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CHRISTMAS 4:00 PM

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.

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.

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RESOURCES

Download the [2019 Book of Common Prayer](#) and the [Daily Office](#) 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.



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WELCOME

Please stand.

“He Who Is Mighty”

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<p>VERSE 1 Oh the mercy our God has shown To those who sit in death's shadow The sun on high pierced the night Born was the Cornerstone</p>	<p>MISC 1 Unto us a Son is given Unto us a Child is born</p>
<p>CHORUS He Who is mighty has done a great thing Taken on flesh conquered death's sting Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame Holy is His name (Holy is His name)</p>	<p>VERSE 2 Oh the freedom our Savior won The yoke of sin has been broken Once a slave now by grace No more condemnation</p>
<p>MISC 2 (Now) My soul magnifies the Lord I rejoice in the God Who saves I will trust His unfailing love I will sing His praises all my days</p>	

OPENING ACCLAMATION

For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

THE PROCESSION

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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VERSE 1 O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold Him Born the King of angels	CHORUS O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord
VERSE 2 Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation O sing all ye bright Hosts of heav'n above Glory to God all Glory in the highest	VERSE 3 Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

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VERSE 1 Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King	VERSE 2 Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail th'incarnate Deity Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King
VERSE 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace Hail the Son of Righteousness Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King	

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 CHRISTMAS WREATH

THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Micah 5:2-5a.*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Hebrews 1:1-6.*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing.

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

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<p>VERSE 1 How still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight</p>	<p>VERSE 2 For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep The angels keep their watch of wondering love O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And peace to men on earth</p>
<p>VERSE 3 How silently how silently The wondrous gift is given So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven No ear may hear His coming But in this world of sin Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in</p>	<p>VERSE 5 O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us we pray Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell O come to us abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel</p>

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from Luke 2:1-14.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Come, let us pray together to the Lord.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud

On this holy night, we pray for all people everywhere who are suffering;

For places of war, injustice, and oppression;

Lord, let there be peace

For the children, the weak, the vulnerable, the scared;

Lord, bring Your comfort

For those living in darkness, enslaved by the lusts of this world and chains of the devil;

Lord, come to the rescue

On this holy night, we pray for Your church, for all people everywhere who belong to Jesus;

We pray for pastors, leaders, missionaries, and all their families;

Lord, strengthen them

We pray those persecuted for their witness and faith in Jesus;

Lord, give them courage

We pray for those who – influenced by the world, flesh, and devil – have drifted away and fallen prey to apathy and compromise;

Lord, bring them home

We pray for our church family at Good Shepherd. For all Your blessings;

We praise You.

For our leaders and staff;

We thank You.

For each person, young and old;

We pray Your blessing tonight.

For the needs of our church family;

We lift them to You

On this holy night, we pray for the burdens each of us carry on our hearts;

We pray for those we love;

Lord, protect them from harm.

Lord, lead them in Your way;

Lord, fill them with Your blessing.

We pray for those we love who are sick; who are suffering and in need; for those who are lost and don't know You;

Lord, in Your mercy, be their rescue

On this holy night, in Your holy presence, we come to make confession of our sins, lifting to You those areas in our life that are displeasing to You. Hear our prayer as we pray together.

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.**

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.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life'. *John 3:16*

Please stand.

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

Please stand.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

“Holy Holy Holy Lord”

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VERSE 1 Holy holy holy Lord God of pow'r and might Heaven and earth are filled With Your glory	CHORUS Hosanna hosanna in the highest Hosanna hosanna in the highest
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Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.

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

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CHORUS He Who is mighty has done a great thing Taken on flesh conquered death's sting Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame Holy is His name	VERSE 2 Oh the freedom our Savior won The yoke of sin has been broken Once a slave now by grace No more condemnation
MISC 2 (Now) My soul magnifies the Lord I rejoice in the God Who saves I will trust His unfailing love I will sing His praises all my days	

“What Child Is This”

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<p>VERSE 1 What Child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping This this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste haste to bring Him laud The Babe the Son of Mary</p>	<p>VERSE 2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding Good Christian fear for sinners here The silent Word is pleading Nails spear shall pierce Him through The cross be borne for me for you Hail hail the Word made flesh The Babe the Son of Mary</p>
<p>VERSE 3 So bring Him incense gold and myrrh Come peasant king to own Him The King of kings salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone Him Raise raise the song on high The Virgin sings her lullaby Joy joy for Christ is born The Babe the Son of Mary</p>	

“His Name Is Wonderful”

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<p>VERSE 1 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>CHORUS His name is Wonderful, Counselor Mighty God, Prince of Peace Everlasting Father Emmanuel Holy One, Son of God Savior of the world</p>
<p>VERSE 2 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>BRIDGE 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>

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand and sing.

“Doxology”

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INTRO

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

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

THE HYMN IN CANDLELIGHT

“Silent Night (Stille Nacht)”

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VERSE 1

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

VERSE 2

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

VERSE 3

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

SENDING FORTH

Deacon: Let us go forth rejoicing in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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)

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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