

Christ Episcopal Church



Christ Episcopal Church
1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday
Welcome to Christ Church!

Rite II



November 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - Come Ye Thankful People, Come

James Pethel

Opening Hymn – *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

Hymnal 290

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home;
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bid; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Opening Salutation:

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

The Celebrant may say
 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.**

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.
 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 Unison

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*
Luke 1:68-79

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

The Nicene Creed

**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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People (Form III)

Lay Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus

Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that

every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott

our retired bishop; for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest,

María, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy and for all bishops, priests, and

deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We remember especially:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially;

Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Jimmy Carroll, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Burt Tillman, Jerry Tyson.

(The celebrant then concludes:)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory – It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks

Eugene Butler

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

People The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus Hymnal S130

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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

People and Celebrant

**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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

Communion Hymn – *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Hymnal 291

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Hymn – *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymnal 397

Special Notes

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Now Thank We All Our God*

Mark Keller

Children's Church will not meet on November 20th, or November 27th due to Thanksgiving Holiday. We will begin meeting again on December 4th.

Dave Clark Build for the Cure Thank you to everyone who has come out to help with the build. The dedication for the house is now scheduled for December 10th. Help us celebrate the Habitat Home for Christmas with the family on December 10th.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 23rd – Friday, November 25th. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Father Perkins.

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck will be held on **November 24th beginning at 2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The turkey and ham will be provided, please bring your favorite side dish and dessert to share. Join us for the afternoon of food and fellowship.

Garden Guild will take a break this week, and resume meeting on Monday, November 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. (later time – weather permitting). We will meet under the Dave Clark Cook Shelter on Monday and Wednesday next week. Bring your gloves and tools. All are welcome.

Poinsettia Order Sheet is available in the bulletin today and for the next three weeks. Please drop sheet with contribution in the offering plate, or bring your form by the church office by **December 16th**.

2023 Liturgical Kalendars are available in the Tower; a \$3 donation is appreciated.

Kick off the Church New Year (Advent) at our annual **Advent Wreath-making Event**. Sunday, November 27 following the 10:00 service. Everything needed to make a fresh greenery Advent wreath will be available. If you have a wreath frame already, please bring it. If you would like to help provide greenery, please call or text Molly Stevenson: (229) 292-8215.

All Episcopokids (age 3-5th graders) are invited to attend our **Christmas Party**. We will meet at 4:30 at the Gabard building to pick out costumes and have a short practice. We will then head over to Grace Cafe for hot chocolate, cookies and fun while we watch the parade. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let Keri know if your child/children will attend and/or if you'd like to volunteer to help!

Special Notes – (cont.)

Stewardship Update – We have received 69 pledges as of Tuesday, November 15th for a total of \$356,010 3 new pledges totaling \$10,800 2 have previously given but not pledged totaling \$5,800. 22 pledges stayed the same totaling \$104,020 35 increased their pledge totaling \$217,610 with an increase of \$27,810 7 decreased their pledge totaling \$17,780 with a decrease of \$13,260 (making our overall pledge increase total \$14,550) We encourage you to give prayerful thought to your commitments for next year and to render your pledge by November 20th. That gives the finance committee support and insight as they anticipate our 2023 budget. You can render your pledge by putting your card in the box in the narthex, mailing it to the office, or emailing Amy (books@christchurchvaldosta.org).

Save the dates: Below is a list of upcoming calendar dates. A calendar link has been added to the bottom of the Christ Church website homepage as well. More details will be distributed when the events get closer, but we wanted to get these dates out so you can mark your calendars:

- Nov. 23 – Nov. 25:** Church Office Closed
 - Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck – 2:00 pm – Parish Hall
 - Dec. 3:** Children’s Christmas Party and Parade Watching
 - Dec. 4:** Stitches of Love – 4:00 p.m. – Parish Hall
 - Vespers** – 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
 - Dec. 10:** Lunch Bunch – 11:00 a.m. – Parish Hall
 - * **Dec. 10:** Habitat House Dedication for Christmas
 - Dec. 16:** H.E.P. Lunch – 12:00 p.m. – McRae’s Home
 - Dec. 18:** Christmas Recital – 3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
 - Dec. 23:** H.E.P. Party – 6:00 p.m. – Sandbach’s Home
 - Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services – 5:00 & 11:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
 - Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
- * **Denotes Date change**

Serving Today

LEM: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard
Lectors: Patricia Tyson, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson
Acolytes: Chip Whiting, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko
Altar Guild: Team 3 –Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake
Ushers: Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae
Coffee Hour: Bonnie Hanson / Phyllis Holland / Elise Sandbach / Chris Roan
Media Crew: Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Dr. David Perkins, Interim
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Keri Wilkin, Director of Children’s Ministry
Chris Rutland & Joel Williams, Co-Directors of EYC
Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry
Issa Young, Director of Music
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

OUR VISION

To receive God’s grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

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2022	2023	2024
Alex Alvarez	Brad Burnette	Jeani Synyard
Stefani Carroll	Sandra Fletcher	Patricia Tyson
Bonnie Hanson	Dottie Pitts	Joel Williams
Nancy Lutsko	Al Turner	Larry Wisenbaker

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nancy Lutsko (Senior Warden)
Alex Alvarez (Junior Warden)
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