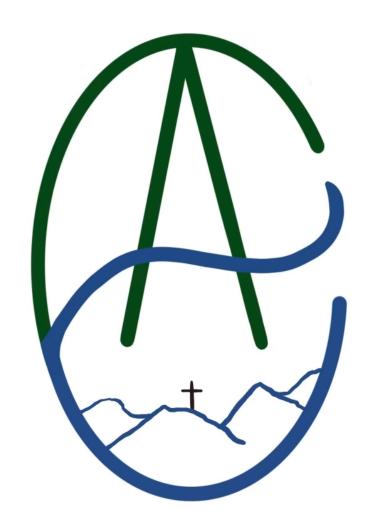
CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
4 JANUARY 2026 | 10:30 AM

Welcome

We welcome all who are worshiping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.

Our Guests

We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Name Badge

Everyone is encouraged to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.

Prepare for Worship

It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY It Came Upon the Midnight Clear arr. Joyce Jones

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

The People are invited to stand and sing the processional hymn.

THE PROCESSION Angels from the Realms of Glory WRH 189

The People remain standing.

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 105

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,

People Unto us a son is given.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 106

The Celebrant and people say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE BCP 100

Celebrant God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our

hearts, we beseech you. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

THE KYRIE BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.People Christ, have mercy upon us.Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE Love Came Down at Christmas WRH 210

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 107

Celebrant The Lord be with You. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Bible 658

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' 8Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰"Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' 11For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALTER VERSES

Psalm 84

BCP 379

¹How lovely are your dwellings, *

O LORD God of hosts!

 $^2\mbox{My}$ soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *

even your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are they who dwell in your house; *

they will be always praising you.

⁵Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, *

in whose heart are your ways,

⁶Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; *

indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.

⁷They will go from strength to strength, *

and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.

8O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁹Behold, O God, our defender, *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

¹⁰For one day in your courts *

is better than a thousand;

¹¹I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

¹²For the LORD God is a light and defense; *

the LORD will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.

¹³O LORD God of hosts, *

blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Bible 976

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Stanzas 1&2) WRH 191

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

Bible 858

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (Stanza 3) WRH 191

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Marc Robertson

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

All Standing, Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 110

All Kneeling

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant, Steve, to Julian, our Provincial Dean, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Marc, our Interim Priest-in-Charge and to Nick, our Assistant Priest that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to the Anglican Church in North America that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in Turkey, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Brunei and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants, who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. Silence

All remain kneeling and say

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.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 130

THE PEACE

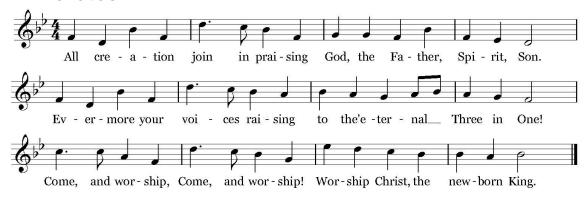
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY



Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the

victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

All Remain Standing

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SURSUM CORDA BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. 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:

THE SANCTUS WRH 738

Celebrant and People Sing

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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI BCP 136

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

THE MINSTRATION OF COMMUNION

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

All are encouraged to sing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

WRH 196

The People stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

WRH 198

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks arr. F. Bock

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Nick McGee

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson

Preacher

Kevin McGinnis Acolyte and Old Testament Lector

Bryan Gruskowski *Usher and Greeter*

Shari McGinnis
New Testament Lector & Prayers of the People

Beth Acker & Deneece Harrell

Altar Guild & Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: This Tuesday, January 6, 2026, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a service at 5 p.m. followed by a Potluck Fellowship Meal.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A couple of our current volunteers are not available for the foreseeable future. We need two trained volunteers at each service to hold the Children's Chapel, so there is a need for additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry. There is training and certification that is required but we plan to offer that training in early 2026. Liturgical lessons are supplied so there is little work. Please contact Lisa Fore if interested at lisafore21@gmail.com/817-658-8808.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays 9:00 AM – Coffee and Donuts and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

Sundays 9:15 AM - Choir Rehearsal

Sundays 9:15 AM - Adult Christian Formation.

Sundays 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

Fridays 9:45 AM - Moms in Prayer Contact: Lisa Fore lisafore21@gmail.com

THE VESTRY OF CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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