THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AND

RALEIGH MENNONITE CHURCH

WELCOME YOU TO OUR CELEBRATION OF

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(TRANSFERRED)

JANUARY 7, 2024 AT 10:15 AM



It is with great joy that two communities of faith join together as one today in love to celebrate, to worship and to enjoy fellowship!

CLERGY

The Rev. Melissa Floer-Bixler Pastor, Raleigh Mennonite Church

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Sallie Simpson Deacon

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code below OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card, please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!



Holy Eucharist with Baptism

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Processional Hymn: As with gladness men of old

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

- Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
- There is one hope in God's call to us; People
- Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- One God and Father of all. People

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. Celebrant

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

> O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are to listen for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. The children then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

First Lesson

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

Kaspar Othmayr & Johann Pachelbel

Hymnal 119

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 299

BCP, p. 300

Isaiah 60:1-6

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;

- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14, Deus, judicium

Ephesians 3:1-12

generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: De tierra lejana venimos/From a distant home

please see facing page

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

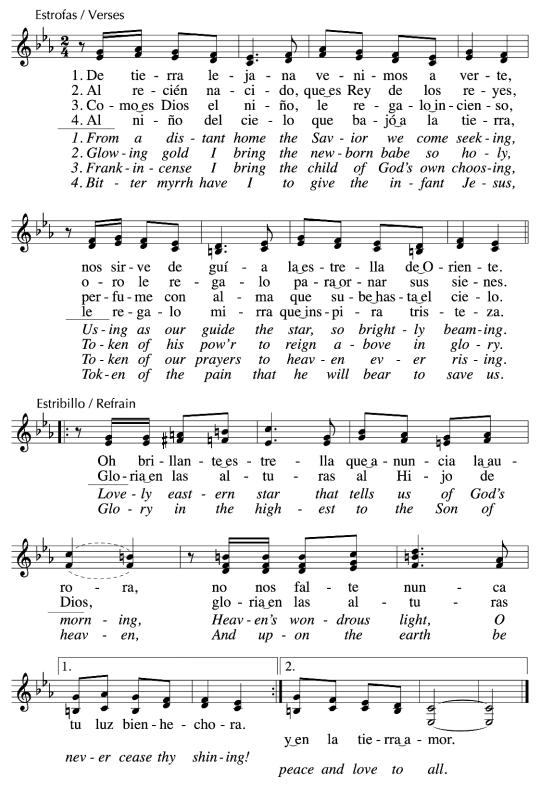
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn: De tierra lejana venimos/From a distant home

The first verse is sung in Spanish, led by members of Raleigh Mennonite Church. Please join in singing the remaining verses in English or in Spanish.



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The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

The Sermon

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The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate *The Baptismal Candidate is*

Charles (Charlie) Howard Sharp

Child of Savannah Twiggs and Chas Sharp

(God)Parents	I present Charles Howard Sharp to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
The Celebrant	addressing the parents & godparents of the child being baptized
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
(God)Parents	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer	I do.
Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer	I do.
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer	I do.
The Celebrant	addressing the congregation
Celebrant	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charlie in his life in Christ?
People	We will.
Celebrant	Let us join with Charlie who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

The Daptismar C	bol , p. 504
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	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.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	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.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

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Let us now pray for Charlie who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor	Deliver Charlie, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP, p. 306

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant Charlie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Celebrant	Charlie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.	
People	Amen.	
	Charlie receives the Light of Christ.	
	Charlie receives a Bible from The Church of the Good Shepherd Family Ministries and a book of first prayers from the Daughters of the King.	
Celebrant	Let us pray.	
	Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.	
Celebrant	Let us welcome the newly baptized.	
People	We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.	
The Peace	BCP, p. 360	
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People	and also with you.	
Welcome ar	nd Announcements	
Confession		
Celebrant	Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.	
People	Have mercy on me, O God, According to your steadfast love. For I know my wrongdoings, And my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And put a new and right spirit within me.	
Celebrant	Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus, We are forgiven, loved, and free.	

Pledge of Love

Celebrant	Friends, whoever desires to eat the bread and drink the cup,
	Let us respond with the pledge of love.
	We are called to love God before all things,
	In the power of God's living Word,
	And to join ourselves to God's way.
People	By the grace of God, I will.
Celebrant	We are called to love and serve our neighbors,
	And to lay down our lives in the power of Jesus Christ,
	Who laid down his life for us.
People	By the grace of God, I will.
Celebrant	We are called to practice mutual admonition
	To speak and to hear the truth,
	To cease what harms our neighbors,
	And to do good to our enemies.
People	By the grace of God, I will.
Celebrant	May the Spirit of God
	Who calls the church to Christ's Supper
	Give us the grace, strength, and patience
	To live this pledge of love.
People	Amen.
	Today's Altar Flowers
	The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the ministry of all past and present members of the Altar Guild

and

in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: We three kings of Orient are

Hymnal 128

Presentation Hymn: Christ be our light

Bernadette Farrell



The Great Thanksgiving

- *Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

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.

Celebrant ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We praise you, all-holy God, Our creator and our keeper For worlds beyond our knowing, For land and seas and all their animals Hymnal S114

For friends and strangers and family For centuries of faithful Christians And for your church where at your table we become one We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, Who saves us from sin and from evil and shows us the way of abundant life. On the night before he died for us...

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 368 in the Book of Common Prayer.

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

PeopleWe remember his death,We proclaim his resurrection,We await his coming in glory;

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 369 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; <u>return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.</u>*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.

Where can I go to receive only the bread? Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.

Where can I go to receive a blessing? Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.

Communion Hymns:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence I want to walk as a child of the light

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.

BCP, p. 364

Hymnal 324 Hymnal 490

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.	
People O God, we give you thanks	
For uniting us as the body of Christ	
And for filling us with joy at this table.	
Lead us toward the unity of your church,	
And help us treasure signs of reconciliation.	
Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for	us
May we one day feast together in your heavenly city.	
Through Jesus Christ,	
Who lives and reigns with you in the	
Unity of the Holy Spirit	
Ever one God, world without end. Amen.	
The Blessing	
Closing Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise	Hymnal 135
The Dismissal	BCP, p. 366
Closing Voluntary: Toccata	Gottlieb Muffat

We extend a warm welcome and our thanks to Emily Burgess, our guest organist.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	Martha Hays and Kay Stallings
Lectors	Rich Leonard and Grace Sved
Intercessor	Ed Sharp
Chalicists	Jennifer Tlusty and Paul Henry
Flower Guild	Molly Propst
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong

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Coming Up Immediately Following This Service in Shepherd's Hall!

Kings and Crockpots (our annual Epiphany chili cook-off) combined with **Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch**! All are invited and all are welcome!

EpiscoPALS Epiphany Party ~ EpiscoPals is a monthly gathering centered around food, fun, and growing in the faith for kids (infants through 5th grade) and their families. The first Sunday of every month, families are invited to stay after the 10:15 worship service, grab a bite to eat at the Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch, and participate in games, crafts, service projects, and opportunities to connect with other families. Today is our chili cook-off and Epiphany Party! We'll have delicious chilis, as well as crowns to create, crafts to decorate, and an Epiphany Photobooth with Magi costumes. Don't miss it!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Roy Wright, Carolyn Owens, Janet Gilliam, Ralph Sanders, Pete Taylor, Martha Bailey, Peggy Hawks, Ginny Byrd, Mitchell Lawrence, Hugh Stohler, Darrell Dennis, Janie Ward-Newton, William Short, Julia Hall, Catherine and Bob Williams, Fran and Paul Hoch, Carolyn Watson, Margaret Park, Peter Anderson, Ilona McHale, Felix, Amy Merritt, Brinley Harris, Joan, Karen Pursley, Nancy Brown, Larry Bledsoe, Don Caudill, Shirley Caudill, Joann Miller, the victims of the earthquakes in Japan, the people of Israel and Palestine, and the people of Ukraine.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of the Ascension at Fork, Advance; Christ Church, Albemarle; and Good Shepherd, Asheboro; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church.

LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Our newest sibling in Christ is Charles (Charlie) Howard Sharp, child of Savannah and Chas Sharp and grandchild of Ed Sharp. We extend a special welcome today to Charlie's godparents, family, and friends!

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

If you would like information about

- transferring your membership from another parish
- joining the church
- being married
- being baptized

please contact David Baggett, our parish administrator, at David.Baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or at 919.831.2018.

Coming Up Next Sunday

Adult Formation at 9 AM

- Bible Study with Debbie Moyer
- Israel and Palestine: What's Going On with Jon Stoddard Discussion Topic: Israel: Security and Shalom. We will examine competing visions for living in the modern state of Israel, focusing especially on the desires for security and shalom offering in Israeli groups as well as outside perspectives.

EYC 2024 Kickoff – Ice Skating!

Middle and high school students are invited for an evening on the ice at the Rink at the Red Hat Amphitheater from 5-7 PM on Jan 14. Proceeds from the EYC Cocoa sale will cover the cost of attendance! Please RSVP today—see the link in this week's Parish Newsletter.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

150th Anniversary

Honoring Tradition, Growing in Faith, Building Community

2024 marks the 150th Anniversary of The Church of the Good Shepherd, and we are honoring this milestone with 150 days of celebration beginning with a kick-off celebration on January 28th at All Saints Chapel from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

Join us where it all began at our original building, All Saints Chapel, 110 S. East Street. This afternoon reception will feature historic talks, beginning at 3:00, on the establishment of The Church of Good Shepherd, its development within the Capital City, and the efforts to save and move the original building.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to celebrate!

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We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

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