The First Sunday of Advent



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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional: *The King shall come when morning dawns*	Hymnal 73
The Lighting of the Hope Candle	
Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Holy God: *Trisagion*	BCP 324/Hymnal S102
The Collect	BCP 159
The First Lesson	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	BCP 702
The Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Sequence Hymn: *Watchman, tell us of the night*	Hymnal 640
The Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
The Sermon	The Rev. Paul McCabe
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	Intercessor
The Confession	BCP 330
The Peace *(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)*	BCP 332

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music: *We gather together*	Hymnal 433
The Presentation Hymn, *Praise God, Vs.3*	Hymnal 380
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I	BCP 333
Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*	Hymnal S114
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Communion: *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*	Hymnal 58
Communion: *Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee*	Hymnal 615
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 339
Recessional: *Blest be the King who is coming*	Hymnal 74
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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Prayer List

Elizabeth, Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Rae & Chris, Lucas, Jeannie & John, Irene, Jan, John, Tom, Shannon, Piper, Darryl, Dawn, Bill & Sue, Bella, Dianne, Betsy, Craig, Diane, Joann, Bob, Teresa, Brad, Shawn, Lawrence, Pattie, Phil, Brenda, Walt, Riner, Richalene, Kent, Isla, Louis, Amy, Braden, Baby Hudson, Doris, Connie & Ron, Mackie, Sharon; for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Paul, Les, Tod, Ryan, Mark & Josh; and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

11/29 Mary Bass 11/30 Lindsey Gross
11/29 Mary Miller 11/30 Mackensie Vereb

Anniversaries

Vestry Investor Spotlight This Week:
This week, we are thankful for the investment Wyn Allen makes here at ECA! Wyn is a member of the Altar Guild, the Bible Challenge and the Reach Committee. She has also enriched our worship with the gift of her own music on numerous occasions! Wyn is a constant attendee at the 8:30 service, always present with a friendly smile and a kind word. Thank you, Wyn for all you do and investing in the mission and ministry at ECA!

A Special thank you to Cathy Rockoff for filling in as our Musician today.

Changes to Worship Services During the Season of Advent
Both services during Advent will be Holy Eucharist Rite I with music. We also use 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.

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***.

ECA Reach to Serve at Emmaus House on Thurs., Dec. 3rd: Volunteers Needed!
Reach will once again be serving dinner for the grandparents raising grandchildren at Emmaus House on Thursday, December 3. We will need help cooking, transporting and serving dinner. Those who have done this in the past will tell you what a joyful gathering this is! See Lindy Lippert to volunteer or if you have questions.

ECA Reach Annual Angel Tree is Here! Take a tag to help a local family
Each year, the ECA Reach sponsors local families in need and helps to provide a Christmas for the children. The Angel Tree will be up by Thanksgiving. Please take a tag and return unwrapped gifts by the date indicted on the tag. Thank you for supporting the Reach out-reach projects within our communities!

Calling all Youth! Youth Movie Event Friday, December 4th at 6:30pm
All youth are invited for a Cozy Christmas movie night in the Activities Building at 6:30pm with Pizza, hot cocoa, and popcorn! Invite a friend!

ECA Men's Group to meet Saturday, December 5th at Noon: All Men Welcome
Join the men of ECA for lunch at Miller's Ale House 745 Chastain Rd NW, Kennesaw. See Steve Barrella to learn more. All men are welcome to join the Men's Group!

Finance Committee Meeting Next Sunday at Noon in the Activities Bldg.
All are invited to attendthe ECA Finance Committee Meetings typically meeting on the first Sunday of each month back right room in the Activities Building.

Episcopal Church Women to Meet Next Sunday at Noon in the Activities Bldg.
Episcopal Church Women meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month in the Activities Building. Activities and Events are scheduled throughout the month. See Janice Maxwell to learn more.

Reach collecting Nonperishable Food Items for Local Food Pantries
Reach collects food items for local ministries Encompass Ministries and Never Alone. Please place items in the baskets in the Narthex. These next couple months during the Holidays the needs increase for struggling families, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Celebrate 40 years with ECA 40th and Purchase Anniversary Merchandise!
Get your ECA Anniversary Celebration Merchandise during coffee hour on Sunday or purchase online. Go to: https://tools.signupgenius.com/c/test-21485 to order! See Bliss Peterson to learn more.

Pecans have arrived! Pecans are being sold for our Annual ECW Sale!
The ECW Annual Pecan Fundraiser is about to begin and will continue through the holidays. The cost is $13 per 16oz bag. Tell your friends, neighbors & family!

Year to Date Pledge Statements are Available in the Narthex
Please take a moment to pick up your YTD Pledge Statement located in the Narthex.

Each Month we provide our Year-to-Date Financials

Through Oct 2026	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	$213,584	$241,803	($28,219)
Expenses	$213,444	$230,917	$17,473
Net Year	($140)	$10,886	($10,746)

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