

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025



Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

“All Baptized Christians, regardless of age or church affiliation, are welcome to take communion”

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Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

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

Prelude

Processional: *Joy to the World*

Hymnal 100

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 75

Presider Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Presider and People together **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

Alleluia.

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born:

Presider and People: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Presider and People Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The First Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm

147:13-21

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *What Child is this*

Hymnal 115

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Bliss Peterson

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Presider and People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Offertory Music: *Away in a Manger*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Presider As our Savior Christ has 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.***

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

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

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional: *Go tell it on the Mountain*

Hymnal 99

The Dismissal

Presider 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

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.

Prayer List

Elizabeth, Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Rae & Chris, Lucas, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, Lillian, Leo, Shannon, Connie, Allison, Bill, Sue, Linda, Liz, Bonnie, Beth, Starr, Anjeli, Farrah, George, Karen, Susan, Shelly, Joy, Bill, Lena, Bethany and Family, John & Robin, Alaina, Dave, Tom, Pam, Jennie, Teresa, Brad & Melissa; 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.

Birthdays

12/28 Angela Canaday 12/30 Hunter Peterson
01/02 Steve Edwards

Anniversaries

12/29 Butch & Kate Martiny 12/30 Tom & Elizabeth Jacobsen
01/02 John & Penny Capawana

Welcome and Merry Christmas to All who are with us Today

ECA warmly welcomes all guests who are worshipping with us this Christmas season. If you are visiting family & friends for the holidays and are passing through, may your time here and with your family be filled with many blessings. We also wish everyone here at ECA a very Merry Christmas and we give thanks to God in Jesus Christ for ECA this year and for the years to come. Fr. Paul+ and the Vestry

Happy New Year to All from ECA Vestry and Staff!

“Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your son, and called us to new life in him. Grant that we, who begin this new year in his Name, may complete it to his honor and glory; who lives and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*” – *a New Year Prayer from the Episcopal Church*

Vestry Nominations Open for 2026: 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.

Annual Parish Meeting & Lessons and Carols Next Sunday, Jan. 4th (service times change) Join us next Sunday, January 4 at 8am for Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9am for the Annual Parish Meeting, and at 11am for Christmas Lessons & Carols. No Christian Formation this day. Note the time changes. Please plan to attend the meeting. See you there!

Episcopal Church Women Meet next Sunday, Jan. 4th at Noon in Activities Bldg.

Episcopal Church Women meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month in the Activities Building. All Ladies are invited to attend. Activities and outing planned throughout the month.

Finance Committee Meeting next Sunday, Jan. 4th at Noon in Activities Bldg.

All are invited to attend the ECA Finance Committee Meetings typically meeting on the first Sunday of each month in the Activities Building.

Journeys Group to Meet Saturday, Jan. 10th at 11:30am in the 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.

Each Month we provide our Year-to-Date Financials

Through November 2025	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	\$244,075	\$263,982	(\$19,907)
Expenses	\$249,979	\$264,056	\$14,077
Net Year	(\$5,904)	\$73.83	(\$5,830)

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