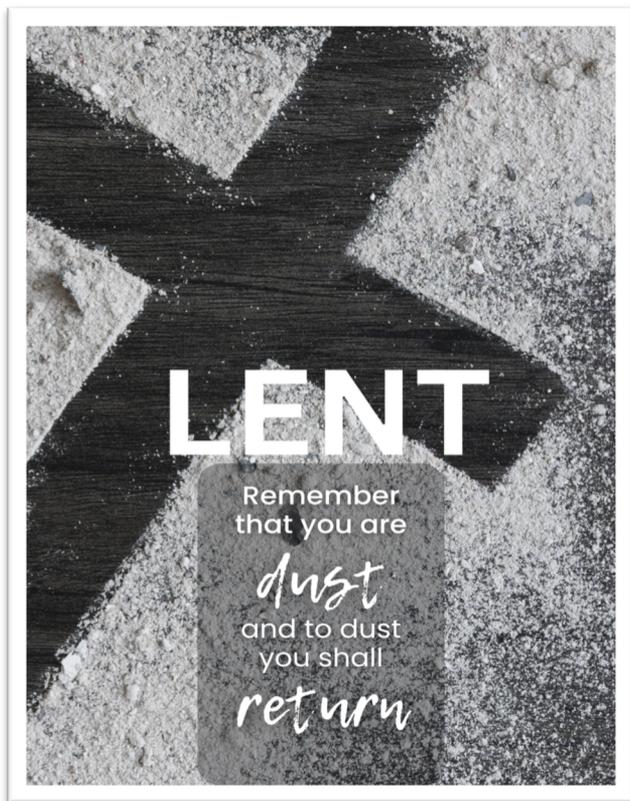


# The First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



## 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 OF LENT  
MORNING PRAYER RITE I**

Prelude

**The Word of God**

Silent Processional

Scripture Sentence For Lent BCP 38

*“If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”. -1 John 1:8, 9*

The Decalogue BCP 317

*The people respond: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

The Confession of Sin BCP 41

The Invitatory & Psalter BCP 42

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.*

The Venite BCP 44

The First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32 BCP 624

The Second Lesson Romans 5:12-19

Sequence Hymn : *The glory of these forty days* Hymnal 143

The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

The Sermon Foster Peterson, Seminarian

The Apostles Creed BCP 53

The Peace *(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

Offertory Music: *Yield not to temptation* LEVAS 170

The Lord's Prayer BCP 54

Suffrages B BCP 55

The Collect of the Day BCP 166

Prayers of the People Intercessor

The General Thanksgiving BCP 58

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 59

Recessional: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us* Hymnal 559

Blessings & Dismissal BCP 59

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Prayer List**

Elizabeth, Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Rae & Chris, Lucas, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, Leo, Shannon, Linda, Karen, Lena, John & Robin, Dave, Pam, Jennie, Teresa & Brad, Melissa, Loraine, Sadie, Bill, Everett, Dawn, Bennett, Dan, Maxine, Betsy; 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.

### **Prayer for the Departed**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lillian Stanton, long time member of ECA, founder of the Cultured Pearls Book Club, and loved by many. Lord, grant eternal rest to her and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Birthdays**

2/24 Betsy Nibeck    2/26 Larry Haines  
2/25 Laszio Martiny    2/27 Billy Jo Rountree

### **Anniversaries**

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### **Rite I Liturgy Used for Worship Services During the Season of Lent**

It's that time of year again in our worship season where we change from Rite II services in the prayer book to Rite I. Rite I has a penitential tone that moves us to a season of self-reflection and repentance as we prepare for the Easter resurrection. This change helps draw us into a period of self-examination of our faith as we worship together.

### **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.*

### **Buildings and Grounds to Meet Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**

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

### **Reach Serving the un-housed at Shady Grove Weds. February 25<sup>th</sup>: Join Us!**

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. Also collecting AA & AAA batteries and men's socks for Shady Grove. Please donate!

### **Reach Collecting Food items, Batteries, & Men's socks for our Community**

ECA supports local charities Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. Please bring donations on Sunday and place in the baskets. Now collecting AA & AAA Batteries & Men's socks for Shady Grove. Thank you for supporting these charities!

### **Lenten Series Begins February 25<sup>th</sup> "Will You?" Baptismal Covenant**

Join us as we revisit the promises we make when we answer these questions, "I will, with God's help." The Lenten series is broken down into 5 weeks and provides an opportunity each week to read, discern and dig deeper into our baptismal identity and Christian witness. Sign up to bring soup, bread or salad in the Narthex.

### **Cultured Pearls Book Club to meet February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am: All are Welcome!**

The Cultured Pearls Book Club meets on the Fourth Thursday of each month at 11am. A new book is chosen for each month. See Helene Freese to learn more.

### **Youth Event February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Monster Mini Golf: Join Us!**

All youth and their friends are invited to join an ECA event on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to play mini golf at Monster Mini Golf, 2505 Chastain Meadows Parkway in Marietta. See Lily Lippert to learn more or RSVP.

### **Calling all Men: Mark your Calendar for a trip to the Savoy Auto Museum 3/7**

The ECA Men's Group will be going to Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM (carpooling from the church). The cost is \$17 per person. (Free with a Bank of America credit card and I.D.). Contact Steve Barrella or Horace Higgins to learn more or RSVP. Invite a Friend!

### **ECW Announcements and 'Food for Thought' Dinner Outing**

The ladies of ECW meet for fun and fellowship for lunch and dinner once a month. The February dates are: Dinner, Tue, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at Henry's at 4835 Main Street, Acworth. Contact Janice Maxwell to learn more or RSVP. ECW is also participating in the Diocese of Atlanta ECW Annual Project by donating purses and travel size toiletries to local women's shelters. Gently used or new purses are needed. Ask your family, neighbors and other friends to help! Bring your donations as you have them, throughout the year. Thank you for your contributions!

### **Each Month we provide our Year-to-Date Financials (\*Not finalized)**

<b>Through December 2025*</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Revenues	\$268,649	\$293,530	(\$24,841)
Expenses	\$272,204	\$293,632	\$21,428
Net Year	(\$3,555)	(\$102)	(\$3,453)

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