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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN
CORNELIUS, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 22, 2024

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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.

CONTACT US

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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 Service

4pm Food & Fellowship

5pm Traditional Service

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PRELUDE

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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| <p>VERSE 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand Ponder nothing earthly minded For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand</p> | <p>VERSE 2 King of kings yet born of Mary As of old on earth He stood Lord of lords in human vesture In the body and the blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food</p> |
| <p>VERSE 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away</p> | <p>VERSE 4 At His feet the six winged seraph Cherubim with sleepless eye Veil their faces to the Presence As with ceaseless voice they cry Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, Lord Most High</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! *(Revelation 11:15, 19:6-7)*

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Lord Have Mercy”

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| <p>VERSE 1 O God we come before Your throne And in our weakness we confess We go astray and sin each day We cast ourselves upon Your grace O Lord have mercy on us Sinners in need of grace Forgive us our transgressions And lead us in Your righteous ways God lead us in Your righteous ways</p> | <p>VERSE 2 The blood You shed has paid our debts Jesus You've washed our sins away We trust Your grace believe by faith In You we have all righteousness O Lord You've shown us mercy Sinners are washed as saints You've shown Your loving-kindness Sons of disgrace are righteous made Sons of disgrace are righteous made</p> |
| <p>VERSE 3 We fix our eyes on You our prize Jesus the Author of our faith Till You return or bring us home You strengthen us to run the race O Lord forever faithful All glory to Your Name We have no other Savior Our great Redeemer God and King Jesus Redeemer God and King</p> | |

“Blessed Assurance”

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| <p>VERSE 1 O blessed assurance, for Jesus is mine And o what a foretaste of glory divine An heir of salvation, the purchase of God Now born of His Spirit and washed in His blood</p> | <p>VERSE 2 O perfect submission what perfect delight While visions of rapture now burst on my sight As angels descending will bring from above Sweet echoes of mercy and whispers of love</p> |
| <p>VERSE 3 O perfect submission now all is at rest For I in my Savior am happy and blessed While watching and waiting and looking above I'm filled with His goodness and lost in His love</p> | |

Let us pray together.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from 2 Chronicles 9:1-6, 22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Philippians 2:5-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

“Jesus Messiah”

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CHORUS

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from
heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel reading today is from Matthew 1:18-25.

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 especially thank You for our new pastor Dave, his wife Lisa, and their daughters Abbie and Natalie. Bless them Lord, this Christmas season, preside over all the details of their transition, and bring them safely to us. *(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* “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...” (John 1:12)**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (2019 BCP Renewed Ancient Text)

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. 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

“Sanctus - Advent arrangement”

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

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in Your mercy, sent Your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary He became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to Your will, He stretched out His arms upon the Cross and offered Himself once for all, that by His suffering and death we might be saved.

Together By His resurrection He broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under His feet. As our great high priest, He ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer You these gifts.

Sanctify them by Your Word and Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Your Christ, and bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

***Together* All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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

“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 1 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> | |

Please stand and sing.

“Doxology”

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| <p>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</p> |
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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.**

HYMN IN RECESSION

“Jesus Messiah”

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| VERSE 1 He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing | CHORUS Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all |
| VERSE 2 His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing | BRIDGE All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world |

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)

LIFE GROUPS

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NOVEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

| November 2024 | Income | | Expenses | |
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| | 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 |

There are several convenient ways to give to Good Shepherd.

- **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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| <p>CHURCH OVERSIGHT Most Rev. Steve Wood Archbishop and Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Terrell Glenn NC Area Bishop</p> | <p>MINISTERS: ALL OF US AT GOOD SHEPHERD!</p> <p>CLERGY</p> <table> <tr> <td>Rt. Rev. Thad Barnum</td> <td>Interim Team Leader</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rev. Bill DeBardeleben</td> <td>Priest, Pastoral Care</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gina Roes</td> <td>Deacon, Pastoral Care</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jen Snow</td> <td>Deacon, Pastoral Care</td> </tr> </table> | Rt. Rev. Thad Barnum | Interim Team Leader | Rev. Bill DeBardeleben | Priest, Pastoral Care | Gina Roes | Deacon, Pastoral Care | Jen Snow | Deacon, Pastoral Care |
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