THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

DECEMBER 15, 2024 AT 10:15 AM THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Are You Visiting This Morning?

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 Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two with Confirmation

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

Processional Hymn: Rejoice! rejoice, believers Hymnal 68

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 413

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 414

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & Children's Chapel

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited 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.

The First Lesson **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Lector A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for
it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Surely it is God who saves me Hymnal 679

The Second Lesson **Philippians 4:4-7**

Lector A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Hymnal 76

The Gospel **Luke 3:7-18**

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Confirmation BCP, p. 415

Candidate for Confirmation

Lola Mestas

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter I present Lola for Confirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with Lola who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant BCP, p. 416

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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 BCP, p. 417

Bishop Let us pray for Lola who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop 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.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Lola with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that we may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

Today's cash offering will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Your offering helps us to care for and reach out to those who are vulnerable and in need. If you choose to write a check, please indicate your intentions by writing "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" on the memo line. Another way to give is by using the online giving link https://givingtools.com/give/1182/1995. Thank you for your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Virgin born, we bow before thee Claude Goudimel

Virgin born, we bow before thee; blessed was the womb that bore thee; Mary, Mother meek and mild, blessed was she in her Child. Blessed was the breast that fed thee; blessed was the hand that led thee; blessed was the parent's eye that watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessed she by all creation, who brought forth the world's salvation, and blessed they, forever blest, who loved thee most and serve thee best. Virgin born, we bow before thee; blessed was the womb that bore thee; Mary, Mother meek and mild, blessed was she in her Child.

Presentation Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel *(verse 6)* Hymnal 56

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D BCP, p. 372

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal S 124

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 373 in the Book of Common Prayer

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei* Hymnal S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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 Hymns:

Baptised in water	Hymnal 294
Descend, O Spirit, purging flame	Hymnal 297
Now the silence	Hymnal 333

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

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: The King shall come when morning dawns Hymnal 73

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship and refreshments!

Serving Today

Ushers	Cheryl Cozzi and David Howard
Vergers	Caryl Fuller and David Roten
Acolytes	Callin Fee, Ryan Fee, Arianna Zomorodi, Juliet Gilbert, and Benjamin Zomorodi
Lectors	Todd Poston and Grace Sved
Intercessor & Chalicist	Molly Propst
Livestream & Sound	Ed Sharp and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Margaret Nordt

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Shirley Caudill; Larry Bledsoe; Jane Mayhew; Janet Watrous; The students, faculty, and community of St. Augustine's University; Rebecca Lamb; Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Kathy Acton; Noah Cassion; Patricia Harris; Marilyn; Amy Proseus; Reginald Fuller; The Lawrence Family; The Tyson Family; The Rivers Family; The Owens Family; The Byrd Family; The Davidson Family; The McComas Family; The Fuller, Longerbeam, and Spencer Families; the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, and storms, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially Mae McComas.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Diocese of North Carolina.

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

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Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.

Your 2024 Vestry

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