

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

*To grow in Love of God and Neighbor*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY COMMUNION-RITE I  
DECEMBER 22, 2024

## For Your Children:

- Nursery: Our staffed Nursery is available to children up to four years old from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Angel Buddy Bags - Angel Buddy Bags with activities are located in the Narthex for children ages 5-7 years.
- Children's Chapel is offered during the school year at the 11:00 am services for children ages 4-7.

## Christian Formation

- Christian Formation is offered during the school year for ages four to adult from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. To locate a class, please see an Usher.

## Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to the Altar rail. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, come up, cross your arms, and we will pray for you. If you have trouble kneeling, please remain standing at the altar rail. If you have trouble walking, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to your seat.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT - Please let an Usher know if you are gluten intolerant, and they will arrange to have a gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

- **Large print and Spanish prayer books** are available. Please see the ushers if you would like one.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available through our ushers before services.
- **Silence Electronic Devices** Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins.

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## Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Prelude** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 J. S. Bach  
**Lighting of 4<sup>th</sup> Candle in Advent Wreath**

*Officiant and People* **Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.**

*Officiant* Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.

**Processional Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymnal 56

**Opening Acclamation** BCP 323

**Collect for Purity**

**Kyrie** Hymnal S88

**Collect of the Day**

**The Old Testament** Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**The Song of Mary — Magnificat** Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**



Please join us  
Tuesday, December 24

**Family Service at 5:00 p.m.**

*All Children are invited to attend this service where we will be setting up the creche to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.*

**Choral Service at 9:00 p.m.**



Wednesday, December 25

**Christmas Day Service at 10:30 a.m.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Greening of the Church:** Our annual greening will be today at 12:30 p.m. Please plan to join us and lend a hand as we prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas services. It's a wonderful tradition to decorate the church and the more the merrier!

**Candle Light Services:** We are excited to return to using real candles (with holders) for both Christmas Eve services. Our singing of *Silent Night* and sharing the candlelight will be a beautiful and memorable time in the services. However, battery powered candles will be available for anyone uncomfortable holding the flame or for young children.

**End-of-Year Contributions:** Please prayerfully consider giving a special year-end contribution to the mission of Annunciation *"To grow in Love of God and Neighbor."* All contributions received or **post marked by 12/30/2024** will be reflected on your 2024 giving statements. All contributions are welcome and appreciated!

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church office will be closed from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 972-221-3531 and dial 9 to reach Mtr. Carolyn.

**Salvation Army 5th Sunday Lunch:** Join with your fellow parishioners in the spirit of this Christmas on December 29 by serving those less fortunate than us. We are in need of volunteers to help serve our community 4 times a year on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of any month. This is a 2 hour commitment from noon to 2 PM. Please contact the Church office if you can assist. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*—*Matthew 25:40.*

### EYC New Year's Lock-In —Sign up now!

Our Lock-In is coming soon! Join youth around the diocese for a night of food, music, games, movies, and prayer. 6-12th grade. 8PM-8AM. \$25 per student.



### Annual Reports Due by January 12th

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th. This will be an exciting opportunity to look back at what God has accomplished in the past year, as well as look forward to what God has in store for Annunciation in the coming year. If you are a ministry leader, and you would like your report (and pictures) to be included in our printed materials, please send it to Gary at [gary.gordon@annunciationlewisville.org](mailto:gary.gordon@annunciationlewisville.org)

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

### The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### Sequence Hymn

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Hymnal 265

### The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

### Homily

Ross Parker

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

### The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

**For those in our community in special need of prayer especially....**Alan, Anne, Betsy, Betty, Bill, Carrie, Connie, Derek, Don, Gert, Irma, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Jones Family, Kalli, Karen, Laura, Marcelle, Margaret, Melissa, Meredith, Nancy, Nicia, Paul, Penny, Polly, Rachel, Ray, Rick, Sam, Sarah, Shannon, Tutu, and Wayne.

**We ask you to watch over those in the service of our country...** Alton, Andrew, Brandon, Cody, Devin, Gabe, Hannah, Houston, Jaden, Juston, Kyle, Laney, Liam, Nyah, Owen, Rachel, Richard, Robert, Tony, and Will.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week...** Martha Adame, Eric Craft, Natalie DuTeil, Robert DuTeil Jr., Susan Johnson, Drew Neikirk, Mike Scharff, Vanessa Slane, Jonathan Todd, and David Ward.

**We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week...** Charles and Betty Dunn, Gene and Kathy Sloan.

*Prayer for Bishop Coadjutor Search*

**Confession of Sin** BCP 331

**The Peace** BCP 332

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**BirthDay Prayer:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Announcements**

**Offertory 8:00** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Arr. Gilbert Martin

**Offertory 11:00** *People, Look East!* Arr. G. Gordon

**Music of Taizé** *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near,  
Wait for the Lord, Be strong take heart. (2x)*

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(Eucharistic Prayer A)* BCP 333

**Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy* BCP 324/Hymnal S114

**Great Amen** Hymnal S146

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 337

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP 337

**Fraction Anthem**

**Agnus Dei** BCP 337/Hymnal S158

**Prayer of Humble Access**

### **Communion**

**Communion Hymn 8:30** *Creator of the Stars of Night* Hymnal 60

**Communion Anthem 11:00** *One Candle is Lit* Mary Anne Parrott

1. Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
our hearts long to greet you, as roses the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.  
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.
2. Come quickly, Shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.
3. Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.
4. Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,  
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,  
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.  
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

**Prayer after Communion** BCP 339

### **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer**

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent from the table to take Communion to those who are home-bound or hospitalized, the following prayer will be said:*

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People:** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus* Hymnal 268

**Dismissal** BCP 339

**Postlude** *"Sleepers, wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* Arr. J. S. Bach