

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

To grow in Love of God and Neighbor

December 28, 2025



The First Sunday after Christmas, Rite II
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

For Your Children

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

Christian Formation

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

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. If you desire to receive communion and are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity, we invite you to do so. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, please come forward and cross your arms. 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 gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large print and Spanish prayer books are available. Please see the ushers if you would like one.• Hearing Assistance devices are available from our ushers before services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silence Electronic Devices
Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins. |
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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude	<i>What Is this Lovely Fragrance?</i>	Arr. Gilbert Martin
Processional Hymn	<i>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Hymnal 81
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Collect for Purity		BCP 355
Glory to God		Hymnal S280
Collect of the Day		BCP 213
The Old Testament		Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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 Epistle

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Sequence Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Hymnal 633

Sung to the Tune: **Liebster Jesu**

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and

we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Homily

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For those in our community in special need of prayer especially....Alan, Anne, Betsy, Beth, Bill, Bill, Chad, Connie, Derek, Don, Emilia, Eric, Frank, Gabe and Angel, Gail, Janey, Jayice, Jean, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Joan, John, Justin, Kallie, Karen, Kathy, Keegan, Laura, Levi, Lori, Marcelle, Margaret, Marian, McMellian Family, Melissa, Nancy, Nicia, Owen, Pam, Paul, Penny, Polly, Rachel, Ray, Rick, Robert, Ron, Sam, Sandra, Terry, and Zoey.

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... Dave Bell, Nancy Bell, Larry Cahill, Monica Campbell, Simon Currie, Catherine Fairbanks, Madelyn Fairbanks, Brad Hart, Terry Oliver, Chris Parker, Dusty Rainbolt, Steve Ramsay, Anna Reimer, Mary Stockton, Scott Williams and Rob Wright.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week... Josh and Andrea Aynes, Bob and Ronda DuTeil, Randy and Ann Sitton.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, we pray for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

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 Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymnal 89

Doxology

Verse 3

Hymnal 380

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

BCP 362/Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 364/Hymnal S155

Communion

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Gilbert Martin

Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

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

Once in Royal David's City, vs. 1-3

Hymnal 102

Dismissal

BCP 365

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Arr. Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Office Hours & Pastoral Care

The church office will be closed until Monday, January 5.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 972-221-3531 and dial 9 to reach Mtr. Carolyn.

What is a pastoral emergency? Examples include hospitalization, serious illness or accident, a death in the family, or an urgent personal or family crisis. In a medical emergency, please call 911 first, then let us know so we can be with you in prayer and support.

2026 Church Calendars are available and can be found in the Narthex.

Annual Reports Due by January 11th

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place at **11:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 25th**. Join us as we celebrate what God has done this past year, give thanks for our common life, and share hopes and plans for the year ahead.

Ministry leaders: Please email your report and any photos by Sunday, January 11 to churchoffice@annunciationlewisville.org

Tuesday Night Zoom Prayer (Open to All!)

The Daughters of the King hosts a simple, welcoming prayer gathering every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. Connect with us on Tuesday nights by scanning the QR code.



Adult Christian Formation: Sundays, 9:45–10:45 a.m., Oratory Chapel

In January we will begin a study on how the Church discerned the lines between orthodox Christianity and heresy, and how the councils and creeds responded to key questions of faith. We'll use Justin S. Holcomb's companion volumes—*Know the Heretics* (first) and *Know the Councils and Creeds*—as our guides. Books: Available on Amazon in paperback or Kindle. If you need assistance obtaining a book, please speak with Mtr. Carolyn—she'll help you get a paperback copy. All are welcome to join us to learn and grow in faith together.