



CHRISTMAS EVE
5PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN
CORNELIUS, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 24, 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 & up are invited to worship together with their families in the sanctuary for this Christmas Eve service.

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

“O Holy Night”

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<p>VERSE 1 O holy night the stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn</p>	<p>CHORUS 1 Fall on your knees O hear the angel voices O night divine O night when Christ was born O night O holy night O night divine</p>
<p>VERSE 2 Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us praise His holy name</p>	<p>CHORUS 2 Christ is the Lord O praise His name forever His power and glory Evermore proclaim His power and glory Evermore proclaim O night, O holy night O night divine</p>

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

***People* And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)**

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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

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VERSE 1 Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains	CHORUS Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo
VERSE 2 Shepherds why this jubilee Why your joyous strains prolong What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song	VERSE 3 Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

“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

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; 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 Micah 5:1-5a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Revelation 4:1-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

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<p>VERSE 1 It came upon the midnight clear That glorious song of old From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold Peace on earth goodwill to men From heaven's gracious King The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing</p>	<p>VERSE 2 And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!</p>
<p>VERSE 3 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold</p>	<p>when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.</p>

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel reading today is from Luke 2:1-7.

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

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. We pray Your continued blessing on 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* “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)**

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 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

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!**

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS OF PRAISE

“Thorn And Thistle”

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VERSE 1 To a world of thorn and thistle Shadowed still by Eden's fall On a night so unexpected Enters the Lord of all	VERSE 2 In a cold and stony manger Swaddled in a linen cloth Into darkness into danger Born now is heaven's love
CHORUS 1 Holy hands with fragile fingers Our redemption in His veins To a world of thorn and thistle Jesus came	VERSE 3 Child of heaven Man of sorrows Bitter is the earth's betrayal Soon our pride will be the hammer My sin will be the nail
CHORUS 2 Oh rejoice He comes to rescue Our redemption in His veins To a world of thorn and thistle Jesus came	

“The First Noel”

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<p>VERSE 1 The first noel the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter’s night that was so deep</p>	<p>CHORUS 1 Noel Noel Noel Noel Sing out with one accord Praises to the Lord Oh come let us adore Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel</p>
<p>VERSE 2 They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night</p>	<p>CHORUS 2 Sing out with one accord Praises to the Lord Go and tell everyone Jesus Christ is born Noel Noel Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel Born is the King of Israel</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>

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.**

“Silent Night (Stille Nacht)”

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<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>VERSE 4 Silent night holy night Wondrous star, lend thy light With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King Christ the Savior is born Christ the Savior is born</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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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

<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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