

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
15 DECEMBER 2024 | 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 and take one of our welcome gifts in the narthex.*

## *Name Badge*

*We invite everyone 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 105 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.*

*"Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult  
with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!"*



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Reflection on "Veni, Emmanuel"* David Lasky

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

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

THE PROCESSIONAL *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* WRH 248

*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

*Gloria*

WRH Inside Back Cover

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 107

*Celebrant* The Lord be with You.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## SERMON NOTES

The message is focused on Zephaniah 3. We have a picture in these verses of the people of Israel holding carnival, singing, rejoicing, shouting aloud in celebration in the streets of Jerusalem. The reasons for the celebration are clearly given. God has removed his judging wrath from Israel and destroyed their enemies. And most wondrous of all, God himself is in the midst of the people, celebrating with them (v. 17). This is a text for the church's celebration of Advent, and surely, the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem is God's descent into our midst, God with us, Immanuel.

1. God Comes to Us in the Terrible Day of the Lord (Zeph 1:7-18; Luke 3:7-9)

2. God Comes to Us in Calm, Rest, and Joy (Zeph 3:13, 17-20; Matt 11:28; Phil 4:6-7)

The gospel of Jesus Christ at its heart is all about rest. There is nothing you can do as Philip Yancey has said that will make God love you anymore and there is nothing you can do that will make God love you any less. Salvation is initiated and controlled by God's grace and rest even in this terrifying word of the Lord that comes to Zephaniah. It doesn't end with the day of the Lord; it doesn't end with judgment. It makes a big turn to remind the people that our God is a God who wants to embrace his children and bring them home at that time.

Reflection: Am I viewing God as if I am a grown-up and God is a member of my team or viewing God as if I am a teenager and God is the parent I am constantly trying to slip one by? If so, how? What part of the message do I most need to integrate into my relationship with Christ and His Church? How can my participation through the ministries of Christ Anglican assist me in my obedience to the Lord's calling upon life?

Prayer: Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me, bless thy little lamb tonight; through the darkness be thou near me, keep me safe till morning light. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 109

*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 Joe, our President, and Roy, 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 servants, Steve, our Archbishop, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Michael, our Rector, and to Christine, our Deacon, 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 Morocco, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Malaysia, 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

BCP 112

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and say*

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 113

*The Celebrant Says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

THE PEACE

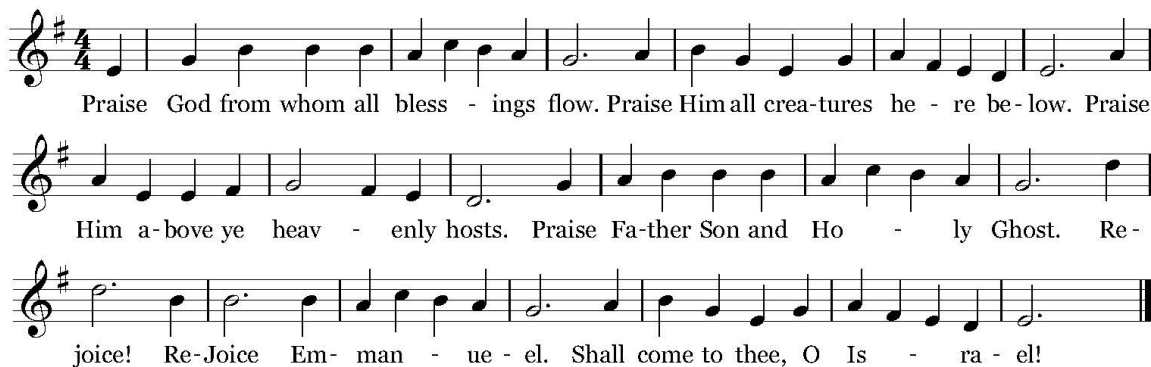
*Celebrant*    The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        *And with your spirit.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*All stand and sing*

## THE DOXOLOGY



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 -  
joyce! Re - Joyce 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 115

*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*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For 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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 118

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 119

*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 119

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*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 hymns.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN      *Savior of the Nations, Come*      WRH 168

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER      BCP 121

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL      *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*      WRH 156

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*      Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*      arr. Paul Manz

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Lisa Fore  
*Advent Candle Lighter*

Kevin McGinnis  
*Acolyte and Old Testament Lector*

Larry Wallin  
*New Testament Lector*

Dcn. Christine Maddux  
*Gospel Lector & Prayers of the People*

Bill Kamerer  
*Greeter*

Lisa Fore & Deneece Harrell  
*Children's Chapel*

Altar Guild & Flowers  
*Susan Kamerer*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** As we continue Father Michael's Bible Study, please note the following updates on meeting times and chapters covered: Wednesday, December 18 - Book Chapters 9 & 10 (Daniel 5). Sunday, January 5, 2025 - Book Chapters 11 & 12 (Daniel 6). ( January 5th Meeting time will be in the afternoon. Definite time will be announced.) Following Bible Study on January 5 we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a brief worship service. There will be no Wednesday Bible Study in the months of January and February.

**HOME BLESSINGS:** Fr. Michael is available to bless homes throughout Epiphanytide on various Thursdays and Sundays. This Epiphany tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit, and dwell in your home. A house blessing is a meaningful way to invite God's peace, protection, and care into your home. We claim the rooms as places of spiritual safety and protection from all attacks of the enemy. The front lintel will be chalked with the year, crosses and a blessing that Christ may bless your house. We will have a brief blessing of the church building following worship on the First Sunday of Epiphany. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or you may email the Church office with a request.

**ADDRESS UPDATE:** John and Sondra Gentry's new address in Alabama is: 416 Shallow Creek Road. Tuscaloosa, AL 35406. Home Phone is 205-737-7078. Their mobile numbers remain the same.

*Christmas Worship Schedule*

**Christmas Eve**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
*Holy Eucharist*  
*The Offering will benefit Anglicans for Life.*

**Christmas Day Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
*Holy Eucharist*



*Christ Anglican Church  
Hwy 64 East - Cashiers*

*Festival of  
Lessons & Carols*

*Sunday, December 15, 2024*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Festive Reception Following*

[christanglicancashiers.org](http://christanglicancashiers.org)

*This Afternoon!*

*An offering will be received to benefit the Music Ministry of CAC.*



# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Advent greetings!

Although the liturgical year has just begun, the calendar year is coming to an end. So, on behalf your Christ Anglican Church Finance Committee, I am offering some information that we hope you will find helpful.

Cash and check donations: The church's last bank deposit for this year will be made on Tuesday, December 31. Donations received in the church office after noon on that day will be deposited in 2025 and will be recorded on your 2025 giving statement.

Online donations: There is often an uncertain time lag between the time an online donation is made and when it is posted to our church account, so if you wish to make an online donation to our church this year, please do so on or before Friday, December 27. Please visit <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/ChristAnglican> to make an online donation. You will need to create an account. If you need assistance doing so, please contact the office at 828-743-1701 or email [CAC@ChristAnglicanCashiers.org](mailto:CAC@ChristAnglicanCashiers.org).

Reimbursements: If you have expenses to be reimbursed by the church this year, please remit the reimbursement form with your receipts to the church office by noon on Friday, December 27.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 713.7858.0285 or [kmcginnis57@icloud.com](mailto:kmcginnis57@icloud.com).

With deep gratitude,

*Kevin McGinnis*

Kevin McGinnis  
Treasurer

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## Weekly Opportunities

**Sundays 9:00 AM** – Coffee and Donuts and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time. We would love to have a few more volunteers to assist with the Sunday Morning Fellowship. If you are interested in providing a treat or helping set up, contact Shari McGinnis at [sharimcginnis@icloud.com](mailto:sharimcginnis@icloud.com).

**Sundays 9:15 AM** – Choir Rehearsal

**Sundays 9:30 AM** – Adult Christian Formation. Our study and formation will center upon one of the Sunday Lectionary texts. Join us for this time of teaching and discipleship!

**Wednesdays 6:00 PM** – Bible Study with Prayer & Singing.

**Online Giving:** Christ Anglican Church offers online giving through our website at [christanglicancashiers.org/give](http://christanglicancashiers.org/give) or you may scan the QR code to the right. You will be prompted to create a login to complete the transaction. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office. Thank you for your support of the ministries of our church.



### THE VESTRY OF CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Shari McGinnis, *Senior Warden*

Jim Kay, *Junior Warden*

Deneece Harrell, Crawford Jones, Bill Maddux, Ashley Royal, & Larry Wallin

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