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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN  
CORNELIUS, NORTH CAROLINA  
JANUARY 5, 2025

# *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 ages 2 and under in the Nursery, located in the classroom on the right upon entering the lobby.

Children ages 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.

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PRELUDE

**“This I Believe”**

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>  Our Father everlasting  The all creating One  God Almighty  Through Your Holy Spirit  Conceiving Christ the Son  Jesus our Saviour</p>	<p><b>CHORUS 1</b>  I believe in God our Father  I believe in Christ the Son  I believe in the Holy Spirit  Our God is three in One  I believe in the resurrection  That we will rise again  For I believe in the Name of Jesus</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>  Our judge and our defender  Suffered and crucified  Forgiveness is in You  Descended into darkness  You rose in glorious life  Forever seated high</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b>  I believe in You  I believe You rose again  I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord</p>
<p><b>CHORUS 2</b>  I believe in life eternal  I believe in the virgin birth  I believe in the saints' communion  And in Your holy Church  I believe in the resurrection  When Jesus comes again  For I believe in the Name of Jesus</p>	

WELCOME

*Celebrant* This morning, with joy, we welcome Angel to receive the sacrament of baptism, and her husband, William to renew his baptismal covenant. Let us greet them!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* The Lord is here!

**People His Spirit is with us.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People there is one hope in God’s call to us.**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

**People one God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When He had risen from the dead, He commanded His followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

**Together Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus’ death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of His body, the Church universal.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God and Father, pour out Your blessing on Angel and William, and upon us all, as we celebrate the gift of new, born-again life in Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE CHILDREN

WORSHIP SONGS OF PRAISE

**“Jesus Messiah”**

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>                  Jesus Messiah Name above all names                  Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel                  The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from                  heaven                  Jesus Messiah Lord of all</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b>                  All our hope is in You                  All our hope is in You                  All the glory to You, God                  The light of the world</p>

## **“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b> What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy my righteousness and freedom My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace</p> <p>To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me</p>	<p><b>VERSE 2</b> The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed</p> <p>To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me</p>
<p><b>VERSE 3</b> No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave</p> <p>To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me</p>	<p><b>VERSE 4</b> With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne</p> <p>To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me</p>
<p><b>ENDING</b> When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me</p>	

*Let us pray together.*

**Father in heaven, whose beloved Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*A reading from Isaiah 40:1-11*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*A reading from 1 John 4:7-12*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Please stand and sing.*

***“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”***

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>  God rest ye merry gentlemen  Let nothing you dismay  Remember Christ our Saviour  Was born on Christmas Day  To save us all from Satan's pow'r  When we were gone astray</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>  O tidings of comfort and joy  Comfort and joy  O tidings of comfort and joy</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>  Now to the Lord sing praises  All you within this place  And with true love and brotherhood  Each other now embrace  This holy tide of Christmas  All others doth deface</p>	

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*The Gospel reading today is from John 10:11-18.*

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

***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 BAPTISM

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Presenter* *I present Angel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and William to reaffirm his baptismal vows.*

*Testimony*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

***Angel and William*** **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

***Angel and William*** **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

***Angel and William*** **I renounce them.**

***Together*** **Almighty God, You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of Your beloved Son, and we praise You!**

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess Him as your Lord and Savior?

***Angel and William*** **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

***Angel and William*** **I do.**

*Celebrant* Will you, by God's grace, choose to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, loving the Lord with your whole heart, your neighbor as yourself, until your life's end?

***Angel and William*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Family of Good Shepherd, will you witnessing these vows encourage, strengthen, and pray for Angel and William in their life in Christ?

***Together*** **We will.**

## 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.**

*Celebrant* We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise, and in it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him as a dove.

*Together* **We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism, for in it we are buried with Christ in His death, by it we share in His resurrection, and through it we celebrate new birth by the Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship Angel who comes to Him in faith, baptizing her in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of the Holy Spirit, and grant that Angel baptized here may be cleansed from sin and continue forever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior; to whom, with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

*Celebrant* Angel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



*Celebrant* Angel, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever. Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

***Together* Confess Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, look for His coming in glory. We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of our heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome Angel and William! The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***Together* 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

***“Revelation Song”***

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<p><b>VERSE 1</b>  Worthy is the Lamb  Who was slain  Holy holy is He  Sing a new song  To Him Who sits on  Heaven's mercy seat</p>	<p><b>CHORUS</b>  Holy holy holy  Is the Lord God Almighty  Who was and is  And is to come  With all creation I sing  Praise to the King of kings  You are my ev'rything  And I will adore You</p>
<p><b>VERSE 2</b>  Clothed in rainbows of living color  Flashes of lightning  Rolls of thunder  Blessing and honor  Strength and glory  And power be to You  The only wise King</p>	<p><b>VERSE 3</b>  Filled with wonder  Awestruck wonder  At the mention of Your name  Jesus Your name is power  Breath and living water  Such a marv'lous mystery yeah</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.**

CLOSING SONGS OF WORSHIP

**“O Praise The Name (Anástasis)”**

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**CHORUS**  
O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

## **“To God Be The Glory”**

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<b>VERSE 1</b> To God be the glory great things He has done So loved He the world that He gave us His Son Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the life gate that all may go in	<b>CHORUS</b> Praise the Lord praise the Lord Let the earth hear His voice Praise the Lord praise the Lord Let the people rejoice O come to the Father through Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He has done
<b>VERSE 2</b> O perfect redemption the purchase of blood To every believer the promise of God The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives	<b>VERSE 3</b> Great things He has taught us Great things He has done And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

### 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 ages 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
<b>Plan</b>	\$47,491	\$222,926	\$49,828	\$249,139
<b>Actual</b>	\$32,151	\$161,877	\$36,773	\$154,147
<b>Variance</b>	-\$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](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.

*Isaiah 40:11*

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.