

ALL SAINTS', EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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**CHRISTMAS EVE, 5:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 24, 2025**

¶ Visitors are warmly welcomed to All Saints' Church. Those not familiar with our service will see that we use two books, the Book of Common Prayer, 1928, and the Hymnal. Hymn numbers are preceded by the symbol # and page numbers in The Book of Common Prayer are indicated by BCP.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude

¶ When the bell rings, please stand.

Hymn #1	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Stuttgart
Collect for Purity		BCP 67
The Decalogue		BCP 68-69
Decalogue Responses	Merbecke	Hymn 701

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

BCP 95

OLORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and 'deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world with out end. *Amen.*

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

BCP 90

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle:

Philippians 4:4

BCP 95

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hymn #9

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

The Holy Gospel

Saint John 1:19

BCP 95f

THIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us, What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 71

Hymn #10

On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

¶Children's Church departs during the hymn.

The Sermon

Fr. Brown

Offertory

Come, Thou Redeemer Of The Earth

Praetorius/Barry Rose

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,

and manifest thy virgin-birth:

let every age adoring fall;

such birth befits the God of all.

*Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed*

*O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light.
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.*

*All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee.
All glory as is ever meet, to God the
Holy Paraclete. Amen.*

Presentation of Alms	<i>Old Hundredth</i>	Hymn 139
Prayer for the Church		BCP 74
General Confession		BCP 75
Sursum Corda and Preface		BCP 76
Sanctus et Benedictus #797 , Willan		BCP 77
Canon		BCP 80
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 82
Offertory		
Agnus Dei #712		Willan
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP 82

Ecce Agnus Dei

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Answer: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

¶Any person Baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and who acknowledges the Presence of our Lord in this Holy Sacrament is welcome to come to the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion.

¶ The Altar Guild kindly asks ladies to dab lipstick before receiving communion from the chalice.

Communion

Who Would Send a Baby
Duet: Elise and Anne McPherson

Beall

*Who would send a baby to heal a world in pain?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is waiting for the Promised One,
who would send His only Son?*

*Who would send a baby to light a world with love?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is hoping for the Promised One,
who would send His only Son?*

*Who would choose a manger to cradle a king?
Who would send angels to sing?
Who would hang a star in the sky above
to shine on the gift of His infinite love?*

*Who would send a baby to bless a world with peace?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is yearning for the Promised One,
Who would send a baby?
Who would send a baby?
Who would send His only begotten Son?*

The Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Hymn #3 *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* Sleepers, Wake

Postlude *"On Jordan's Bank"* arr. C. Callahan

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Rebecca Allen
by Irene and John Gleason
Sidney and Stephen Kreyenbuhl
Hillary and Jason Barrow*

Lay Reader

Claud Davis

Altar Guild

Janie Deal

Mary Kathryn Sibley

Betty Zay

Naomi Vail

Clarise Waddill

Ushers

Walker Davis

David Middleton

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 21 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Noon Greening of the Church
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m. Christmas Meal Prep
Office closes at noon.
4:00 p.m. Knitters Guild
4:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Evensong & Pageant
10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Office Closed
10:30 a.m. Christmas Meal Packaging and Delivery
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
No evening service

Friday, December 26 - St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Office Closed
Noon - Holy Communion (Chapel)

Saturday, December 27 - St. John the Evangelist

Noon - Holy Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, December 28 - The First Sunday after Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. 3GIC Youth Group
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1 - Circumcision of DNIC

Office Closed
Noon - Holy Communion (Chapel)

Advent at All Saints'



Advent Wreath Making
Dec. 3



Crèche Display
Dec. 10



Lessons & Carols
Dec. 14



Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17



Greening the Church
Dec. 21



**Evensong & Pageant,
Midnight Mass**
Dec. 24

Dec. 3 @ 5:30pm: **Advent Wreath Making**, bring greenery + clippers

Dec. 10 @ 5:30pm: **Crèche Display**, bring your Nativity set to show

Dec. 14 @ 5:00pm: **Lessons & Carols**

Dec. 17 @ 6:15pm: **Caroling through Town**

Dec. 21 @ 12 noon: **Greening the Church**, bring greenery + clippers

Dec. 24 @ 5:00pm: **Evensong & Nativity Pageant**

Dec. 24 @10:30pm: **Midnight Mass**



**We are looking forward to seeing you
and your family at All Saints' this
Advent Season!**

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Thomasville, Georgia

The Rt. Rev'd Frank Logue Bishop of Georgia
The Rev'd George Willcox Brown, III Rector

THE VESTRY

Stuart Brunson, Senior Warden	Ashley Jackson
Roz Davis, Junior Warden	Michael Ledyard
Carol Singletary, Vestry Clerk	Vann Middleton
Penny Carpenter	Madeline Rollins
Meme Greitzer	Dawna Tanner

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PARISH OFFICERS

Parish Treasurer	Mr. C. Bradford Jackson
Altar Guild	Mrs. Kim Bragg
Episcopal Church Women	Mrs. Emeline Loughlin

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING	EVENING
10:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Holy Communion or	Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer

Holy Days as announced

Nursery Facilities are provided from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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