



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

Revelation 20:25

First Sunday In Advent

December 3, 2023



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

Savior Of The Nations Come

Savior of the nations come
Virgin's Son make here Thy home
Marvel now both heaven and earth
That the Lord chose such a birth
Not by human flesh and blood
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh
Mary's offspring pure and fresh

Thou the Father's only Son
Hast o'er sin the victory won
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be
When shall we its glories see

Brightly doth Thy manger shine
Glorious is its light divine
Let not sin o'ercloud this light
Ever be our faith thus bright

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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

Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner (*Chorus*)

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour (*Chorus 2x's*)

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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”. They will return to the Sanctuary during Communion.

The Lesson

A Reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

-All stand

The Gradual Instrumental

Gospel Lesson from Luke 1:26-38

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

The Gradual, continued

-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**

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The Prayers of The People

-The Congregation is invited to sit, stand, or kneel for the Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

The Reader Prays:

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault, by your grace at the day of Christ’s coming.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley. our Archbishop, for Alex our own Bishop and his wife Jody, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God. We pray for these churches in our Diocese, Resurrection, Prince of Peace, St. Francis at the Point and Incarnation. We lift up our children’s and youth ministries, our nursery, Splash Kids, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls. Jesus, you declared to your disciples that no one should hinder any children from coming to you. May you use these ministries and their leaders to guide our children into a personal relationship with you.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, and that all people will know that we are your disciples by the way that we have love for one another.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth in both word and deed. We especially pray for First Coast Women's Services in their ministry to the preborn and their parents and for Cross Cultural Connections in their ministry to those suffering from human trafficking.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel. We pray for our One Initiative. That the Lord will use us to reach those who are walking in darkness.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For those in positions of public trust and service, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For this congregation that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, give us true humility, that we may be your missionaries in this world and show forth your glory in all that we say and do.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

We give you thanks for all who have died in the faith of the resurrection from the dead and the assurance in Christ that they are at rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

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.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the believers, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Reader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

-The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **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

Offering

Ways to give on Sunday morning

- Give online at church-savior.org/give
- Text a donation amount to (904) 606-1165
- Place offering in the plate as it is passed

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Offertory/Preparation of the Lord's Table

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Amazing love now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
Grace flows down and covers me (Repeat)

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

And covers me

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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:

*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*

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- 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.

-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.

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

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

Communion Songs

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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Holy Is His Name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

*And holy holy
Holy is His name*

He has mercy in ev'ry generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembers His promise to our fathers

*And holy holy
Holy is His name*

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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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Nettleton)

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

Musical Postlude



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: 9:30am-11:30am Sanctuary

Love One Another

Fellowship

Enjoy "Snacks & Chats" after service.

Fellowship Groups - House Parties resume in January.

Men

Breakfast Bible Study: **Monday:** eat at Panera Nocatee at 7:30am, then head over to Starling Assisted Living for study from 8-9am.

Tuesday @ IHOP Hodges Blvd. 7:15-8:15 am

Women

Friday Bible Study- Resumes in January

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

Beaches Rescue & Recovery Mission: Serving the homeless throughout the year. Next opportunity is Christmas Day.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Tis The Season!

Today: Make your own wreath to take home along with a devotional booklet during our **Tis' The Season** event during Snacks & Chats. This festive time is a great chance to **bring a friend**. (A donation of \$15 per wreath is appreciated to cover the cost of materials)

Advent Prayer Time:

Join together for a time of prayer during Advent. **This Wednesday, Dec 6 at 6pm.**



Christmas Dedications: In anticipation of Christmas Eve's splendor, give to the beatification of the Sanctuary to remember a loved one or give thanks for your blessings. The suggested donation of \$10 can be made via check or give online*. Please include on the **note or memo line who/what the donation is given for!** The dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. (Deadline is Dec 15)

Love Offering for Staff: The Vestry has placed A Love Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary, through Dec 17 for those who wish to give the staff a gift at Christmas. You may write a check to Church of Our Savior or give online*. **Please designate for "Staff Love Offering".**

*Give online: Church-Savior.org/give

12/03/23 Finances

2023 Budget: \$690k

YTD Income: \$586k

Still Needed: (\$104k)

Serving This Week		
Service Time	9:00	11:00
Welcoming	Abby	You???
1st Reading	Sandy B	Buff
Prayers of the People	Bill M	Tom B
Ushers	Bill B	Tom B
Altar Guild	Set: Tiffie	Reset: Kathy
	Take Down: Mary-Stuart	

CHURCH *of Our* SAVIOR

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