

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**21 DECEMBER 2025 | 10:30 AM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshipping 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 *Reflection on “Veni Emmanuel”* arr. David Lasky

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

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

THE PROCESSION *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder* WRH 170

*The People remain standing.*

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 105

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

*People* ***Amen. Come Lord Jesus!***

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

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      *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

WRH 177

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 107

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with You.

*People:*      ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, 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 People are seated.*

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*The people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

***Isaiah 7:10-17***

Bible 572

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup>And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!"

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

*The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.*

THE PSALTER VERSES

***Psalms 24***

BCP 296

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
**the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.**  
<sup>2</sup>For he has founded it upon the seas \*  
**and established it upon the rivers of the deep.**  
<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
**Or who shall stand in his holy place?**  
<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
**and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.**  
<sup>5</sup>He shall receive blessing from the LORD \*  
**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**  
<sup>6</sup>This is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
**even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**  
<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**  
<sup>8</sup>"Who is the King of glory?" \*  
**"It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle."**  
<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you ever lasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**  
<sup>10</sup>"Who is the King of glory?" \*  
**"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

## THE SECOND LESSON

## *Romans 1:1-7*

Bible 939

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning  
his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be  
the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the  
dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to  
bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,  
<sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are  
loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

*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 ***Blessed Be the God of Israel*** (Stanzas 1&2) WRH 158

Deacon      The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
People      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON      ***Matthew 1:18-25***      Bible 807

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Deacon      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***Blessed Be the God of Israel*** (Stanza 3) WRH 158

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 St. Thomas Anglican Church in Athens, Georgia 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 Mozambique, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Egypt 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

### Offertory Anthem

*All stand and sing*

## THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him all crea-tures he - re be-low. Praise  
Him a-bove ye heav - enly hosts. Praise Fa-ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Re -  
joice! Re-Joice Em- man - ue - el. Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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, 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*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
***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 MINISTRATION 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

***Savior of the Nations Come***

WRH 168

*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 *People, Look East*

WRH 161

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 *People, Look East*

arr. Kristina Longlois

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

The Rev'd Nick McGee  
*Celebrant*

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson  
*Preacher*

Kevin McGinnis  
*Acolyte and Old Testament Lector*

Duval Acker  
*New Testament Lector*

Betty Morris  
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Tom & Duval Acker  
*Ushers and Greeters*

Beth Acker & Deneece Harrell  
*Altar Guild & Flowers*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS AND DEADLINES:** With the Christmas and New Year Holidays upon us, the Parish Office will operate on a reduced schedule.

### Week of December 22

Monday, December 22 Noon – Deadline for any items for the weekly bulletin or email.

Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 – Parish office open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 and December 25 – Parish Office Closed

### Week of December 29

Monday, December 29 Noon – Deadline for items for the weekly bulletin or email.

Monday, December 29 – Parish Office open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30 – Parish Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Contributions to be counted for 2025 due by noon.)

Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1, 2026 – Parish Office Closed

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist and Candlelight | 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Gifts | 10:00 a.m.

**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](mailto:lisafore21@gmail.com)/817-658-8808.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:** We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a service on January 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Potluck Fellowship Meal.

## 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. Book of Common Prayer Study

**Sundays 10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist

**Fridays 9:45 AM** – Moms in Prayer Contact: Lisa Fore [lisafore21@gmail.com](mailto:lisafore21@gmail.com)

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