

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 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.*



## 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 to the right 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!*



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## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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

**Voluntary:** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

On this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, we kick off the season of Advent with a standard in the classical organ repertoire. "Wachet auf", or "Sleepers, wake" is based on Hymn 61 and you will hear the melody played in the left hand, with a bass line in the pedals, and an obbligato line in the right hand.

**Processional Hymn:** Hymnal 66, Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

### The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

**Kyrie:** Hymnal S 91, Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Kids

*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 Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of  
the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from  
Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into  
ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Response

*Laetatus sum*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;  
4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.  
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you."

## Psalm 122

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
†9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do your good."

## The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:** Hymnal 68, Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

## The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Imogen Rhodenhiser

## The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

## The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP, p. 388

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen**

## The Peace

BCP, p. 360

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem:** E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Chancel Choir

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*  
-Revelation 22 (Adapted by Ruth Manz)

**Presentation Hymn:** Hymnal 56, O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

### The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God:  
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace.

### 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 Hymn: Hymnal 542, Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

### 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.**

### The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

### The 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:** Hymnal 73, The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

**The Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

**Voluntary:** Declamation on Psalm 42/Genevan

Craig Phillips

This contemporary setting of Psalm 42 is dance-like while utilizing shifting meters. The melody can be heard in different registers. See Hymn 67 for hymn text – we will sing this hymn on Sunday December 14.

**Come enjoy fellowship with beverages and snacks immediately following this service.**

### **Serving Today**

Ushers	Don Blankenship and Ashton Blankenship
Verger	Caryl Fuller
Acolytes	Frankie Scanlon, Leighton Livengood, and Mason Livengood
Lectors	Susan Lewellen and Grace Sved
Chalicer and Intercessor	Bethany Pergerson
Altar Guild	David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley, Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss
Flower Guild	Margaret Nordt
Livestream and Sound	Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong

### **Today's Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Diane, Bethany, and Casey Pergerson in loving memory of Russell Pergerson.

### **The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List**

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler Lattimore and Charles Lattimore; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; David Lovelace; Melinda McIntyre and Family; Dana Babbs; Mike Newton-Ward; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires. And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Michael Riddle, Al Bass, Smith Lingerfelt, Paul Hoch, The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, and Peggy Hawks.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

### **Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online**

Use the QR code to the right to give online.



# The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements for Sunday, November 30th

Please see the parish newsletter for all of the latest news!

In addition to today's services at 8 and 10:15 AM:

- 8:30-12 Noon**
  - Nursery Care available for children up to 4 yo
- 9 AM**
  - Kid's Sunday School
  - Adult Formation
    - Advent Formation Series: "Making Room to Encounter Christ" in Room 323
    - Bible Study is on holiday today and returns next Sunday
- 10:15 AM**
  - Children's Chapel & Godly Play
- 11:30 AM**
  - Fellowship Time
  - Making Advent Wreaths
  - Decorating the Chrismon Tree
- 5:30-7:30 PM**
  - EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

## Advent Lessons & Carols

### December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM

New for 2025! Join us for a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols in the Anglican tradition. This festive liturgy alternates scripture readings ("lessons") telling the story of salvation with seasonal anthems and hymns ("carols") sung by the choir and congregation. This special service invites reflection and anticipation of the coming of Christ. A reception will follow the service in Shepherd's Hall.

## Service of Hope and Healing

### December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM

This year's Service of Hope and Healing at Christmas provides a holy space of stillness and comfort for all those for whom this holiday season carries a sense of grief, loss, or heaviness. Join us for a contemplative liturgy of music, prayer, scripture, and candlelight, as together we lift up the prayers of our hearts to a God who is ever present and ever with us, whatever we may be facing.

## Time to Sign Up for the Christmas Pageant!

This year's intergenerational Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10:15 AM service on **Sunday, December 21st**. All ages are invited to participate! Whether you have a child who would like a role, or whether you are a youth or grown-up who would like to help the Christmas story come to life, please sign up via the parish newsletter or **contact Rev. Imogen or Rev. Justin**.

## Calendar at a Glance

### Please note:

- EYC, Sundays afternoons, 5:30-7:30, in the Parish Life Center
- Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday at 9 AM in the church
- Bible Study with Rev. Nancy every Tuesday at
  - 10:30 AM in the Ennis Suite
  - 5:30 PM at 3110 Belvin Dr, Raleigh 27609
- Jr Choristers (Good Shepherd Choir) rehearses Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-5:20
- Kaffeeklatsch Fellowship Group every Wednesday at 9 AM at Carolina Café (Village District)
- Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 6-6:45
- Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30

### December 2025

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church</li> <li>• Pastoral Care Committee meeting at 1 PM in Room 403</li> </ul>
6	Advent Quiet Day at Good Shepherd, 10 AM – 4 PM
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOK Healing Prayers during 8 &amp; 10:15 services</li> <li>• Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch at 11:30 AM</li> <li>• Newcomers Class, Session 3 at 11:45 AM in the Parlor</li> <li>• Advent Lessons and Carols at 4 PM in the church followed by a parish reception in Shepherd's Hall</li> </ul>
10	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church
11	Men's Fellowship Lunch at 12 Noon at High Park Grill
13	Prison Families Support Group at 10 AM in the Ennis Suite
14	Service of Hope & Healing at 4 PM in the church
15	Vestry meeting, 6-8 PM, in Room 303
16	Springmoor Eucharist at 11 AM
17	Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon in the church
21	All-Ages Christmas Pageant during the 10:15 service
24	Christmas Eve (see worship schedule below)
25	Christmas Day (see worship schedule below)
24-Jan 1	Parish Office Closed
31	First Night
Jan 1	New Year's Day (Parish Office Closed)

### Christmas Worship Services

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 2 PM Family Eucharist
- 5 PM Holy Eucharist
- 9 PM Holy Eucharist

December 25, Christmas Day

- 9 AM Holy Eucharist

## Our Angel/St. Nicholas Tree

We have had a great response to this year's Angel/St. Nicholas Tree with about 3/4 of the angels already chosen; there are still about 20 angels on the tree, mostly older kids. Please consider choosing one of the remaining angels **TODAY** - be sure to sign the register with your name and contact information under the corresponding number to your angel. Gifts **MUST** be wrapped and returned to the church by next **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your participation in this Outreach program. **Contact: Jennifer Tlusty (tlustyjennifer@gmail.com)**

## Newcomers Series Continues Next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Please join Rev. Justin **next Sunday after the 10:15** for the final session in a three-part Newcomers Series. If you missed one or both of the previous sessions, please don't let that stop you from attending next week! These informal sessions provide an introduction to the Episcopal Church, Anglican theology, and our particular pattern of worship and give newcomers an opportunity to become better acquainted with our clergy and some of our other new members. This series will be followed by an adult confirmation class beginning in January. Confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations will take place during the bishop's visitation on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**. **Contact: The Rev. Justin Gabbard (justin.gabbard@cgs-raleigh.org OR 919.831.2006)**

## A Note from Pastoral Care



Ariel, a Pet Partners therapy dog, and her owner Shirley Sullivan have resumed visits to parishioners. Ariel is a calm and warm presence bringing comfort and joy. As part of Pastoral Care, we can visit at home and in nursing and rehab centers. Please **contact Shirley (sgs.schip@gmail.com)** to arrange visits, and feel free to greet Ariel this morning.

### A Friendly Reminder!

Have you moved? Changed your email address or phone number? Please remember to notify the Parish Office so that our parish records are current. Thank you!

## Monthly Men's Fellowship Lunch – December 11<sup>th</sup>

Men's Fellowship Lunches take place on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at **12 NOON** at High Park Grill (625 E. Whitaker Mill Road). Come enjoy lively fellowship and a reasonably priced meal--no reservation is required and everyone is welcome! **Contact: Jack Boyne (jackboyne54@gmail.com OR 919.832.3641)**

## Are You Interested in...

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

please contact our **Parish Administrator, David Baggett (david.baggett@cgs-raleigh.org or 919.831.2018)**.

## Weekday Worship

- **Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Monday through Friday**, in the church. Coming together in this simple way can deepen our sense of companionship with God and each other, and also reorient us to God's sense of peace and purpose for our lives as the day begins.
- **Wednesday Eucharist at 12 Noon** in the church. Take a few minutes during this hectic season to pause, pray, and refresh.

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