

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols  
December 4, 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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**Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist**  
**Rite II**

**Voluntary:** Voluntary: Prelude for Advent

Setting: Charles Callahan

*(Veni, veni Emmanuel & Creator of the Stars of Night)*

**Pamela Nelson, flute**

**Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer**

Setting: Malcolm Archer

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

**Processional Hymn:** 57, Lo! he comes with clouds descending

*Helmsley*

**Welcome and Bidding Prayer**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. Let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

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

*Children ages 4 through 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.*

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the lesson.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead, a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more, they will war no more; a child will lead them all.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

### **Youngest Members of The Raleigh Youth Choir**

#### **The Second Lesson**

**Isaiah 35:1-10***The Prophet proclaims that God will come and save us*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the lesson.

**Hymn:** 75, There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Winchester New

#### **The Third Lesson**

**Isaiah 7: 10-15***God's promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God with us'*

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.

Here ends the lesson.

**Hymn:** 56, O come, o come Emmanuel (vs. 1,4,5,7)

Veni, veni Emmanuel

## The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the lesson.

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

Setting: Malcolm Archer

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

## The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 1:19-23

*St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior*

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."

Here ends the lesson.

**Anthem:** Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Setting: Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,  
By faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see,  
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -  
Here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

*Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Here ends the lesson.

**Hymn:** 65, Prepare the way, O Zion

*Berenden väg för Herran*

*During the singing of the hymn, children will decorate the Chrismon Tree.*

## 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 Lynn Wiss in thanksgiving for  
Dwayne Holloway and the gift of music he has given his Good Shepherd Family  
and by Paul Flynn in loving memory of Judy Young Apple.*

### 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

**Offertory Anthem:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Setting: Gustav Holst

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 descending,  
comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human likeness,  
in the body and the blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way  
as the Light from Light, descending  
from the realms of endless day,  
comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
as the darkness clears away.

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!"

### Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

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

### 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 Anthem:** Savior of the Nations, come

Setting: Charles Callahan

**Communion Hymns:** 54, Savior of the nations, come!

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

66, Come, thou long expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

**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:** 74, Blest be the King whose coming

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Voluntary:** Variation on *Valet will ich dir geben*

Setting: Hal Hopson

## Serving Today

Ushers Peg Dorer, Martha Hays, Rob Robinson, and Terry Sullivan  
Acolytes Louise Gray Leonard, Libba Leonard, and Cain Leonard  
Lectors Alex Duarte, Gregg Knepley, Jean Knepley, Julie Lowe, Maggie Stoddard, and Phyllis Vail  
Chalicer David Stroud

## WELCOME!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The Church of the Good Shepherd today for our Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols and our celebration of Holy Eucharist on this Second Sunday of Advent.

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

## 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, Annie Kochersberger, Blanche Williamson, Emma Howard, Jennifer Tlusty, Ronnie Thompson, Jordan Maylee, Rusty Chandler, Dawn Downs, Catherine and Bob Williams, Aileen and Bob Wood, Fran and Paul Hoch, Richard Kurzmänn and Family, Laurie and Don Jackson, Art, Jeremiah, Tom, Libni, Gary B., Tyler, The Breen Family, The Moyer Family, The Boyne Family, The Steele Family, The Young Family, The Wheeler Family, and The Family of Hailey Brooks.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who has submitted 2023 Annual Giving Estimate Cards! Pledges received to date total almost 60% of our stewardship goal of \$825,000. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please make every effort to do so as soon as possible so that the vestry is able to develop an accurate parish budget for the coming year. Thank you for your prayerful discernment and your support of our joint ministries. Every gift matters and is appreciated!

### BUDGET UPDATE

#### **January 1-October 31**

Actual Income =  
\$601,712.82

Budgeted Income =  
\$573,441.00

Actual Expenses =  
\$634,859.24

**Net = -\$33,146.42**

#### **October**

Pledge Income = \$38,642.32

Budgeted Pledges =  
\$37,623.00

Net = \$1,019.32

*The Vestry appreciates all efforts to  
keep pledges up to date.*