

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation  
1673 Jameson Road Marietta, GA 30066

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I   ✠   10:30AM**

Prelude: *Harp Music by Gail Walker*

**The Word of God**

Processional: <i>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord</i>	Hymnal 438
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	
Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Holy God: <i>Trisagion</i>	Hymnal S102
The Collect	BCP 160
Placing of Wreath on Window	
The First Lesson	Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7,16-18	BCP 702
Placing of Candle in Window	
The Second Lesson	Romans 1:1-7
Placing of Poinsettia at Altar	
Sequence Hymn: <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel, Vs.1-3</i>	Hymnal 56
The Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25
The Sermon	The Rev. Paul McCabe
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	Intercessor
The Confession	BCP 330
The Peace <i>(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)</i>	BCP 332

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Music: <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel, Vs.4&amp;5</i>	Hymnal 56
The Presentation Hymn, <i>Praise God, Vs.3</i>	Hymnal 380
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
Sanctus: <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>	Hymnal S114
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Communion: <i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>	Hymnal 66
Communion: <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	Hymnal 324
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 339
Recessional: <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel, Vs.6-8</i>	Hymnal 56
Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude	

**Welcome to Episcopal Church of the Annunciation**

*If this is your first time with us, we hope you will join us for coffee hour after the 8:30 or 10:30AM services for fellowship & refreshments. Please sign the guest book or fill out a guest card so we can answer any questions you may have about ECA.*

*Thank you for joining us today.*

### **Collect of the Day**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Prayer List**

Elizabeth, Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Rae & Chris, Lucas, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, Lillian, Leo, Shannon, Connie, Allison, Bill, Sue, Linda, Liz, Bonnie, Beth, Starr, Anjeli, Farrah, George, Karen, Susan, Shelly, Joy, Bill, Lena, Bethany and Family, John & Robin, Alaina, Dave, Tom, Pam, Jennie, Teresa, Brad & Melissa; for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Paul, Les, Tod, Ryan, Mark, Josh, and Michael; and for any unspoken prayers.

### **Birthdays**

12/22 Carol Scheidler	12/25 Bliss Peterson
12/22 Pete Hogan	12/26 Hannah Tidwell
12/23 Carly Whisler	12/26 Michele Myers

### **Anniversaries**

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### **Christmas Service Times**

**Christmas Eve: The Eve of The Nativity - Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5 PM** Children's Christmas Story, Holy Eucharist Rite II Service

**8:15 PM** Carols **8:45 PM** Traditional Service Rite II with Festive Music and String Musicians

**No Christmas Day Service – Merry Christmas to all!**

### **Changes to Worship Services During the Season of Advent**

Both services during Advent will be Holy Eucharist Rite I with music. We will also be using blue Altar hangings to emphasize the change from a penitential tone only to that of anticipation and hope. Rite I incorporates a penitential nature with traditional language that calls us into a spirit of anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel. Feel free to contact Fr. Paul with any questions.

### **The Sunday Commissioning**

In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of Church of the Annunciation, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body.

*People: **Because we all share one bread and one cup.***

**\*\*Year to Date Giving Statements Available in Narthex\*\***

**Children/Youth Christian Formation (Sunday School) to meet Today**

The Children/Youth meet on the first and third Sunday of each month for CF. All Children are welcome! To learn more, contact Cheryl Farr or Lily Lippert.

**Greening of the Church Today after the 10:30 Service followed by Brunch**

All are invited to join ECA for this annual tradition of decorating the church for Christmas – Brunch Reception to follow the Greening. All are Welcome!

**Southern Comforters will Not meet in December – resuming in January**

Souther Comforters typically meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of each month after services. All are welcome to fellowship with those who knit and crochet to make blankets and prayer shawls for children and adults in difficult circumstances.

**Calling all Children and Youth! It's time for the Annual Christmas Pageant**

We need children to read parts of our Christmas Pageant as well as simply dress as a character and be on 'stage'. If your children and/or grandchildren are interested, please contact Cheryl Farr or Lilly Lippert. 'Tis the season!

**Buildings and Grounds Meeting Canceled Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> will resume in January**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm in the Activities building. All are welcome!

**Reach to Serve at Shady Grove Christmas Eve (Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>) at 4:30pm**

All are invited to join the ECA Reach ministry in preparing and delivering a meal to the homeless population every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Shady Grove Baptist Church. We meet at the church at 4:30pm to prepare then carpool down. Travel Sized toiletries are also being collected for this outreach.

**Join us for Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:47am: ONE SERVICE**

Join us (one service only) at 9:45am for Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 28. Bring your friends and family as we celebrate this Christmas season.

**Vestry Nominations Now Open. Please Prayerfully Consider Serving.**

We are seeking nominees and persons willing to serve on Vestry at ECA. Please prayerfully consider being a member of the Vestry and serving in this capacity. It is a 3-year ministry. Vestry members support the mission and ministry at ECA.

**Christmas Poinsettias and Flower Contributions now being accepted**

If you would like to make a contribution for Christmas poinsettias, greens, etc. please fill out a flower form in the Narthex. Simply indicate whether your gift is "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for." Suggested Donation \$30.

**Tickets for the 12th Annual Ladies British Tea Event on Sale Now!**

We look forward to welcoming you to another fun and delicious tea on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Activities building. All welcome (over the age of 10). Tickets are \$25. Tickets would make a great stocking stuffer!

**Each Month we provide our Year-to-Date Financials**

<b>Through November 2025</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Revenues	\$244,075	\$263,982	(\$19,907)
Expenses	\$249,979	\$264,056	\$14,077
Net Year	(\$5,904)	\$73.83	(\$5,830)

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