

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

28 DECEMBER 2025 | 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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Norman Johnson

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

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

THE PROCESSION *Once in Royal David's City* WRH 183

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 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 107

Celebrant The Lord be with You.*People:* ***And with your spirit.****Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 61:10-62:5

Bible 621

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

⁶²For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALTER VERSES *Psalms 147:12-20*

BCP 465

¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion.

¹³For he has made strong the bars of your gates *

and has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴He makes peace in your borders *

and fills you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *

and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶He gives snow like wool *

and scatters the white frost like ashes.

¹⁷He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *

who is able to abide his frost?

¹⁸He sends out his word and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

¹⁹He declares his word unto Jacob, *

his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

²⁰He has not dealt so with other nations; *

neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Bible 974

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

⁴ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 John.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

Bible 807

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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.

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. John's Anglican Church in Americus, 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 Qatar, Comoros, Cameroon, Vietnam 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.

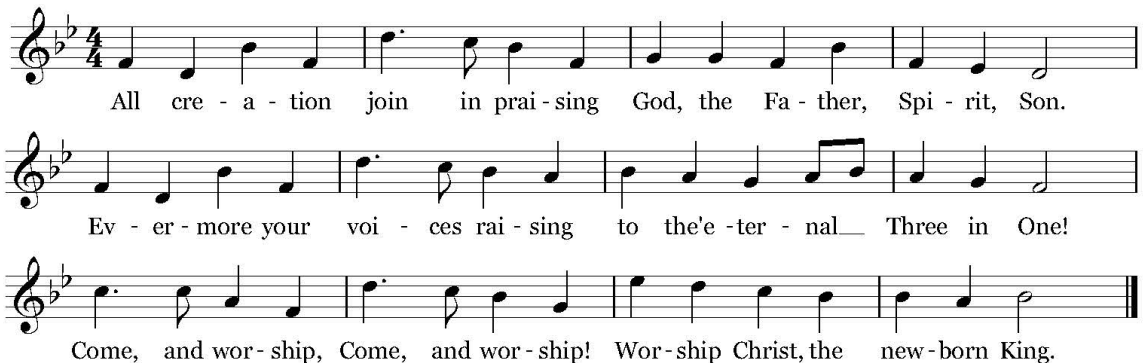
People ***And with your spirit.***

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Anthem

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY



All cre - a - tion join in prai - sing God, the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son.

Ev - er - more your voi - ces rai - sing to the'e - ter - nal_ Three in One!

Come, and wor - ship, Come, and wor - ship! Wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.

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.***

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 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 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

I Wonder as I Wander

WRH 225

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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

WRH 185

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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Albin Whitworth

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson
Celebrant

The Rev'd Nick McGee
Preacher

Bill Kameron
Acolyte and Old Testament Lector

Kevin McGinnis
Usher and Greeter

Betty Morris
New Testament Lector & Prayers of the People

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 29

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

Monday, December 29 – Parish Office upon 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

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.

MOM'S IN PRAYER: Will not meet this Friday, January 2, 2026, but will resume next Friday January 9 at 9:45 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/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. Book of Common Prayer Study

Sundays 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist

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

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