



“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

Revelation 20:25

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022



Welcome to Church of Our Savior. We are a part of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. We proudly uphold the traditional faith and values of our Anglican heritage, while seeking new ways to reach people with the transformational love of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior over heaven and earth and that He has called those who follow Him to be His witnesses in the world. Those who put their faith in Him have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a new life, a resurrection life. We believe that because Jesus rose from the dead all people can experience the promise of abundant life through a personal relationship with Him.

The great Christian thinker C.S. Lewis once described the transformational power of walking through life with Jesus when he wrote:

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

It is our hope and prayer that as you join us you will know for yourself the unconditional love and grace of Our Savior Jesus Christ, in your own life.

The Rev. David Ball

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome

-The Congregation is invited to stand

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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The Acclamation

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.
People: *Amen. Come Lord Jesus!*

The Collect for Purity

-The Celebrant and the People pray together

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

-The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with 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

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Praise Song

Hymn Of The Saviour

From the chaos of darkness
Your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made a blessing you gave
To a people of your name
For this broken world a Saviour foretold

To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love burst forth from the grave
Proclaiming the vict'r'y won

At the end of the ages the world passed away
I will gaze on my Saviour's face
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God
Forever his praise we'll sing

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

-The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day

-The congregation may be seated

-9am Service: Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to "Splash Kids".

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 6:8-15

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹ Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹² And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³ and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." ¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

-All stand

The Gradual

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O Come O Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe for us the heavenward road
And bar the way to death's abode

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

Gospel Lesson from Mark 7:1-9

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

The Gradual, *continued*

O come O Bright and Morning Star
And bring us comfort from afar
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel*

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-The Congregation may be seated

The Sermon

-All stand

The Nicene Creed

-Officiant and People together

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 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.

*universal

-The Congregation may remain standing or be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

The Reader Prays:

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Alex, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We especially pray for the next generation of Christ followers. We ask you almighty God to use us as your faithful witnesses, as we seek to use the gifts you have given us to share with them your great love and mercy. Prepare our hearts and minds to welcome and love those you will bring into our congregation, that we may be to all people the sweet aroma of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:
People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:
People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:
People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

-The Congregation is invited to offer up their own prayers and petitions

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:
People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:
People: *Hear our prayer.*

-The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, 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

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

-All pray together

***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.***

-Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those 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

-The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Celebrant: 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*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*

-The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements (page 21)

Offering

Ways to give on Sunday morning

- Online at church-savior.org/give
- Text offering amt to (904) 606-1165 & follow prompts
- Place offering in the basket as it is passed

THE HOLY COMMUNION

- The offerings are collected and the holy table is prepared.

Offertory

There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

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-All Stand

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

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.

-The Celebrant may pray the proper preface.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

***People: 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.

Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937)

- The people are invited to stand, kneel or be seated.

The Prayer of Consecration

-The Celebrant begins

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 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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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

-The Celebrant then says

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

-Officiant and People

*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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Ministration of Communion

-Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

-The Celebrant will receive the Lord's Supper on behalf of those who are unable to receive themselves at this time.

-The Lord's Supper will be distributed as congregants come forward by row, when released by the usher.

-All who have made the decision to put their faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to come and receive this Holy Communion.

-Gluten Free wafers are available. Please ask the Celebrant.

Communion Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This (Wondrous Love)

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul for my soul

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside
His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing

While millions join the theme
I will sing
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity

I'll sing on I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

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The Post Communion Prayer

-After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

-Celebrant and People together say the following

***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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***

Closing Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

*O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

*O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord*

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!*

Musical Postlude

BE PART OF CELEBRATING **JESUS' BIRTH** AT BEACHES RESCUE & RECOVERY MISSION

Christmas Morning Breakfast
Sunday, December 25
8:00am - 9:30am

Breakfast Food & Supplies needed:

- Breakfast Casseroles
- Sweet Breads
- Cooked Breakfast Meats
- Breakfast items - Casseroles
- Juices
- Bottled Water
- Paper Items
- Fresh Fruits

Sign up sheet on Usher's Table



Beaches Rescue & Recovery needs volunteers
-- help as a friend to the Mission's disciples, be
an encourager or assist with transportation.
Sponsorships available. Questions, call Bowen
Slade, Director (904) 210-4469.

Beaches Rescue & Recovery Mission
115 1st Ave. N. Jax Bch

PRISCILLA SHIRER

The Armor of God

Begins Friday,
January 13

9:30am to
Noon



Contact:
Barbara Bevis
(904) 708-7624

Tiffie Mackoul
(904) 246-1234

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy has a battle plan that depends on catching you off guard.

If you're tired of being pushed around, this study is for you. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

The study book must be purchased before the first study. Find it online at Amazon & Lifeway.

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Recurring Events

Events are held at COOS unless otherwise noted and are subject to change.

Check with the office to confirm!

Worship God

Sunday Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00am

Nursery: Polka-Dot Playhouse: *Loving care in a clean, safe playhouse.*
Infants thru 4yrs @ **both services.**

Kid's Program: Splash Kids: *Dive in - Get Soaked!* 5yrs thru 5th grade. **Exclusively at 9:00am Service**

Tuesday Intercessory Prayer: 10am-12p Sanctuary

Love One Another

Fellowship

Enjoy "Snacks & Chats" between services in the Fellowship Patio.

Finance

QR Code to Financial Growth FREE access to Ramsey+ with world-class financial tools. Pass it on!



Men

Breakfast Bible Study: Monday @ Panera PVB, 7-8:30am. Tuesday @ IHOP Hodges Blvd. 7-8:30am

Women

Friday Bible Study- On hiatus, resumes Jan 13, 2023

Youth

Youth Group: 6-12th grade - TBD

Trail Life USA & American Heritage Girls, Tuesday, 6:30pm

Share Christ

Mission House: Serve a meal at a local homeless shelter, 5th Fridays

Avante Nursing Home: Monday, 2:00pm. Communion Service with the residents and staff.

Prayer requests & Praise reports - Share via Connect Cards, online at church-savior.org or, emailed to church@church-savior.org.

Church services may involve photography and/or audio & video recordings. By attending, you consent to the use of these materials. Consent extends to any individual under your care.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Sat, Dec 24, 4pm & 6pm

Celebrate our Savior's birth with Holy Communion & candle lighting.

*At the **4pm service**, children are invited to participate in Gospel reading and Pastor David's sermon.*

Christmas Day: Sun, Dec 25, 10am: One service

New Year's Day: Sun, Jan 1, 10am: Lessons & Carols morning prayer service.

Christmas Remembrances- In anticipation of Christmas Eve's splendor, give to the beatification of the Sanctuary to remember a loved one or blessing. Remembrance envelopes are available. Please **include who/what the remembrance is on the note/memo line** for correct printing in the Christmas Eve bulletin. \$10 suggested donation. **LAST DAY TO SUBMITT.**

Love Offering for Staff: The Vestry has placed A Love Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary, through today for those who wish to give the staff a gift at Christmas. You may write a check to Church of Our Savior or go online through the church's website. Please designate for "Staff Love Offering".

Turn to page 18 & 19 for info on Women's Bible Study and serving on Christmas morning at BRRM.

12/18/22 Finances

2022 Budget: \$694k

YTD Expenses: \$582k

YTD Income: \$560k

Still Needed: (\$22k)

Serving This Week		
Service Time	9:00	11:00
Assisting Priest	----	Jim+
1st Reading	Kent	Barbara B
Prayers of the People	Bud	Melike
Ushers	Tom B	Cheri
Nursery	Trey & Roxane	Mary & Roxane
Altar Guild	Set: M.A. Reset: Kathy Take Down: Tiffie	

CHURCH *of Our* SAVIOR

Clergy

The Rev. David Ball, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Chuck Holliday, Asst Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship
The Rev. Canon James McCaslin, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Bruce Ford, Assisting Priest

Vestry

Trey Mamo -Sr Warden Rob Richardson- Jr Warden
Buff Wagner- Treasurer
Debby Fliger, Mike Parsons, Abby Conolly
Monthly Vestry Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6pm

Office Staff

Chris McCarthy, Business Manager
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Debbie Godwin, Music Director
Roxane Andrade, Nursery Director
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