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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent
10 a.m.
15 December 2024

We've been expecting you.

Please maintain prayerful silence and
turn off all cell phones before the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Announcements

Processional Hymn (Please stand) Red Hymnal 59

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion Red Hymnal S-100

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come
among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and
exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has
taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your
enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall
fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD,
your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will
rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he
will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will
remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for
it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save
the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame
into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring
you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you
renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when
I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

[Zephaniah 3:14-20]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle Ecce Deus (Prayed in unison)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

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.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And
the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:4-7]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (Please stand) Red Hymnal 72

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,
“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to
yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you,
God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In
reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with
anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”
Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,
“Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no
more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked
him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not
extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be
satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might
be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize
you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming;
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his
hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good
news to the people. [Luke 3:7-18]

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev'd Nathan Wilson

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

The Prayers of the People Form V, BCP 389

At the end of each petition:

Leader We pray to you, O Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.

The Confession & Absolution Prayer Book 360

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory & Doxology Red Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Eucharistic Prayer B (Please stand) Prayer Book 367

The Sanctus (“Holy, holy, holy”) Red Hymnal S-124

The Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book 364

The Agnus Dei Red Hymnal S-161

Communion & Healing

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination or identity—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches.

After all have received Communion, the Altar rail is open for those who seek healing for themselves or others in body, mind, or spirit.

After healing prayer, the Celebrant may send the sacrament out to our sick and homebound members by the Eucharistic Visitors.

Please do not depart the sanctuary until the dismissal is given after the processional hymn. Our worship is not complete until we have offered thanks to God for the gifts given to us today.

Communion Music

One Bread, One Body Blue Hymnal 689

There’s a Quiet Understanding 701

We Cannot Measure How You Heal 628

Long Ago, Prophets Knew 167

Crown Him King of Kings 340

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer Book 365

The Blessing

Processional Hymn (Please stand) Red Hymnal 68

The Dismissal Prayer Book 366

Postlude

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are given by Jeff and Lisa Gibbs to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 48th wedding anniversary.

DEVOTIONALS: Advent devotionals, titled *Promise & Praise*, are available in the narthex today. Please take one home for your household. A short reading, with a meditation on words descriptive of the season, is offered for every day through December 25.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC & FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to make our gorgeous music and flowers available at Midnight Mass. The beautiful flowers and special music depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners. You can use the envelopes in the pews to make a donation; checks may be made payable to St. Anne’s and marked “Christmas flowers.” If you prefer to donate online, please use <https://onrealm.org/stannestifton/give/flowers> and make sure Emily knows in whose honor or memory you are giving.

ANGEL TREE REMINDER: If you picked up an angel from the tree, and you haven’t yet turned in your wrapped gift(s), please bring them to the church office tomorrow. Thanks to all who are helping to make Christmas merry for our nursing home residents at Tift Regional.

BAKE SALE: Come on over to the Parish Hall after church for a cup of coffee. This is your chance to purchase Christmas goodies at our holiday bake sale, sponsored by Loaves of Love. Your purchases will enable us to deliver fresh bread to Brother Charlie’s, keep food bags handy for emergencies, and assist with the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. Plus it will help with your Christmas baking. Come and pick out something good to carry home.

SAGT: Save the date! St. Anne’s Got Talent (SAGT) will take place on Saturday, February 15. More details will be available after Christmas. Contact Pam Leonard if you can bring food or perform.

KNOTS OF LOVE: Consider a gift from Knots of Love for someone you know. Each item is a hug from God for someone in need. As the stitcher works, they offer prayers for the recipient, prayers to wrap them in peace, to give them strength and comfort; God is thanked for each row as it is stitched. Each piece is a representation of God’s love, to remind the recipient that they are not forgotten. If you are praying for someone in particular need and would like them to receive a tangible token of God’s presence and love, contact Sheila O’Neal or Emily. Some other knitted/crocheted items are available upon request.



GIVING

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE: St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY- NOVEMBER 2024

Budget: \$437,063	████████████████████
Expenses: \$381,336	████████████████████
Income: \$372,142	████████████████████

TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MC Bettie Sue McDonald
Vestry Shelly Schmeisser
Media Paul May, Abe Culbreath
Lectors Josh Rogers, Lisa Gibbs
Eucharistic Ministers Kim Onyeri, Rich McDonald
Eucharistic Visitor Rich McDonald
Greeters Mary Alice Applegate, Shelly Schmeisser
Acolytes Ricky Day, Acolyte Master; Ben Newberry, Madi Newberry, Callum Casimiro, Beckett Casimiro, Korbin Huggins, Evie Day, Georgia Cook
Altar Guild Debbie Hampton, Serita Tift, Cherry Trevelyan
Ushers Darrell & Pat Walker, Kim Moore, Clarence Lewis

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Peggy, Samantha, Ethel, Cameron, Hope, Woody, Debbie, Lisa, Serita & Chappie, Kay, Charlotte, Gerald & Nancy, Elsa, Sheila, Sally, Tommy, Jackie, Crisp, Paula, Grace
BIRTHDAYS: Brenda Lever, Nancy Bryan, Thomas Coogle, Emerson Roberts, Jen Huang, Jack Warren
ANNIVERSARIES: Clayton & Michelle Riehle, Jeff & Lisa Gibbs, George & Pat Guill, Brian & Joy Yost
OUR CLERGY: The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop), The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)
OUR SEMINARIAN: Brandon Medley