Welcome!

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2026

We've been expecting you.

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

The Word of God

Prelude

Announcements

Processional Hymn *(Please stand)* ..... **Red Hymnal 494**

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria ..... **Red Hymnal S-280**

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

This says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. (*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 *(Prayed in unison)*

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (*Ephesians 1:15-23)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *(Please stand)* ..... **Red Hymnal 555**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

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

THE SERMON.....*Fr. Nathan Wilson*
A period of silent reflection is observed after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED.....**Prayer Book 358**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....**Prayer Book 388**

THE CONFESSION.....**Prayer Book 360**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY ..... **Red Hymnal 380** *(v. 3)*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(Please stand)*..... **Prayer Book 361**
THE SANCTUS ("Holy, holy, holy").....**Red Hymnal S-129**
THE LORD'S PRAYER.....**Prayer Book 364**
THE AGNUS DEI .....**Red Hymnal S-163**

COMMUNION & HEALING

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—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. If you would like information about baptism at St. Anne's, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Come as Guests Invited.....**Blue Hymnal 702**
This Is a Time to Remember **579**
As the Deer.....**471**
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian.....**457**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER .....**Prayer Book 366**

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand)* .....**Red Hymnal 391**

THE DISMISSAL.....**Prayer Book 366**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Jackie Laska to the glory of God and in memory of Tommy Laska on the anniversary of his birth.

TURKEYS: If you purchased a turkey last week, be sure to take yours home when you leave church today. Shelly Schmeisser or one of the youth can assist you after the service.

ADVENT: Next Sunday, November 29, is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of the church year. Everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Hall after church that day to construct Advent wreaths for use at home. Bring greenery from your yard to decorate the wreaths, plus a bit to share; candles and other supplies will be provided, as will an order for the use of wreaths at home.

When you come to the Parish Hall next Sunday, visit the Angel Tree and see an Outreach Committee member to pick up a crocheted angel. It will be tagged with the name of a resident at South Georgia Rehab Center, whose gift request will also be listed. Make sure a Committee member knows which angel you chose. Please purchase and wrap the requested gift with the crocheted angel, securely fasten the tag, and place it under the tree in the Parish Hall or in the church office by Sunday, December 13. Clayton Riehle or Libby Robertson can answer any questions.

WALKING WITH THE WORD: Beginning next Sunday, November 29, Episcopal churches, with Methodist and Lutheran churches across Georgia will read Scripture together, completing the whole Bible in a year. During Lent 2027, a 72-hour joint Miqra reading event will take place. To obtain the reading schedule, please take home one of the hard copies in the narthex, or consult walkingwiththewordga.org.

COFFEE HOUR: If you can host our Coffee Hour directly after church, please contact Alan Smith or Patrick Warren. Your generosity enables everyone to enjoy relaxing together over coffee and a tasty treat after church every Sunday. This ministry depends entirely on the kindness of our volunteers. Please discuss with Alan or Patrick the Sunday(s) you would like to handle; find a partner for your Sunday if you like.

COMING UP: Join us on Friday and Saturday, December 4-5, for our annual Greening of the Grounds, when we prepare our campus for the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. We will meet on Friday, December 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We need help to move all of the decorations to the right places, and a few brave souls to go up ladders to hang greenery. Something for everyone!

CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY: Plan to be at St. Anne's for our Christmas and Epiphany services!

- Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve services at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The doors will open at 10:00 p.m. for our traditional Prelude Concert, which begins at 10:30 p.m. before Midnight Mass at 11:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 25: Christmas Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 6, 2027: Epiphany Mass at 6:00 p.m., with spaghetti supper to follow.

More details will be announced soon.

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.

OUR GIFTS AT WORK: Newcomers' Ministry. This ministry welcomes newcomers to St. Anne's and invites them to the Parish Hall for coffee after church. Volunteers participate in a social event, enabling all newcomers to gather to meet each other and to become acquainted with members of St. Anne's in an informal setting. Contact Heather Johnson for more information.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY – OCTOBER 2026
Income: $327,411 Expenses: $353,075

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MC	Bettie Sue McDonald
Vestry	Clayton Riehle
Lectors	Gary & Betty McCorvey
LEMs	Linda Moore, Kim Onyeri
Media	Ron Elizondo
Greeters	Christy Casimiro, Clayton Riehle
Acolytes	Lana Hendrix, Acolyte Master: Mattie Mae Hendrix, Collins Riddle, Nellie Riddle, Luke Schmeisser, Abigail Schmeisser, Brinley Elizondo
Altar Guild	Glenda Johnson, Loraine Sullivan, Mari Smith
Ushers	Darrell & Pat Walker, Chris & Heather Grimes

PARISH PRAYER LIST: George, Carl, Walker, Joan, Jeff, Callum, Mary Margaret, Laura, Martha, Larry, Lucille, Bucky, Mary Anne, Molly Kate, Johnny, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryle, Debbie, Lisa, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace

BIRTHDAYS: Tom Coogle, Richard McCullough, Kenneth Bryan, Kathy Kent, Ivan Ngimbwa, Joey Hampton

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Johnny & Glenda Johnson

FOR THE DEPARTED: Cheryl Hess, John Ross

OUR CLERGY: The Rt. Rev'd Frank Logue (Bishop), The Rev'd Nathan Wilson (Rector)

PREPARING FOR HOLY ORDERS: Brandon Medley, Ricky Day