

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

HOPE ☆ PEACE
JOY

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional: <i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>	Hymnal 76
The Lighting of the Joy Candle	
Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Holy God: <i>Trisagion</i>	Hymnal S102
The Collect	BCP 160
The First Lesson	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
Psalm 126	BCP 782
The Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Sequence Hymn: <i>What is the crying at Jordan</i>	Hymnal 69
The Gospel	John 1:6-8,19-28
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>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Gail Walker, Harp
The Presentation Hymn, <i>Praise God, Vs.3</i>	Hymnal 380
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I	BCP 333
Sanctus: <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>	Hymnal S114
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Communion: <i>Humbly, I adore thee</i>	Hymnal 314
Communion: <i>Wayfaring Stranger</i>	LEVAS 19
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 339
Recessional: <i>O Zion, haste</i>	Hymnal 539
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

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Prayer List

Elizabeth, Irene & Tom, Bruce & Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Chris & Rae, Lucas, Heather, Ken, Laurie, Linda, Betty, Lillian, Christina, Gladys, Susan, Pam, Robin, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, & Betty, Don, and Kathy; for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, & Josh; and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

12/22 Carol Scheidler	12/23 Carly Whisler
12/22 Pete Hogan	12/23 Dr. Don Rudy

Anniversaries

12/17 Cal & Sharon Beck

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.

Christmas Service Times: Sunday Morning Advent IV **10AM** only |
Christmas Eve (The Eve of The Nativity - Sunday, December 24th)
5 PM Children's Christmas Story | Holy Eucharist Rite II Service
7 PM Traditional Holy Eucharist Rite II Service |
9:00 PM Festive Carols **9:30 PM** Traditional Candlelight Service. Rite II

***Christmas Day (Monday, December 25th – one service only)**
10:30 AM – The Birth of our Savior - Holy Eucharist Rite II.

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.*

Greening of the Church Today after the 8:30am & 10:30am Services

All are invited to the 'Greening of the Church' today after both services. Join us for this annual tradition of decorating the church for Christmas - Reception with adult refreshments and food to follow the Greening in the Swift Bldg.

Southern Comforters to meet today at Noon in Activities Building

All are welcome to fellowship with those who knit and crochet to make blankets for children in difficult circumstances and prayer shawls for our parishioners and friends. This ministry meets on the 3rd Sun. of each month after services in the Activities Bldg.

Vestry Nominations Open for 2024: Please Prayerfully Consider Serving

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA, please contact Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment with a retreat in January. Vestry qualifications are: any confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish not less than 18yrs of age, a regular attendant of church services the preceding year before election, and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support throughout preceding year before election.

It's Time for the Annual ECA Children's Christmas Story, Come one, Come ALL!

If you have children or grandchildren who want to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story this year, please contact Molly Norman. Open to all!

The Annual ECA British Tea Tickets are Now on Sale!

The ECA Tea-Time Ladies invite you to join February 10th at 2pm for the Annual British Tea. The Tea Shop opens at 1:30pm. Get your tickets today! Please see Linda Dobos, Wanda Ziembinski, or Cheryl Farr for tickets or to learn more.

Christmas Poinsettias and Flower Contribution sheets in Narthex or by email

If you would like to make a contribution for Christmas poinsettias, greens, etc. please fill out one of forms in the plastic box beneath the altar flower chart in the narthex or send an email to the office. The amount is voluntary (suggested donation \$30).

Mark Your Calendar! Bible Challenge CF Class Resumes Jan. 14th

The Bible Challenge will resume meeting in the nave at 9:45 am on Sundays beginning Jan. 14. We will be reading, *The 50 Day Bible Challenge: A Journey with Matthew*. Each day, there will be a short verse from Matthew and a reflection to read, with some discussion questions to follow. Reading begins January 7. If you wish to join us and don't have your book yet, please see Bliss Peterson.

Time for Pecans! Place your Orders for the Annual ECW Sale Today!

The ECW Annual Pecan Fundraiser has begun and will continue through the holidays. The cost is \$11 per 16oz bag. Tell your friends, neighbors & family!

Each Month we make our Monthly Financials Available

(YTD) Through Nov. 2023	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	\$232,760	\$250,929	\$18,169
Expenses	<u>\$234,027</u>	<u>\$255,728</u>	<u>(\$21,701)</u>
Net Year to	\$1,267	(\$4,799)	\$3,532

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