Two Goldfinches are perched on a thin, snow-covered branch. The bird in the upper left is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the viewer. The bird in the lower right is facing right, looking towards the text. Both birds have bright red faces, black caps, and white cheeks. Their bodies are a mix of brown and white, with yellow accents on their wings and tails. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white with falling snowflakes, creating a serene winter scene.

SING

UNTO THE
LORD A
NEW SONG
SING UNTO
THE LORD,
ALL THE
EARTH.

PSALM 96:1 (KJV)

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

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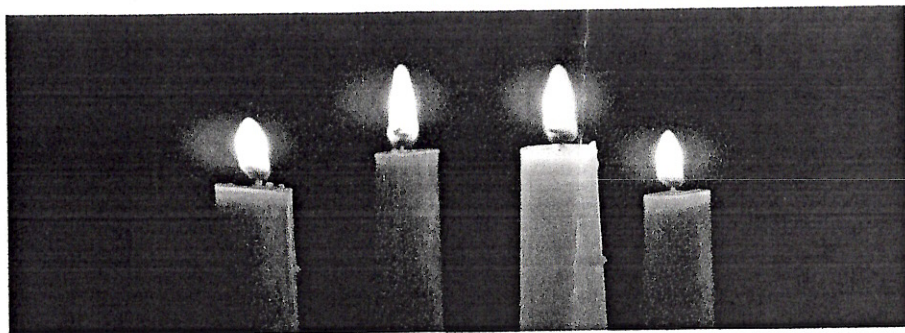
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Closing Hymn:

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

December 24 - Parishioner



4 ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Traditional

WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

AGAIN THE LORD SPOKE to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Refrain

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light
of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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| <p>1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.</p> <p>2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.</p> <p>3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.</p> <p>4 O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?</p> <p>5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.</p> | <p>6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.</p> <p>7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.</p> <p>16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.</p> <p>17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.</p> <p>18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.</p> |
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SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

PAUL, A SERVANT of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, December 22, 2025

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

12 noon

Vigil of the Nativity

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Friday, December 26, 2025

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Sunday, December 28, 2025

11 a.m.

- Morning Prayer/no service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

December

17 - Michael Robinson

25 - Sheila Gaillard

26 - Kate LaFayette

28 - Michael Gaillard

NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL & ANGLICAN DIOCESES

Advent week 4 – Prayer for Love: Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus. AMEN

NEWS/EVENTS (www.tuskegee.edu)

Holiday recess.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS (Auburn, Montgomery, Tuskegee)

1) Christmas Lights Festival at the Montgomery Zoo. Take a train ride or stroll through the zoo which has been transformed into a winter wonderland. *Dec. 2-27, 5-9pm* tickets req. 2) Disney's Frozen, the Broadway Musical, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, *Nov. 26-Jan. 4*, tickets req. 3) Holiday Cruise on the Harriott II Riverboat, *Dec. 5, 6, 19, and 23*. Enjoy dinner and entertainment. Tickets req.

A.U. (www.auburn.edu)

Holiday recess.

RESTAURANTS OFFERING CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Auburn-Acre; Botanic; Hamilton's on Magnolia; Aricia Cucina; 1856-Culinary Residence; Piccolo; The Hound, The Depot.

Montgomery-Itta Bena Restaurant; Bonefish Grill; Fillet & Vine; The House Restaurant, Renaissance Hotel; Sinclair's East; Cork & Cleaver; Sommer's Place; One 2 Zero, Doubletree Hotel; Lucille's Eatery.

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** Shut-In Parishioners

THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Kairos Prison Ministry and Kairos Outside Ministries for infants and children; Children of Clergy and The Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

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 the Sunday 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.
- **REMINDER:** Do you need a *Pledge Card*?
- **ATTENTION:** The Rev. Mike Harber will be the Celebrant for Vigil of the Nativity, *Wednesday, December 24, 2025* (Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist) at noon. He joins us from St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church, Millbrook. Please join us.
- **ATTENTION:** The 2025 Annual Report meeting for St. Andrew's will be *Sunday, January 18, 2026*. If you are the Chairperson or President of a church organization, it's not too early to start writing your organization's 'Annual Report.' If you feel nudged toward joining the Vestry (parish governing body) or want to explore what Vestry service looks like, reach out to the Sr. Warden, George Bulls or the Parish Secretary, Denise Dixon. Candidates are formally elected at the Annual Meeting.

**Additional announcements are listed inside the bulletin.*