
THE LORD
will bless his people
with PEACE.

PSALM 29:11 (KJV)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

11:00 A.M.

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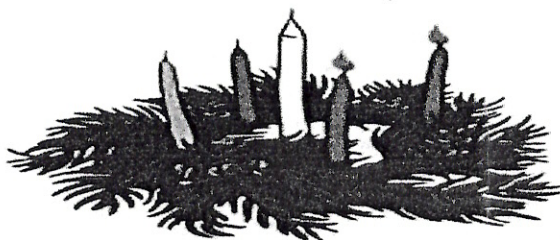
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Second Sunday of Advent



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Christian Gathering continues after this service with fellowship and refreshments in the undercroft.

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

December 7 - A Parishioner



2 ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Traditional

MERCIFUL GOD, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

MERCIFUL GOD, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A SHOOT SHALL come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little

child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Refrain

By God's gift, justice and peace shall flourish.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son; | poor and crush the oppressor. |
| 2 | That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice; | 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another. |
| 3 | That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness. | 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth. |
| 4 | He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the | 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. |

18 Blessed be the Lord
God, the God of
Israel, * who alone does
wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glo-
rious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth
be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

IN THOSE DAYS John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, December 8, 2025

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Thursday, December 11, 2025

AARP-11am

Friday, December 12, 2025

Saturday, December 13, 2025

AKA-8am

DOK-10am

Sunday, December 14, 2025

11 a.m.

- Morning Prayer-Phone Meditation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

December

4 – Charlotte Marbory

6 – Christina Lett

11 - George Bulls, II

11 - Salena Bulls

17 - Michael Robinson

25 - Sheila Gaillard

NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL & ANGLICAN DIOCESES

Advent week 2 - A Prayer for Peace: Lord in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life-burdens. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonders of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent make it real in our hearts. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are the Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord-this Christmas and always. Amen (by Rebecca Jordan)

COMMUNITY-HOLIDAY EVENTS (Auburn-Opelika, Tuskegee, Montgomery)

1) Sammy Younge, Jr. Legacy & Learning Center, December 6-Feb. 28, at 118 S. Main Street, Tuskegee, (call for additional information 334-421-7102), free; 2) *Christmas Lights Festival at the Montgomery Zoo*. Take a stroll or train ride through the zoo into a winter wonderland, Dec. 2-27, 5-9pm. tickets req.; 3) *Disney's Frozen*, the Broadway Musical, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Nov. 26-Jan. 4, tickets req. 4) *Holiday Cruise on the Harriott II Riverboat*, Dec. 5,6,12,13 and 19. Enjoy dinner and entertainment. tickets req. 5) *The Nutcracker* from Alabama River Region Ballet, Dec. 5-7, at the Davis theatre; *The Nutcracker* from the Montgomery Ballet, Dec. 14 at 6pm, Montgomery Performing Arts, tickets req.; 6) *Christmas on the Coosa*, Dec. 13 at 8:30 pm, Coosa River parade featuring water floats, Santa water skiing and fireworks, free event.

Stay safe this Holiday Season and remember the reason for the season!

PRAYER LIST

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CAROLYN BLAND*
STEPHANIE BOSWELL

MARIAN GARMON*

THOMAS BRAYE*
JAMES BRAYE
REBECCA LYN CARTER
CURT CARTER, SR*

MARIO LIGHTFOOTE*
RONNIE LIGON

CHARLES M. CRANK, II
PRESTON CRAYTON

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JULIUS MYHAND, JR.

LUCENIA DUNN*
SHANNON DIXON
TEDDY DOWDY**

DAVID NGAWA**
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CHARLES THOMPSON**
ANGELICA PARKER SNOWDEN
E. DRAKE WHITELAW

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ROBERT FRAZIER

DIANE KENNEY*

MARGARET 'KATIE' JONES
THERON JONES

*Local Parishioners



** Shut-In Parishioners
Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal

THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop,
Lloyd; Diocesan Department of Liturgy and
Music Seminarians graduating in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, DeRitha Marbory Barber, Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, Christopher Childers, Kyle F. Graham, Shavone Marbory Hogan, Jabar and Kenya Lee Steward.
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- **REMINDER:** The link for this Sunday's ZOOM Companion service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode: 008810 or click on your email invite. The next Holy Eucharist Service will be *Sunday, December 24 at Noon.*
- **REMINDER:** Due to challenges citizens are facing in the U.S. caused by massive loss of jobs and shutdowns or loss of government food assistance programs, we are asking that you remember those less fortunate and donate to our Food Basket (located in the Education Bldg.) and/or a Food Bank in the Tuskegee area this Holiday Season. St. Andrew's along with Tuskegee area churches have agreed to pause the collection of 'Shoe Boxes' for Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry, this year and donate to local Food Banks.
- **ATTENTION:** Rev. Mike Harber will be the Celebrant for Vigil of the Nativity, *Wednesday, December 24, 2025* (Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist) at noon. Make plans to join us.

**Additional announcements are listed inside the bulletin.*