



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 A.M.

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WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please use our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, or scan the QR code to complete our Connect card as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



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THE MINISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARE
THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH
supported by

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby, *Deacon*

Robert Hamilton, *Director of Music*

The Rev. Dr. Anne Fredericks Cooper, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Winston W. Welty, *Assisting Priest*

Sheri Schaffer, *Parish Administrator*

Angie Gray, *Office Administrator*

Celebrations & Thanksgivings • December 1-7

Birthdays

Skylar Angerosa, Bob Kessler, Alice Abrash, Kavin Paul, Alexandra Stroiney, Caroline Diebler, Henry Johns,
Lorraine Cross, Eileen Ellis

Anniversaries

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manaboac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

The People stand for the Procession

THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

FIRST SUNDAY: HOPE

We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

The candle is lit.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world; through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. **Amen.**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

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

THE COLLECT OF QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 25:1-9

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day
long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; ***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right ***
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will

faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father, and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Reader and People pray responsively

PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come Emmanuel;
Be our hope and our salvation.

God, our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come Emmanuel;
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We pray especially for Jamie, Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Rich, Sue, Eleanor, Katherine, Nora, Robin, Peggy, Carolyn, Michael, John, Tomas, Dave, and Judy. *(The people may add their own petitions or intercessions.)* O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against Almighty God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into God's courts with offerings, thanksgiving and praise.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the QR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go to our website at stannes-reston.org.



THE PRESENTATION

As the offering is brought forward the following is said:

All things come of you, O Lord,
And of your own have we given you.

At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant says a Proper Preface, and then continues

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

To receive communion, please process down the center aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy and one palm out if you wish bread only. Please let the clergy know if you would like gluten-free wafers. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and illumine your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Wreath Lighting • *Kathy Boileau*

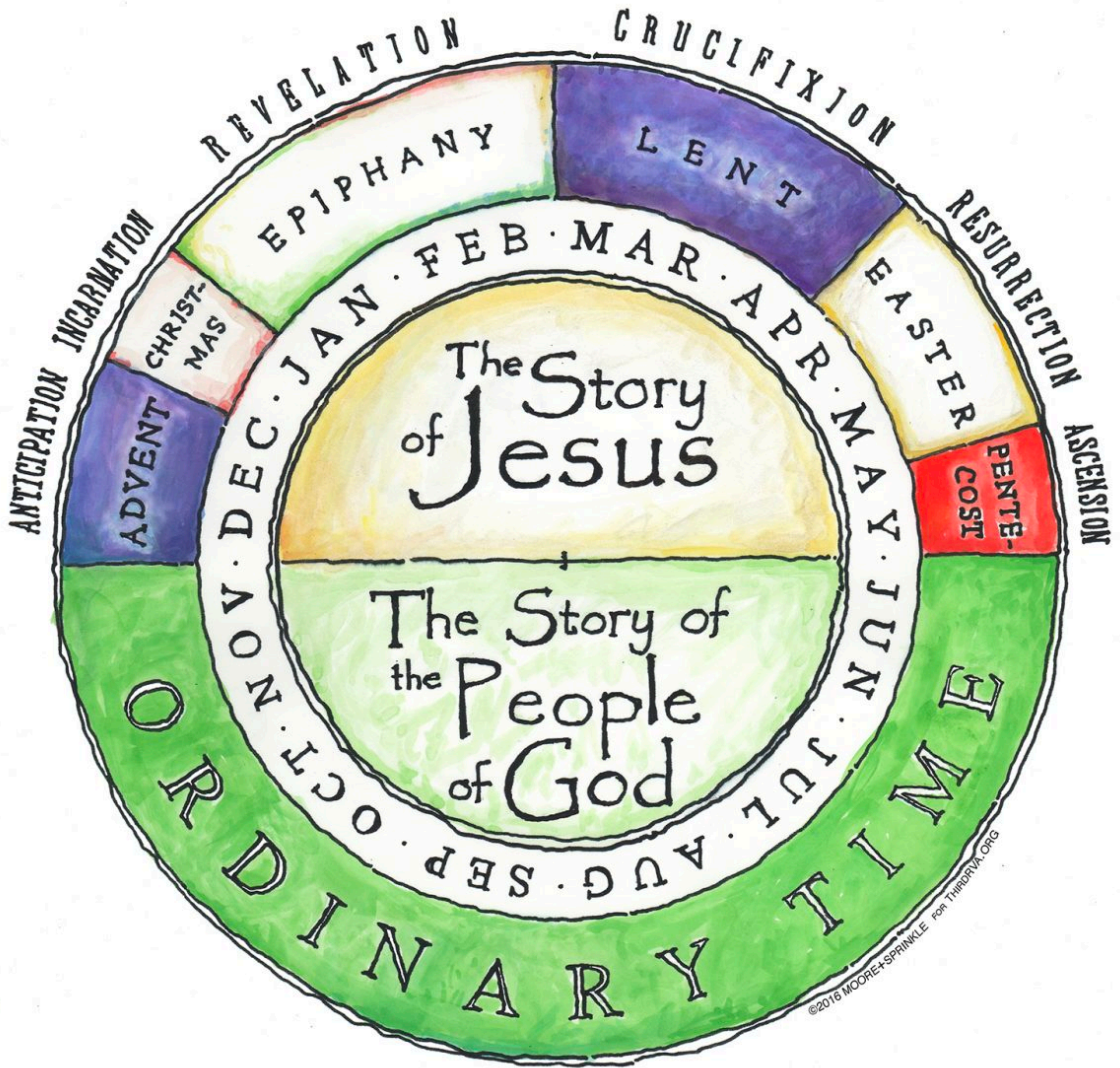
Altar Guild • *Swanee Busic*

Crucifer • *Gerald Cooper*

Chalice Bearers • *Mary Szpanka Pam Russ*

Lay Reader • *Kathy Boileau*

Flower Guild • *Peggy Hobler, Kendall Jamison, Nancy Santoro*





YOU ARE INVITED TO
ADVENT AT ST. ANNE'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Youth Group Christmas Movie Night
4-5:30 PM, Room 1

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Stargazing & S'mores
7 PM, Parking Lot

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 8, 15, 22

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
9 AM, Classrooms & Great Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Advent Lessons & Carols,
10 AM, Sanctuary

Lighting of the Peace Candle
8 & 10 AM, Sanctuary

Anglican Bead Workshop Adult Formation Class
4-6 PM, Library

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Hypothermia Shelter Volunteer Opportunity
Epiphany Episcopal Oak Hill (Herndon)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Pantry Distribution
11:00 AM, Narthex

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Final Pageant Rehearsal
2 PM, Sanctuary

