



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND
REAFFIRMATION

WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY THE BISHOP

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN
CORNELIUS, NORTH CAROLINA

DECEMBER 15, 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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Office Hours Tuesday and Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

****Please note that we will not hold regular formal office hours during the weeks of Christmas and New Years.**** During this time, we will still be accessible by email and will be checking the church voicemail.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

3pm Family-Friendly Worship

4pm Food & Fellowship

5pm Traditional Worship

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PRELUDE

Special music led by the Robinsons

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

People **And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People **That he is the Lord and there is no one else.**

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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<p>VERSE 1 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 every nation Joy of every longing heart</p>	<p>VERSE 2 Come to earth to taste our sadness He whose glories knew no end By His life He brings us gladness Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend Leaving riches without number Born within a cattle stall This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all</p>
<p>VERSE 3 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>TAG Come...Come...Come O Long Expected One Would You come Come O Long Expected One</p>

Let us pray together.

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 forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

A reading from The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Reader Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

People **He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

Reader You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

People **In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Romans 4:1-8

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

“Blessed Is The One”

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VERSE	CHORUS
Blessed is the one whose sins are overcome Whom God has sheltered deep within His grace Blessed is the one who trusts in God the Son His steadfast love the sinner's hiding place	Jesus Your blood covers all my sins Jesus Your love draws my heart to sing What a Savior (Jesus) (Oh what a Savior Jesus)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel reading today is from Luke 1:39-45.

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

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

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

Presenters **Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.**

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters **They have.**

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their life and ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Bishop Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? And do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior? Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? And will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop addresses the Congregation

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power and in your prayers to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Together **We will.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**Together 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.**

Bishop Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**Together 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.**

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

As we begin this time of prayer, we will sing a chorus inviting the Holy Spirit to preside over us...

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me	Melt me, mold me Fill me, use me Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me
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Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person’s head, prays

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Special music led by the Robinsons

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 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

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Holy holy holy Lord	Ho-sannah in the high - est
God of pow'r and might	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Heav'n and earth are filled with Your glory	Lord
(repeat)	

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 Lamb has been sacrificed, once and for all upon the Cross.

***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

“Mary’s Song (Our King of Peace)”

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<p>VERSE 1 My soul magnifies the Lord My spirit rejoices in God My savior has seen His servant in need And behold the great things He has done</p>	<p>VERSE 2 He scatters the proud and rich He lifts up the humble and weak The kings of the earth He casts from their thrones And the hungry He welcomes to feast</p>
<p>CHORUS Oh Behold! My Savior has come And my soul will tell of His praise For He who is strong has come to the weak And at last He will reign as our King of Peace</p>	<p>VERSE 3 From now to the end of time The nations will know me as blessed For God has made new His promise of love And mercy through Abraham’s seed</p>

Please stand and sing.

“Doxology”

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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

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.**

Special music led by the Robinsons

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: Andie 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 aged 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)

LIFE GROUPS

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NOVEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 2024	Income		Expenses	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Plan	\$47,491	\$222,926	\$49,828	\$249,139
Actual	\$32,151	\$161,877	\$36,773	\$154,147
Variance	-\$15,340	-\$61,049	\$13,055	\$94,992

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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
- 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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