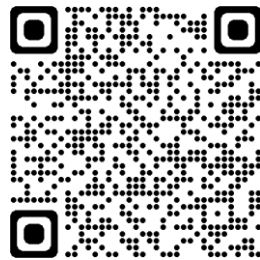


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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on Slane</i>	Gordon Young
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise to the Living God</i>	Hymn 372
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 231
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn: <i>Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted</i>	Hymn 302
The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood	
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>Search Me, O God</i>	Heather Sorenson
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 of All Hopefulness</i>	Hymn 482
<i>O Day of God, Draw Nigh</i>	Hymn 601
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 366
Blessing	
<i>Hymn – Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	Hymn 344
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Toccata on Leoni</i>	Michael Burkhardt

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.

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 – Sunday, July 30th is the last day for school supplies collection, that afternoon at 2 PM all Christ Church teachers will have the first opportunity to select supplies they could/can use. After that they will be taken to our neighborhood school Sallas Mahone as we did last year. Thanks to all that have contributed. 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.

HEP Nooners aka Happy Episcopal People at noon, will meet on **Friday, Aug 18th** at the home of John & Marcia McRae. Please bring sandwiches or salads to share, drinks and desserts provided. John and Marića McRae: 2701 Green Meadow Dr. Valdosta, 229-220-5619. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

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. **At 9 AM on Saturday, August 12**, there will be a renewal of ministry practice to work on our “liturgical movements” during the worship. It should last less than an hour. It is for Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers.

Upcoming Dates:

July 23 – 30 – Father Hal & Michelle on vacation

July 25 – 10a – Monty Miller funeral

July 26 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail

Lectors: David Sandbach, Julia Ariail, Rita Watters

Acolytes: Rich Johnson, Gowan Johnson, Nancy Lutsko

Altar Guild: Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

Greeter: Martin Holland

Coffee Hour: Krystle Black, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Stefani Carroll, Ruth Holland, Pat Bezona

Media Crew: Glen Flowers, Larry Wisenbaker

Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Sam Greneker.



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
Phyllis Holland
Steve Honeycutt
Molly Stevenson
Mike Tanner

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al Turner (Senior Warden)
Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden)
Sandra Fletcher (Secretary)
Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

Ministry Chairs

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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The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a
¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

Psalms 139:1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

- ¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
² You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
⁴ You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
⁸ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
⁹ Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25
¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

*The family of Sam Greneker
The family of Monty Miller*