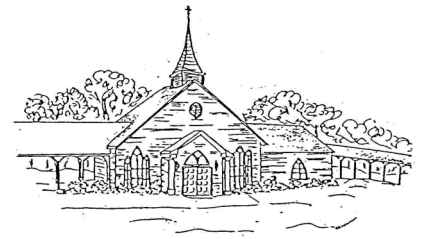




Our Parish Life



November 2022



The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation



“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.” Luke 1:31

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

The Difficult Words of Jesus Bible Study
Wednesday, November 2 & 9, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

All Saints Sunday and Necrology & United Thank Offering
Sunday, November 6. UTO Boxes will be collected.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, November 13, at 11:45.

Christ the King Sunday November 20
Giving pledges blessed at the altar and a luncheon provided by the church after the 10:30 service.

Advent wreath supplies will be available to take home on Sunday, November 20th & 27th.

First Sunday of Advent , November 27,
Look for the Angel tree to be in the Narthex.

Advent Bible Study Wednesday, Nov. 30th-December 7,14, & 21st.
Feast of Feasts written by Bishop Frank & Victoria Logue.
See page 5 for more information.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
We are collecting pre-packed shoeboxes with your \$10 shipping donation now through November 14, for Operation Christmas Child.

Non perishable food needed for our Church Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar with list of needed items on page 4. Bring your items into the Narthex or Church office. Thank you for your donations.

Christian Education for Adults and Children
Adults 9:30 am. Children elementary school and younger 10:20 am.

Nursery Available
Sundays, at 10:15 for the 10:30 service.



Dear People of Annunciation,

On Sunday, November 27, we begin the Season of Advent and a new church year. We also begin a new cycle of Sunday and weekday Scripture readings. The "Lectionary" or the Liturgical Calendar follows a three-year cycle, each year being represented by the letters, A, B, and C. During the year A cycle, the Gospel of Matthew is the primary Gospel that is used for the readings. In year B, Mark is the primary Gospel. In year C, Luke is the primary Gospel. The Gospel of John is proclaimed on particular Sundays in each of the years. This year, on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin year A for our Sunday readings and year One in the daily office readings.

Year A features the gospel of Matthew, one of the most highly treasured accounts of Jesus' life among the early Christians. This may be why it was given first place among the Gospels in the New Testament. Its popularity continues today, mainly because it preserves such cherished and revered teachings of Jesus as the memorable sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, and the Lord's Prayer. According to an old tradition the author was none other than Matthew, the Jewish tax collector as named in Matthew chapter 9:9. This tradition came about decades after the Gospel itself had been published, and scholars today have reasons to doubt its accuracy. Yet, the early church claimed he wrote it and there has been no alternative author named.

Most scholars date the book sometime during the latter part of the first century, possibly, as a rough guess, around 80 or 85 C.E. By the time the Gospel of Matthew was written in Greek, a split between Judaism and Christianity had taken place. Gentle converts had begun to play an increasingly important part in the church, and the church now saw itself as the new Israel. Mark's Gospel had already been written by this time around 65-70 C. E. Helpful though it was, the Gospel of Mark did not include many of Jesus' teachings. Mathew sought to remedy the situation. His written sources were Mark's Gospel and the collection of traditions that scholars designate as Q.

Matthew's Gospel puts emphasis on four doctrines to give certainty to a questioning church: (1) Jesus is the Messiah prophesied by Scripture for Jews and Gentiles. (2) Jesus' teachings are the new law for the church. (3) The kingdom of heaven is both a present and future reality. (4) The church is the new community of faith. Matthew wrote for a church whose members had differing opinions about important issues. So too, today's church members often disagree. Mathew would have us look beyond the issues that divide and center instead on Jesus and His teachings. Our attention is to be on Jesus, making our response to Him the main issue.

His Gospel would also instruct us: (1) to see Jesus as the One who fulfills Old Testament hopes and God's eternal purpose; (2) to accept the salvation Jesus' death has made possible; (3) to follow Jesus' teachings, recognizing that they fulfill the deepest meaning of the law; (4) to live so as to be ready when He returns at the end of the age: and (5) to take the responsibility for sharing the gospel with all the world. For Matthew, entry into the kingdom means living for others, loving others as yourself, treating others as you would have them treat you. Those who do so are true followers of Jesus, whether Jews or Gentiles.

So Matthew's Gospel....here we come!

Blessings,
Denise+



All Saints Sunday Necrology

Sunday, November 6, the names of family members or friends who have died this past year will be remembered in the service. Please call or email Karen in the church office the names of those you wish to have remembered.



United Thank Offering

Collection of boxes All Saint's Sunday, Tuesday, November 6.



How to live a life of gratitude for daily blessings? It is unbelievably easy! Just breathe a quiet prayer of "Thank you, God!" as good things come to you throughout your day. To make it even more special, share that goodness with others and drop a coin or bill in your United Thank Offering Blue Box. It may become part of a grant for a van to carry someone to a clinic for medical care, or to a church in a faraway place with no transportation, or even a motorbike to make it possible for a priest or deacon to make rounds for services in a jungle or desert somewhere. Just putting your spare change in your box Amazing things happen when we share the love of Jesus! Boxes will be on the table in the Narthex.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child now through November 14.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 146 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name. We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Will you partner with us to share that glorious hope with boys and girls around the world—many of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus? We're looking forward to a great Operation Christmas Child season as we prayerfully consider ways to modify our collection and processing in light of COVID-19. We are already monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of those involved in preparing shoebox gifts.

Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. During the National collection week Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. **Do not include:** candy; toothpaste, used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans. **National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21, 2022.**





Christ the King Sunday November 20

Pledge Card Sunday & Thanksgiving Luncheon
provided by the church after the 10:30 service.

Please bring your 2023 Pledge Card in support of the mission and ministry of our church. Pledges will be blessed at the altar.
Advent wreath supplies will be available to take home.

Angel Tree

ECW is again sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas season. Look for the Angel Tree on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th, filled with Christmas wishes for children and families assigned to us by the local Salvation Army, located in the narthex. Take one or more “angels” to help with this Christmas outreach project; write your name and family letter from ornament on the sign-up sheet;



Reverse Advent Calendar

Beginning December 1st, each day add an item to a box and on Christmas Eve or before, donate the contents to our food pantry.

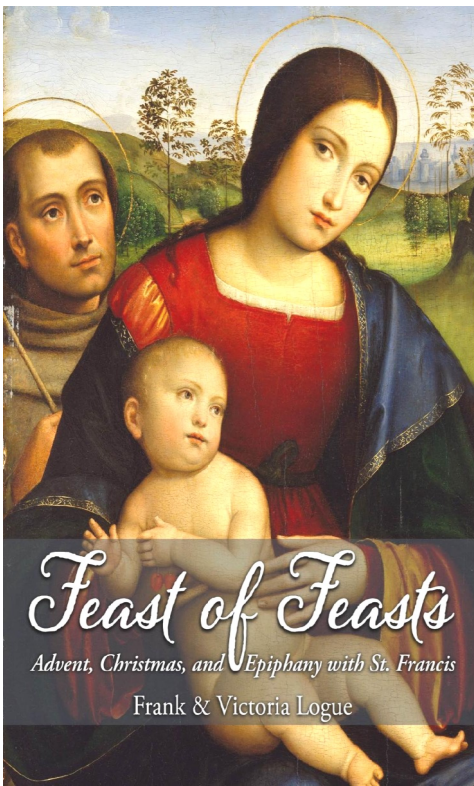


- December 1– box of cereal
- December 2– peanut butter
- December 3– stuffing mix
- December 4– boxed potatoes
- December 5– macaroni and cheese
- December 6– canned fruit
- December 7– canned tomatoes
- December 8– canned meat
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10– jar of applesauce
- December 11– canned sweet potatoes
- December 12– cranberry sauce

- December 13– canned beans
- December 14– box of crackers
- December 15– package of rice
- December 16– package of oatmeal
- December 17– package of pasta
- December 18– spaghetti sauce
- December 19– chicken noodle soup
- December 20– tomato soup
- December 21– can corn
- December 22– can mixed vegetables
- December 23– can carrots
- December 24– can green beans

Youth Trip to Poppell Farms





Advent Bible Study

Feast of Feasts written by Bishop Frank & Victoria Logue

Begins Wednesday, November 30th-December 7, 14, and 21st.

Take a journey from Advent to Epiphany that follows Jesus in the way of St. Francis of Assisi. The Diocese of Georgia will offer daily devotions written by Bishop Frank and Victoria Logue for a 7-week study. The short daily readings use the lens of Franciscan ideals including humility, simplicity, and peace as a focal point of each week. The study will be posted on the diocesan website and offered to churches for free use.

Each week will have a companion video that expands on the theme of the week. If you would like the study in book form, there will be the option to purchase a hard copy book at cost or the Kindle version on Amazon for \$5. For those who have a Kindle Unlimited subscription, the book is free. The devotions will be posted online daily at www.GAepiscopal.org starting the First Sunday of Advent, November 27.



Welcome to our newest member of the church!

Texie Joy, born to Shannon & Shea Martin,
Tuesday, October 10, 7lbs. 12 oz. and 20 inches long.



Thank You.....

To Jane Hall-Williams and Lynette Dell for all your help with the Luncheon at the Funeral service for Richard Belles.





MORE THAN ENOUGH

Advent: I am Enough, and Together We are More than Enough

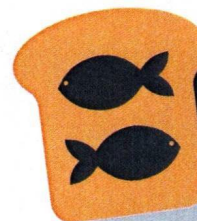
Just as much as the season reminds us to be vigilant to the subtle signs of Christ's light as we once again anticipate and revel in the remarkability of Christ's birth and his return in the Second Coming, Advent is also about preparation for impactful giving – giving back to ourselves as well as to our communities. It's about recognizing where there is potential for energy renewal and restoration in our lives, in a world where we are often asked to operate on overdrive. Renewal and sustainability go hand in hand; to use our giving-energy sustainably means employing our awareness to our fullness as individuals first. In doing so, we can identify our actual capacities to give.

The theme for this year is *more than enough*. It is difficult in today's world to look for evidence of renewal and rebirth among very real threats of scarcity, depletion, and other forms of *not enough-ness*. For many of us, it can be especially hard to find enough-ness within our own bodies. The Advent season provides a context for this search because even in the darkest of hours, hopefulness for the future can be cultivated and energized anew when we pay close attention to our needs and the needs of our community.

We are all exhausted and overwhelmed by this year's own set of yet more unprecedented circumstances. But I am constantly and lovingly reminded by one of my dearest friends that our boundaries are bountiful. To give more than what we have, to exist in of a state of depletion, does not yield a sense of *more than enough*. The miracle, however, is that if each of us can identify and act upon the bounds and limitations of how much we can give, we can show up better for ourselves and those around us, authentically and less harmfully. If we give from a place of our embodied fullness, we are honoring our full humanity. We can then sustainably grow our capacity to give back to ourselves, as well as our communities and the land that we occupy.

This is what sustainable stewardship means to me: Giving from a place of our *personal definition of plenty*. Whatever that plentifulness may look like from person to person, is bountiful. And in this way, together we can be more than enough to do the collective healing work that needs to be done. | tens.org

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Questions For Reflection:

This Advent season is a beautiful time to turn our attention inwards and renew our commitments to tangible, impactful giving. What spiritual preparations and mindsets are necessary for you to practice sustainable giving and receiving, even beyond this season? What values and boundaries will you lovingly recommit to as you prepare for the year ahead?



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
		1	2 <i>Difficult Words of Jesus Bible Study 6:00 pm.</i>	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i>	5 <i>Don't forget to turn back your clocks tonight! Day-light savings time ends at midnight!</i>
<p>6 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>All Saints' Necrology and UTO Offering.</i></p>	7 <i>Bee Keepers Meeting Parish Hall 6:00 pm.</i>	8	9 <i>Difficult Words of Jesus Bible Study 6:00 pm.</i>	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Diocesan Convention at the GSU Armstrong Center in Savannah GA.</i>	12 <i>Diocesan Convention at the GSU Armstrong Center in Savannah GA.</i>
<p>13 The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. II</p> <p><i>Vestry Meeting at 11:45</i></p>	14	15	16 <i>Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe-boxes due here by 2:00 pm church Office.</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i>	19
<p>20 The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>Giving Card Sunday and Gratitude Luncheon.</i></p> <p><i>Advent Wreath Kits Available</i></p>	21	22	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 	25 <i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i>	26
<p>27 The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>10:30 am Live-stream Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>ECW Angel Tree available in the Narthex.</i></p>	28	29	30 <i>Advent Bible Study: Feast of Feasts 6:00pm.</i>			

Our Parish Prayer List

We pray for the safety and security of

The United States of America and especially those serving our country: now serving in the military.
Samantha Leamy, Anne Childers daughter serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Missionaries: Dennis & Donna Reed in Malawi, Africa.

We add to the Prayer List this week

Nancy Reed & family, for comfort.

Kathy Belles and family, for comfort.

We continue Prayers for

Mindy Coleman, Ann Bowman's niece, for comfort and healing.

Mike Stocky, nephew to Tom & Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and healing.

Finta Beasley, friend of the Derrick family, for comfort and healing.

Peggy Collins, friend to Jean Szatkowski, for healing.

Fred Dennis, friends of Dennis and Therisa Ingley for healing.

Roxanne Kimbell, for comfort and healing.

Mel Svendsen, friend of Wes Chapman, for comfort and healing.

Jean Goff, Johanna Derrick's sister, for comfort and healing.

Doak Morrison, friend of Carol Rice, for comfort and healing.

Curtis Row and family, friends of Carol Rice, for comfort and healing.

Grace Alexander for comfort and healing.

JoAnne, for healing.

Quinten Turpin, for comfort and healing.

Todd Alexander, for healing.

Teresa Smith, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Jack & Pat Childers, for comfort and healing.

Felicia Adams, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strength and comfort.

Essia Howell and daughter Kelly for comfort and God's intervention.

Fran Williams, for comfort and healing.

Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Jean and Mark Szatkowsky, for comfort and healing.

Chuck Thompson and his sister Mary, for comfort and healing.

Danny, Christopher & Rob Bowen, family of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

Sharon Lee, Shannon Martin's mom, for comfort and healing.

Blanche Reaves, mother of Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.

Johanna Derrick, for healing.

Barbee Adams for healing.

Mark Quigley, friend of Jane Hall for comfort and healing.

Prayers for those who suffer from age related illnesses, and for the care-givers

Tom and Betty Jo Sadler & family for continued healing.

Carolyn Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's mom for comfort and healing.

Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.

Mildred Moore for comfort and healing.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, for comfort and healing.

If you know of someone who should be added or removed from the list, please contact the Church office: 537-3776 or theannunciation@bellsouth.net.



November Birthdays: Della Richards 3rd; Katelynn Mann 4th; Therisa Ingley 7th; Catherine Ladson 8th; Erle Norton 16th; Holly Nielsen 18th; Phyllis Roan 19th; Teresa Barrera-Edge 24th; Josiah Perez 24th; Johnny Ladson 24th; Twalla Haley 25th; River Jones 17th.

November Anniversaries: Burt & Johanna Derrick 1st; Bobby & Jenny Hamilton 9th.





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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In-Person Sunday Service

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Mission Statement

Mindful of God's call to be His people, we, the parishioners of The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, accept as our mission the growth and nurture of relationships with God, each other, and the community.

Vision Statement

Through our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we hope, pray, and work to share Christ's love and to make a positive difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world.



NOVEMBER 2022 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
November 6	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
November 13	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Teresa Barrera-Edge
November 20	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Thelkeld	Harry Moses
November 27	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Matthew Storkamp	Ken Shradar

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
November 6	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
November 13	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Sarah Solis	Karen Hidalgo
November 20	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
November 27	Chrisie Roller	Chrisie Roller	Youth	Chrisie Roller

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
November 6		Hugh Jordan Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
November 13		Jane Hall-Williams Teresa Barrera-Edge	Christina Storkamp
November 20	Christ the King Luncheon	Carol Rice Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
November 27		Hugh Jordan Jane Hall-Williams	Christina Storkamp



