

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024



"The Baptism of Christ" Stained Glass. Image Source: http://www.vam.ac.uk/_data/assets/image/0007/187351/cleveland_museum_schongauer_baptism_of_christ.jpg

The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

*"All Baptized Christians, regardless of age or church affiliation,
are welcome to take communion."*

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

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| Processional: <i>On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry</i> | Hymnal 76 |
| Opening Acclamation | BCP 355 |
| The Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
| Gloria: <i>Gloria in Excelsis</i> | BCP 356 |
| The Collect of the Day | BCP 215 |
| First Lesson | Genesis 1:1-5 |
| Psalm 29 | BCP 620 |
| Second Lesson | Acts 19:1-7 |
| Sequence: <i>What star is this, with beams so bright</i> | Hymnal 124 |
| Gospel | Mark 1:4-11 |
| The Sermon | The Rev. Paul McCabe |
| The Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| The Prayers of the People | Intercessor |
| The Peace <i>(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)</i> | BCP 360 |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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| Offertory Music: <i>Shall we gather at the river</i> | LEVAS 141 |
| The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus: <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i> | BCP 362 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | BCP 364 |
| Communion: <i>We three kings of Orient are</i> | Hymnal 128 |
| Communion: <i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i> | Hymnal 339 |
| Post Communion Prayer & Blessing | BCP 365 |
| Recessional: <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i> | Hymnal 616 |
| Dismissal | BCP 365 |
| 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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Prayer List

Elizabeth, Irene & Tom, Bruce & Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Chris, Rae, Lucas, Heather, Ken, Laurie, Linda, Betty, Lillian, Christina, Gladys, Robin, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, & Betty, Don, Kathy, Billie Jo & Bill; 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.

For the Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Samuel Scales, father of Robin Keith, May he rest in peace, and rise in Glory!

Birthdays

1/7 Ronnie Tidwell 11/10 Chris Crookless
1/10 Jeff Whittingham 1/13 David Sanders

Anniversaries

1/10 Pete & Terri Hogan

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.

Annual Parish Meeting TODAY: Note: Service times Change.

Services at 8 am and 10:45. No Christian Formation. The annual parish meeting will take place at 9am (breakfast is available at 8:30am). Additionally, we will vote for members of the vestry. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to vote, please use one of the absentee ballots in the narthex.

Episcopal Church Women Ministry to Meet Today, Jan. 7th at Noon

Episcopal Church Women meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month in the Activities Building after church services. All Ladies Welcome! Come and See!

ECW Ladies Tea Planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:30am

The Tea Committee has a meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 10:30am in the Activities Building. We will be making final plans for our February Tea. Join us!

Journeys Group to Meet Saturday, January 13th at 11:30am in Activities Bldg.

This is a group that offers support, care, and compassion to those coping with grief, loss or any difficult life challenge. If you are seeking support through fellowship, please join us the second Saturday of each month from 11:30am-12:30 in the Activity Building. Please call Suzie Hart at 404.234.5294 for more information. See calendar for dates.

Bible Challenge & Christian Formation Resumes Jan. 14th between Services

The Bible Challenge will resume meeting at 9:45 am on Sundays beginning Jan. 14th Bible Challenge will begin 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. If you wish to join us and don't have your book yet, please see Bliss Peterson.

Reach Ministry Meeting next Sunday, January 14th at Noon

Come see what in-reach and out-reach ministry is all about at ECA. Typically meeting on the Second Sunday of each month after the 10:30am Service.

The Annual ECA British Tea Tickets are Now on Sale!

Our Annual ECW Tea will be Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 2:00-4:00. Our theme this year is a Victorian Valentines Tea. To add to the fun, you may decide to "gussy up" in your tea party attire, hats, or fascinators. It's up to you! Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available after our church services. Bring your friends and join us for a fun afternoon. All Ladies Welcome! Please see Linda Dobos, Wanda Ziembinski, or Cheryl Farr for tickets or to learn more.

Each Month we make our Monthly Financials Available

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

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