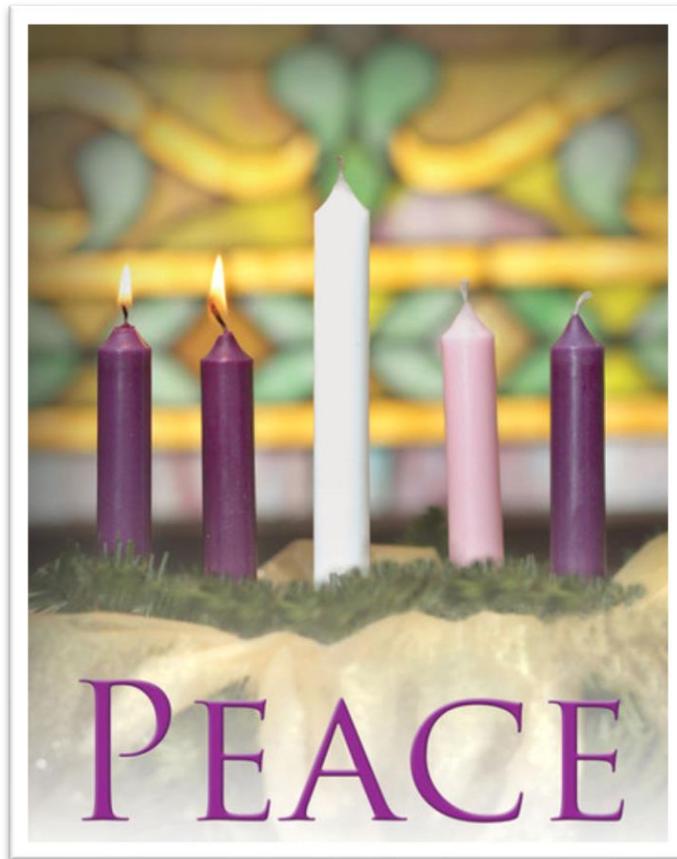


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite One

Prelude

Processional Hymn 542 (vs. 1&3)

Christ is the world's true Light

1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

3 One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 38

Presider † Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Presider and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 42

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Presider Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O come, let us adore him.

Jubilate Psalm 100

BCP 42

Presider and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come
before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we
ourselves; we are his people and the sheep
of his pasture. O go your way into his

gates with thanksgiving and into his
courts with praise; be thankful unto him
and speak good of his Name. For the
Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Benedixisti, Domine

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

1 You have been gracious to your land,
O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of
Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your
people and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who
fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and
righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and
our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and
peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 59 (Vs. 1&5)

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Priest † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers

Suffrage A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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 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.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 71 (v. 1,2&4)

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

1 Hark! the glad sound! the
Savior comes, the Savior
promised long: let every
heart prepare a throne, and
every voice a song.

2 He comes, the prisoners
to release in Satan's
bondage held;
the gates of brass before
him burst, the iron fetters
yield.

4 Our glad hosannas,
Prince of Peace, thy
welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches
ring with thy beloved
Name.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Postlude

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie & Bruce, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Lee & Wanda Farmer, Greg, Josalyn & the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family, and Gabriella; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, Daniel, and Sean; and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Cindy Gilbert	12/7	Joanne Williamson	12/10
Jack Whisler	12/10	Kay Thompson	12/10
	Mike Wrinkle		12/12

Anniversaries

Chris & Jan Samuel	12/8
Jamie & Janie Guardado	12/12

Christian Formation Class Today at 9:40

Christian Formation is held Sundays at 9:40am. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

Angel Tree Giving Opportunity

ECA is once again participating in the annual Angel Tree! This year, we are using a sign-up genius to 'take an angel' digitally. [Click here to participate.](#) Each slot is for a different gift. All gifts need to be returned to the Church by 12-9-2020. Please include a gift receipt for clothing items purchased. Tag gift items, ie: Family 10, boy age 4. Please do not wrap gifts; instead, you can provide gift wrap or bags. Thank you for your kind donations to help these three families have a memorable Christmas!

New Sunday Service Worship Opportunities, Drive thru Communion Offered.

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship inside, providing opportunities for worship is still our top priority. We will be doing drive-thru communion during the 10:30AM service as weather permits. Please start arriving at the church at 11am and pull around to stop sign. We will line up cars and distribute the sacrament of communion. *****In the event of rain, we will still offer DRIVE-THRU communion starting at 10:30AM.*** All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must still go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Counters and Readers!

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. *Volunteers needed to read the Sunday lessons.

Fire Pit / Caroling Social Event (Safe & Physically Distanced) Saturday Dec. 12 at 4:30PM

Here we come a'caroling. Mark your calendar and join us December 12 at 4:30 pm on the grounds for multiple fire pits, Christmas music (with Joe playing), caroling and smores. We'll supply the fixings for the smores. You bring a chair and your drink of choice. We also have it on good authority a jolly ole' man in a red suit from the North Pole will be joining us! Bring your children of all ages, grandchildren and friends for a fun evening. Please RSVP to the office as soon as possible. We want to make sure we have enough fire pits set up to keep everyone warm and physically distanced; and don't forget your Christmas sweaters!

Christmas Poinsettias & Flower Contributions for Christmas Season

If you would like to make a contribution for Christmas poinsettias, greens, etc. please email your request to ecaparish@gmail.com. Even though we are limited on our in-person meetings, we are still decorating for the season for our online streaming. Simply indicate whether your gift is "in memory" or "in thanksgiving for." The amount is voluntary, but the suggested donation is \$25. Thank you for your gift! Thank you and blessings to you during Christmas!

Pavilion Update: We finally have our building permit, Construction to begin

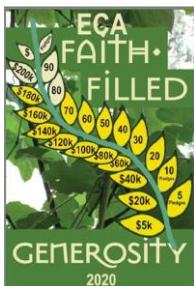
Construction is set to begin on the pavilion. If everything goes according to schedule, we hope to be complete before Christmas. In order for work to progress, please be careful on the site and stay away from the area until construction is complete.

It's Time for Pecans! ECW Selling Pecans Now

Fresh Georgia Pecans available for purchase! You may contact Penny Capawana: pcapawana@gmail.com to order. One pound bags of shelled pecan halves from this year's crop cost \$10.00. Please make checks payable to ECA with 'Pecans' in the memo (mail to 1673 Jamerson Dr. Marietta, GA 30066). Pecans sales are to raise funds for ECW. Thank you for supporting this ministry! *Note: If you need help getting pecans due to COVID, contact Bliss Peterson at blisspeterson@gmail.com or by phone 678-662-0508.*

Vestry Nominations Open for 2021, We are SEEKING those who feel Called to Serve.

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA please contact Wanda Ziembinski, Chris Renaud or Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment and meets once a month with a retreat in January. Vestry members serve in a leadership role with a ministry within the parish. 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.



2021 Pledge Campaign "Faith filled Generosity" Numbers to Date

During these unusual times, collecting our pledges has been a little more sporadic than what we are use to. We appreciate those who have been able to turn in their pledges this year. As of the printing of the bulletin we have 80 pledges to date at \$200,454 in commitments. We had 90 pledges last year, so we are almost there.

We understand the difficult times we are in and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support ECA's ministry moving forward for 2021. There are multiple ways to send in your pledge, you can mail the envelope we sent back to ECA, you can email us at ecaparish@gmail.com or Fr. Paul if you wish, you can leave in the

secure mailbox down at the street, or leave with us when you attend a service at ECA. We are deeply grateful for all who continue to support ECA and our ministry and worship together and we hope to be back together soon.

Stewardship Prayer: O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom; We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ECA Finances to Date

<u>(YTD) Through NOV. 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$199,764	\$217,232	(\$17,468)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$190,264</u>	<u>\$210,025</u>	<u>\$19,761</u>
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$9,500	\$7,207	\$2,293

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