

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022 at 10:15 am



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

*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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HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISMS

Voluntary: Two Advent Preludes

Settings: Paul Manz, Richard Warner

Savior of the Nations, Come & Creator of the Stars of Night

Processional Hymn: 497, How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 299

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist. Masking during Children's Chapel is currently optional.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

Simplified Anglican Chant S-415

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a /flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the /cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to /help us.



³ Restore us, O God of /hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be /saved.

⁴ O Lord God of /hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your /people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of /tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to /drink.

⁶ You have made us the derision of our /neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to /scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of /hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be /saved.

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right /hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your/self.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from /you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your /Name.

¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of /hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be /saved.

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 53, Once he came in blessing (vs. 1-2)

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

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

People **Glory you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn: 53, Once he came in blessing (vs. 3-4)

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Allison

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*The Baptismal Candidates are
Jayden Alexander Cummings, child of Aileen Rodriguez and Jaymar Cummings
and
Leif Brajan Johannesen, child of Rhianna and Casey Johannesen.*

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

(God)Parents I present Jayden Alexander Cummings to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

(God)Parents I present Leif Brajan Johannesen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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 Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

(God)Parents I will, with God's help.

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

(God)Parents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

(God)Parents I renounce them.

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

(God)Parents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

(God)Parents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

(God)Parents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

(God)Parents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Jayden and Leif in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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 Candidates

Let us now pray for Leif and Jayden who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them 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

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.**

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

Celebrant Jayden, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Jayden, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
People **Amen.**

Jayden receives the Light of Christ.

*Jayden receives a First Bible from The Church of the Good Shepherd Family Ministries
and a First Book of Prayers from Daughters of the King.*

Celebrant Leif, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Leif, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
People **Amen.**

Leif receives the Light of Christ.

*Leif receives a First Bible from The Church of the Good Shepherd Family Ministries
and a First Book of Prayers from Daughters of the King.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Beverly Shavlik and Kim Randolph in loving memory of Ronald Dean Shavlik ("Ronnie"), beloved husband, father and grandfather, and Kenneth Dexter Randolph, Jr. ("Dexter"), beloved son, brother and grandson.

Give to CGS Online

*Use the QR code to the right to give or pledge online to CGS.
Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.*



The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Ave Maria (*sung in Latin*)

Setting: Malcolm Archer

Hail Mary full of grace. God is in thee. Blessed are thou amongst women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb (Jesus).

Holy Mary, Holy Mary, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.

Ave Maria.

Jessica Bowen, soprano

Offertory Response: Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from who all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 ...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:

Sanctus: S 114, Holy, 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.

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

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

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

Celebrant ...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 for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

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; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

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: 60, Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum, plainsong

67, Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalms 42

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.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the shadows from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 72, Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: Improvisation on *Richmond*

Setting: Noel Rawsthorne

Serving Today

Ushers Ed Gavin, Sheldon Smith, and Jennifer Tlusty
Acolytes Ali Cherry, Ella Grayce Cherry, and Libby Boyne
Lectors Rob Robinson and Phyllis Vail
Chalicer Rob Robinson

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Roy Wright, Carolyn Owens, Janet Gilliam, Ralph Sanders, Pete Taylor, Janet Watrous, Martha Bailey, Mary Beth, Jane Cowan, Mike Webb, Peggy Hawks, Ginny Byrd, Mitchell Lawrence, Jim Spodatto, Douglas Warden, Susan Alexion, Grady Britt, Dick Metheny, Eliana Sved, Emma Howard, Ronnie Thompson, Jordan Maylee, Rusty Chandler, Dawn Downs, Catherine and Bob Williams, Aileen and Bob Wood, Fran and Paul Hoch, Richard Kurzmann and Family, Elizabeth Alexander and Family, Laurie and Don Jackson, Art, Jeremiah, Tom, Libni, Gary B., Tyler, The Breen Family, The Moyer Family, The Steele Family, The Young Family, The Wheeler Family, and The Family of Hailey Brooks.

Welcome!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The Church of the Good Shepherd today as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and as we welcome our newest siblings in Christ, Leif and Jayden. It is such a privilege and joy for all of us to witness their baptisms and to have the opportunity to renew and reflect on our own baptismal vows as we anticipate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

If you are visiting today, it is our sincerest wish that you will return to worship with us again soon. Please know that you are always most welcome! I hope you will take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card and then place it in the alms basin as it passes or hand it to an usher, to me, or to one of the other clergy as you leave so that we may be in touch with you.

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Yours in Christ's love,
The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser
Rector

For the Good of the Parish

LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Our newest siblings in Christ are

- Leif Brajan Johannesen, child of Casey and Rhianna Johannesen
- Jayden Alexander Cummings, child of Jaymar Cummings and Aileen Rodriguez.

We extend a special welcome today to Jayden's and Leif's godparents, family, and friends!

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If you would like information about

- transferring your membership from another parish
- joining the church
- being married at Good Shepherd
- having your child baptized

please contact David Baggett, our Parish Administrator, at David.Baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or at 919.831.2018 or a member of the clergy.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE EVENTS, DATES, AND TIMES

- December 19: Vestry nominations due (please see the parish website)
- December 24
 - 2 PM Children and Family Service
 - 5 PM Festival Eucharist (special music begins at 4:30)
 - 9 PM Festival Eucharist (special music begins at 8:30)
- December 25 at 10:15 AM: Christmas Eucharist (said service)
- January 1 at 10:15 AM: Christmas Lessons and Carols
- January 15
 - 9 AM Holy Eucharist
 - 10:30 AM Annual Meeting

WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mon - Thurs, 9:00a to 5:00p

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BUDGET UPDATE

January 1-November 30

Actual Income = \$664,897.32

Budgeted Income = \$629,672.00

Actual Expenses = \$701,745.88

Net = **-\$36,848.56**

November

Pledge Income = \$32,788.20

Budgeted Pledges = \$34,253.78

Net = **-\$1,465.58**

A friendly reminder...

If you have not yet submitted your 2023 Giving Estimate, please do so as soon as possible to assist the vestry with 2023 budgeting.

Every gift is important and is appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

YOUR VESTRY

Anna Howard
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