring?  Come and adore Him King of Kings</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b>  And the greatness of  His reign will never end  Let there be peace on earth  And all goodwill to men  Come let us worship Him</p>

SENDING FORTH

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## MISSION TEAMS

**ANGEL WINGS:** Prepares meals to those who are going through trying times such as an illness, a move, new baby, etc. Leader: Brianna Copeland (blcopeland5@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER OF LAKE NORMAN:** Seeks to serve Jesus Christ through ministering to those touched by possible crisis pregnancy. Team leader: Andi Wheeler (andiseth@bellsouth.net)

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE:** Walks alongside Davidson College students through a variety of means, including outreach, Bible Studies, social gatherings, and pairing students with an "Adoptive" Good Shepherd Family. *Actively seeking new leader.*

**FLOURISH KENYA:** Flourish Kenya is ending the teen pregnancy epidemic in rural Kenya in this generation by improving sexual and reproductive health literacy, providing secondary school sponsorships, and protecting teens in crisis because every youth deserves to flourish. Leader: Tia McNelly (tiamcnelly@gmail.com)

**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS:** Forms long-standing partnerships with foreign missionaries and churches in other countries to pray for, support, and join in via short-term trips, God's global Kingdom Work and heart for the lost. Leader: Lori Nielsen (patandlori@gmail.com)

**LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS:** Help farmers in Rwanda, Thailand, and Haiti make a living wage by buying coffee. Order at <https://landofathousandhills.com/collections/coffee>. Leader: Randy Barnes (rdbarnes4@gmail.com)

**REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS, AND THE DISPLACED (RID):** Helps rid the barriers facing refugees, immigrants, and the displaced. *Actively seeking new leader.*

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**MISSION TEAM SPOTLIGHT** **REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS, AND THE DISPLACED (RID):**  
Our R.I.D Team is driven by a vision of helping to get rid of the barriers that these people groups in our midst face. We do this primarily by partnering with Refugee Support Services in Charlotte, along with the Ada Jenkins Center more locally in Davidson, both of which serve these people groups in need. To learn more about this mission team email [Staff@goodshepherdanglican.org](mailto:Staff@goodshepherdanglican.org).

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Our desire is to see everyone at Good Shepherd participate in one of our Sunday morning ministry teams. Please contact the respective leader to learn how you can serve in this important capacity.

**ACOLYTES:** Bears the processional cross, assisting at the Communion table, and serving juice to the congregation. Leader: MJ Moran (mj@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**ALTAR:** Cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens. Leader: MJ Moran (mj@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**AUDIO:** Facilitates worship by providing audio support. Leader: Seth Wheeler (seth@residentialstructurespc.com)

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL:** Provides the foundational knowledge of scripture for preschool and elementary age attendees. Leader: Jen Ford (jennifer@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**COUNTING:** Handles the collection and offerings of the Church in accordance with sound accounting practices. Leader: MJ Moran (mj@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**FLOWER GUILD:** Provides fresh flowers to adorn the altar each week. Coordinates the memorial giving of flowers in honor of special occasions and loved ones. Leader: Mandie Odom (mandie@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**GREETERS:** Welcomes everyone as they arrive for worship service. Leader: Leader: Ray Fulton (ray.fulton@gmail.com)

**HOSPITALITY:** Offers refreshments prior to worship service. Leader: Andi Wheeler (andiseth@bellsouth.net)

**INTERCESSORY TEAM:** Offers prayer ministry during and after worship service to anyone who requests prayer. *Actively seeking new leader.*

**LITURGIST:** Facilitates worship by reading scripture, leading prayers, and serving wine. Leader: MJ Moran (mj@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**MUSIC:** Leads the congregation in praise and worship through song. Leader: Seth Honea (seth@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**NURSERY:** Cares for children age 2 and under during worship service. Leader: Jen Ford (jennifer@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**USHERS:** Welcomes and assists those who come to worship, and provides a smooth operation within the service. Leader: Ray Fulton (ray.fulton@gmail.com)

**VIDEO:** Facilitates worship by providing video support for online participants. Leader: Patrick Nielsen (patrick.a.nielsen@gmail.com)

## LIFE GROUPS

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### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:

Check out the Good Shepherd website for the latest Men's and Women's ministry events.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023:** To inform your giving and your prayers, the vestry invites you to make note of the following financial update. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

OPERATING BUDGET	INCOME		EXPENSES	
	NOVEMBER	YTD	NOVEMBER	YTD
Plan	\$48,550	\$225,560	\$51,216	\$256,082
Actual	\$36,174	\$209,975	\$48,118	\$220,639
Variance	-\$12,376	-\$15,585	\$3,099	\$35,443