

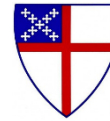
Christ Episcopal Church



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July 16, 2023
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Welcome to Christ Church!
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Liebster Jesu</i>	J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn – <i>O Christ, the Word Incarnate</i>	Hymn 632
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 230
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn: <i>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word</i>	Hymn 440
The Sermon – The Rev. Hal Weidman	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form II)	BCP 385
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – please be seated	
Offertory – <i>Seek Ye First</i>	arr. by Douglas Wagner
Doxology	Choir Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymns – <i>Lord Make Us Servants of Thy Peace</i>	Hymn 593
<i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Hymn 512
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 366
Blessing	
Hymn – <i>O Day of Radiant Gladness</i>	Hymn 48
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>An Unclouded Day</i>	Carolyn Hamlin

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalm 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

BCP 772

¹⁰⁵ **Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.**

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.**

¹⁰⁷ **I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.**

¹⁰⁹ **My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.**

¹¹⁰ **O The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹ **Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned

sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Remember in your prayers: Kathy Armstrong. Catv Carter. the Cortese family. Allan Dear. Janet Dickman. Terry Fonham. Melanie Ford. the Greneker family. Louise Harden. Peter Ingeman. Michane James. Montv Miller. the Mistick family. Gnann Moser. Brett Nelson. Della Richards. Richard Riebv. the Stevenson family, Burt Tillman, Willa Valencia, Elizabeth Varner, Michelle Weidman

The family of Sam Greneker

Beginning the 1st Sunday in August we are keeping those in need of prayer on the list for one month. We ask you to renew the need for continued prayer by calling the office. - Fr. Hal

Special Notes

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here! Father Hal, the Vestry, an Usher or a member are available to welcome you and answer your questions.

Name Tags are available in each pew – please wear them each Sunday.

Anyone interested in participating in the *Education for Ministry* program or EFM as it is known, is invited to an informational meeting in the parish hall on July 20 at 5PM. EFM runs the academic year. The cost is \$325 plus the cost of books. EFM is a seminary education offered through the University of the South's School of Theology at Sewanee, Tennessee. EFM focuses on Bible study, theological thinking, and ministry development. Weekly meetings known as seminars are three hours long and there is quite a bit of reading and study during the week. Please don't let the time commitment and cost hold you back. Contact Michelle Weidman, EFM Mentor, at 605-390-4881, if interested.—Fr Hal

Survey – A Worship and Spiritual Formation Survey is available in the bulletin as well as available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Worship-Formation>. Please take a moment to let us know your thoughts. Please respond by July 20, 2023. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Morning Prayer – will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings during the summer months through September 27th. Please enter the church through the breezeway door into the annex. Please add Morning Prayer to your summer schedules.

Community outreach – The rest of the Sundays in July we will be collecting school supplies for local public schools. There is a box in the Narthex. Notebook paper, packs of pencils, rubber erasers, crayons, blunt nose scissors. Questions call John McRae 229-220-5619, school supplies coordinator. Thank you for your support.

Renewal of Ministry Celebration – Bishop Logue will be at Christ Church on August 19, 2023 beginning at 4:00pm for the Renewal of Ministry Celebration. During this service Father Hal will be installed as our new rector and we will celebrate the beginning of our working together in ministry. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you'd like to help, call the church office to volunteer!

Upcoming Dates:

July 16 – 6p – Vespers – Sanctuary
July 18 – 5:30p – Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall
July 19 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary
July 20 – 5p – EFM meeting – Parish Hall
July 22 – 11a – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall
July 23 – 30 – Father Hal & Michelle on vacation
July 26 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Phyllis Holland, Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland

Altar Guild: Team 3 – Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake, Kathleen Parsons

Ushers: Al Turner, Martin Holland, John McRae

Greeter: Michael Black

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Mimi Allen

Media Crew: Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers

Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest

Kim Dudley, Administrator

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Position Available, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry

Issa Young, Choir Director

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

Brad Burnette

Sandra Fletcher

Dottie Pitts

Al Turner

2024

Jeani Synyard

Patricia Tyson

Joel Williams

Larry Wisenbaker

2025

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Steve Honeycutt

Molly Stevenson

Mike Tanner

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Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden)

Sandra Fletcher (Secretary)

Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

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Administration – Al Turner

Altar Guild – Frances Guice

Acolyte, EMs & Lectors – Nancy Lutsko

Adult Formation, DOK, Music & Worship – Molly Stevenson

Building & Grounds – Steve Honeycutt

Children, Youth & Families – Joel Williams

Choir – Sue Ellen Rumstay

Christian Formation – Patricia Tyson

College Ministry – Jeri-Lyn Flowers

Discipleship & Evangelism – Dottie Pitts

Finance – Brad Burnette

Foyer Groups, Parish Life & Stewardship, Endowment – Jeani Synyard

Habitat for Humanity, Men in Blue, Outreach & Parish Life – Mike Tanner

Hospitality – Pat Denmark

Jamming for Jesus – Stella Clark

Lunch Bunch – David Sandbach

Media & Communication – Larry Wisenbaker

Newcomers – Martin Holland

Pastoral Care – Phyllis Holland

Preschool – Anne Shenton

St. Francis Ministry – Eleanor Parten

Stitchers of Love – The. Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail

Ushers – Bobby Yarbrough

Vespers – Phyllis Hiers

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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