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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN  
CORNELIUS, NORTH CAROLINA  
DECEMBER 1, 2024

# *welcome!*

Good morning and welcome to Good Shepherd Anglican. We are delighted you have joined us today!

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## CHILDREN

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

Children aged 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed to Children's Chapel at the beginning of worship service and will return prior to communion.

## PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER

The church is open during the week on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome to come in if you desire a quiet place for prayer and meditation or to meet with one of our clergy for counsel. If these times are not convenient for your schedule, you may also make an appointment to meet with one of our clergy by calling the church office or contacting them directly via the Good Shepherd website.

Prayer cards are available in the Sanctuary or the Prayer Room and on our website. You may place your prayer card in the offering basket or in the secure box located in the Prayer Room. All prayer requests will be attended to confidentially by our intercessory prayer team. It is our privilege to support you with prayer and we encourage you to connect with us in this way especially.

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PRELUDE

**“O Come O Come Emmanuel”**

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>  O come O come Emmanuel  And ransom captive Israel  That mourns in lonely exile here  Until the Son of God appear</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>  Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  Shall come to thee O Israel</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>  O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  Our spirits by Thine advent here  Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  And death's dark shadows put to flight</p>	<p><b>VERSE 3</b>  O come Thou Wisdom from on high  And order all things far and nigh  To us the path of knowledge show  And cause us in her ways to go</p>
<p><b>VERSE 4</b>  O come Desire of nations bind  All peoples in one heart and mind  Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  Fill the whole world with heaven's peace</p>	

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

***People* Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him the glory!**

*Celebrant* The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!”

***People* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!** *(Revelation 19:6-7, 22:17, 20)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Let us pray together.*

**Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

SONGS OF PRAISE

## ***“Because He Lives”***

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<b>VERSE 1</b> God sent His Son they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive He bled and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives	<b>CHORUS</b> Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living Just because He lives
<b>VERSE 2</b> How sweet to hold a newborn baby And feel the pride and joy he gives But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days Because He lives	<b>VERSE 3</b> And then one day I'll cross that river I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to vict'ry I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He lives

## ***“Come Thou Fount- Advent Melody”***

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<b>VERSE 1</b> Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love	<b>VERSE 2</b> Here I raise my Ebenezer Here by Thy great help I've come And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood
<b>VERSE 3</b> Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, oh take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above	

*Let us pray together.*

**Almighty God and Father, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*A reading from Daniel 7:9-14*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*A reading from Revelation 19:11-16*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Please stand and sing.*

***“Advent Hymn”***

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VERSE	CHORUS
Christ whose glory fills the skies Christ the everlasting light Son of righteousness arise And triumph o'er these chains of mine	So here I'll wait in hope of You All my soul's longing through and through Dayspring from on high be near And Daystar in my heart appear

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*The Gospel reading today is from Matthew 26:59-68.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

***Together*** **And Lord we pray that Your Word would always be on our minds, upon our lips,  
and deep within our hearts.**

THE GOSPEL READING

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Reader* As we come together as a family in Christ, we pray for all people in every land and nation who are suffering from war, injustice, famine, and disease. We pray for the weak, vulnerable, and scared. (we pause in prayer...)

*Reader* Lord, we pray, comfort them.

**People** **Hear the cry of their hearts.**

*Reader* We remember in prayer the leaders of nations, and in particular, leaders of our country, state, and local community. We pray for all in public service, remembering those who risk their lives for our safety. (we pause in prayer...)

*Reader* Lord, we pray, protect them and keep them safe.

**People** **Grant them wisdom that we may live in peace.**

*Reader* We pray blessing and protection on Your Church here and abroad; for all Christians, pastors, and missionaries who faithfully bear witness to Your Name. Continue to bless us at Good Shepherd. Empower our bishops, vestry, staff, and the ministries You've entrusted to each one of us. And today, we pray special blessing on our new pastor David, his wife Lisa, and their two daughters Abbie and Natalie, especially during this time of transition. Keep them healthy and well. (we pause in prayer...)

*Reader* Lord, we pray, be present in Your Church.

**People** **Protect us, guide us, and empower us for Your service.**

*Reader* Heavenly Father, You know the burdens of our heart, and we give them to You. We pray for our sick and those we love who are suffering in heart, body, and soul. We lift them now to You by name... (we pause in prayer...)

*Reader* Lord, we pray, grant them Your mercy.

**People** **Open our hearts to receive Your healing and love.**

*Reader* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty.

**Together** **For everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. All things come from You, O Lord, and of Your own have we given You.**

*Celebrant* Remaining in prayer, let us now come before the Lord and confess our sins, lifting our hearts to Him in humility and repentance.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

Our Almighty and merciful Father grant us true repentance; absolution and forgiveness of all our sins through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit that leads to amendment of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Please stand.*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

***Together* “And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” (1 John 5:11)**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(from the Anglican Church of Kenya, Africa)*

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

**People He is.**

*Celebrant* Is the Lord Jesus Christ among us?

**People He is.**

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

**People He is.**

*Celebrant* This is our God.

**People Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* We are His people.

**People We are the redeemed.**

*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. 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	CHORUS
Holy Holy Holy Lord God of pow'r and might Heaven and earth are filled With Your glory	Hosanna Hosanna in the highest Hosanna Hosanna in the highest



## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God and Father, Creator of all things, in these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking Your people for Yourself.

***Together* Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.**

We thank You for giving up Your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us and upon these gifts as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation. On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You 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."

***Together* Amen. His body was broken for us.**

In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave thanks; He gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Together* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

***Together* Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

This is the feast of victory.

***Together* The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

## 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* Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## 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.***

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. In addition to individual cups, the Common Cup is now available for receiving communion by drinking or by intinction (dipping). There are also gluten-free wafers available, and the acolyte will offer grape juice. If you are not a baptized Christian, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

**The Prayer Team is available to you in the back of the church.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### ***“Come O Divine Messiah (Venez Divin Messie)”***

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<b>VERSE 1</b> O come Divine Messiah The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph And sadness flee away	<b>REFRAIN</b> Sweet Savior haste Come come to earth Dispel the night and show Thy face And bid us hail the dawn of grace O come Divine Messiah The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph And sadness flee away
<b>VERSE 2</b> O Christ whom nations sighed for Whom priest and prophet long foretold Come break the captive's fetters Redeem the long-lost fold	<b>VERSE 3</b> You come in peace and meanness And lowly will your cradle be All clothed in human weakness Shall we your Godhead see

*Please stand and sing.*

**“Doxology”**

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VERSE 1

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.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, 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* All our problems,  
**People** We send to the cross of Christ.  
*Celebrant* All our difficulties,  
**People** We send to the cross of Christ.  
*Celebrant* All the devil's works,  
**People** We send to the cross of Christ.  
*Celebrant* All our hopes,  
**People** We set on the risen Christ.

## “Is He Worthly”

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>          Do you feel the world is broken          We do          Do you feel the shadows deepen          We do          But do you know that all the dark          Won't stop the light from getting through          We do          Do you wish that you could see it all made new          We do</p>	<p><b>VERSE 2</b>          Is all creation groaning          It is          Is a new creation coming          It is          Is the glory of the Lord          To be the light within our midst          It is          Is it good that we remind ourselves of this          It is</p>
<p><b>CHORUS 1</b>          Is anyone worthy          Is anyone whole          Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll          The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave          He is David's Root          And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave          Is He worthy          Is He worthy          Of all blessing and honor and glory          Is He worthy of this          He is</p>	<p><b>VERSE 3</b>          Does the Father truly love us          He does          Does the Spirit move among us          He does          And does Jesus our Messiah          Hold forever those He loves          He does          Does our God intend to dwell again with us          He does</p>
<p><b>CHORUS 2</b>          Is anyone worthy          Is anyone whole          Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll          The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave          He is David's Root          And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave          From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue</p>	<p>He has made us a kingdom and priests          To God to reign with the Son          Is He worthy          Is He worthy          Of all blessing and honor and glory          Is He worthy          Is He worthy          Is He worthy of this          He is</p>

### SENDING FORTH

*Deacon* Alleluia! Let us go forth to serve, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

**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 send an e-mail to the team 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: Jen Snow (jensnow@goodshepherdanglican.org)

**ALTAR:** Cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens. Leader: MJ Smith (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: Jen Snow (jensnow@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: Earlene Steger (jpsincali@gmail.com).

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

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

**INTERCESSORY TEAM:** Offers prayer ministry during and after worship service to anyone who requests prayer. Leader: Stacy & Immanuel Comer (comersc112108@gmail.com)

**READER:** Facilitates worship by reading scripture, leading prayers, and serving wine. Contact: Joel McNelly (jmcnelly71@gmail.com)

**MUSIC:** Leads the congregation in praise and worship through song. *Leader: Seeking new leader*

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

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

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

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**OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>October 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
<b>Plan</b>	\$47,491	\$175,435	\$49,828	\$199,311
<b>Actual</b>	\$32,974	\$129,726	\$30,875	\$117,374
<b>Variance</b>	-\$14,517	-\$45,709	\$18,953	\$81,937

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- **in person** at worship service
- through **your bank** using Zelle (send to Treasurer@goodshepherdanglican.org)
- **online** the at [www.goodshepherdanglican.org](http://www.goodshepherdanglican.org)
- on your **smartphone** using the Church Center App;  
just click this code with your camera



All offerings will go to the general Operating Fund unless designated otherwise. Please contact our Treasurer, Michael Reynolds, at Treasurer@goodshepherdanglican.org with any questions.

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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