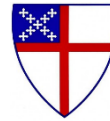


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



February 12, 2023

Epiphany VI

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *If You but Trust in God to Guide You*

Robert Powell

Opening Hymn - *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

Hymnal 304

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.



February 12, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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

Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him,

and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119:1-8

(Unison)

BCP 760

*Beati immaculati*

- 1 **Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!**
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts!**
- 3 **Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his ways.**
- 4 **You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**
- 5 **Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!**
- 6 **Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**
- 7 **I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.**
- 8 **I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only

God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Sequence Hymn – *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymnal 635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Nauwerk (1691-1681); tr. Catherine Winthrop (1897-1878); alt. Music: *Wie nur Jehan Gott*, Georg Nauwerk (1691-1681)

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying  
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood

## 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 VI)

**Lay Reader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world, and for all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in the Armed Forces, for this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop; for Scott our retired bishop; for Walter our supply priest, for Hal our incoming priest, for Marcia our assisting priest, for Peter our retired priest, for Nancy our Deacon, for Stella and Patricia our retired deacons and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For the sick and troubled:

*Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Anna Gardner, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Melanie Ford, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Burt Tillman, Joe Tillman, Jerry Tyson, Willa Valencia, Leslie, Andrew*

Hear us, Lord:

*For your mercy is great.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

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Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements** – Please be seated

Offertory - *Lead Me Lord*

Samuel Wesley

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

# The Holy Communion

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

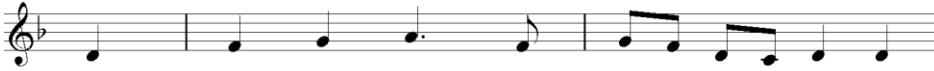
*The Celebrant may say the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

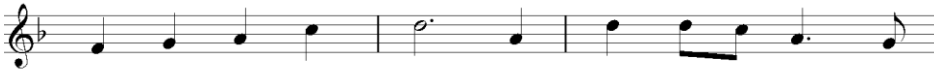
### Spiritual Communion

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.**

Communion Hymn – *Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive* Hymnal 674



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
2 How - can your par - don reach and - bless the  
3 In - blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.  
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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.**

Hymnal S154

## Blessing

## Special Notes

### Hymn – *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Hymnal 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

### Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### Postlude – *Postlude on Detroit*

Wilber Held

**Father Walter Hobgood** - The Rev. Walter Hobgood has graciously agreed to be our supply priest during the month-long transition between Interim and new Rector. Father Walter will be available for emergency, or pastoral needs during the supply time. Please reach out to Father Walter if you need anything. Father Walter can be reached at 229-630-6444. Please help the Vestry by extending our appreciation to Father Walter for his assistance to Christ Church.

**Children's Church** will not meet on February 12<sup>th</sup> due to the school winter break. We will resume on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to meet Keri Wilkin in the Children's Classroom in Gabard. (This is the first classroom on the left in the preschool hallway.)

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, will take a break due to Valentine's Day and Fat Tuesday Gathering. Bible Study will resume on –February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

**HEP Lunch Group** --- HEP Lunch Group will gather Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please bring mini sandwiches to share or a dessert. The hosts will have soup and tea. John and Marcia McRae's home: 2701 Green Meadow Dr. 229-220-5619. A wonderful chance to outreach, low key evangelism, and stimulating conversations.

**Fat Tuesday Gathering** – We will be having a Fat Tuesday Gathering on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will be having Gumbo, jambalaya, cornbread, black beans and rice and dessert. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30. **RSVP is necessary so we have enough food for all in attendance. Please notify the church office today.** Thank you for your assistance.

**1Book1Diocese for Lent** - *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. For several years, a book has been chosen to study as a Diocesan Community during Lent. Several members of Christ Church have participated on their own previously, but this year we will have a specified time to gather and discuss this year's selection, *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. Time and place are still being fleshed out, but in the meantime, some copies of the book will be available in the church office, or you can order your own on Amazon. (\$11.95 – paperback) – Contact Molly Stevenson with any questions (229) 292-8215 or [mollybs64@outlook.com](mailto:mollybs64@outlook.com)

**Usher recruitment:** High school and college students, all ages, male and female. Consider being a meet and greeter for Christ Church, thanks. Give your name, email and phone number to John McRae. 229-220-5619 or [jhmcrac@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhmcrac@bellsouth.net)

**Reach out to a member** – Dustin, the son of Melanie Ford reached out to the church requesting calls and visits to his mother. Melanie has been a member of Christ Church since the mid 70's. She has been watching our live-stream program each Sunday since Covid. Dustin said that Melanie would love some calls or visits. Melanie can be reached at: 229-630-3258 or at: 3716 Bermuda Run Drive.

Special Notes – Cont.

Upcoming Dates:

HEP Lunch Group – February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Fat Tuesday Gathering - February 21 6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service – February 22  
Grace Cafe Dinner - February 23  
Reception for Father Hal & Michelle – February 26

Serving Today

**LEM:** Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner  
**Lectors:** Marcie Dennard, Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko  
**Altar Guild:** Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona  
**Ushers:** Martin Holland, Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby  
**Coffee Hour:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long  
**Media Crew:** Julius Ariail, Tom, Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
The Rev. Walter Hobgood, Supply Priest  
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.

**VESTRY**

2023	2024	2025
Brad Burnette	Jeani Synyard	Phyllis Holland
Sandra Fletcher	Patricia Tyson	Steve Honeycutt
Dottie Pitts	Joel Williams	Molly Stevenson
Al Turner	Larry Wisenbaker	Mike Tanner

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