

Christ Episcopal Church



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July 30, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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Pentecost 9 / Proper 12
Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on Hanover</i>	Gordon Young
Opening Hymn – <i>O Worship the King</i>	Hymn 388
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>If thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	Hymn 635
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>Just a Closer Walk</i> – traditional	Choir
Doxology	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>Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee</i>	Hymn 615
<i>The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow</i>	Hymn 462
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 366
Blessing	
Hymn – <i>Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word</i>	Hymn 530
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee</i>	J.S. Bach

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.

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.

Foyer groups are now forming for the fall. Anyone interested in meeting once a month or so with others from Christ Church, for a meal, are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish house or you can call or email Jeani Synyard at: jeanisynyard@gmail.com or 229-834-6004. Foyer groups should start sometime in September.

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 Marica 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:

August 2 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

August 6 – 6p – Vespers - Sanctuary

August 7 – 5:30p – Evening Prayer - Sanctuary

August 8 – 5:30p – Executive Committee Meeting – Parish Hall

August 9 – 7p – Choir Practice Begins – Sanctuary

August 12 – 11a – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Molly Stevenson, Katherine Mayer, Jane Kinney

Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Phyllis Holland, Molly Stevenson

Altar Guild: Team 5 – Nancy Lutsko, Judy DeMott, Happy & Peter Ingeman, Frances Guice

Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

Greeter: Julia Ariail

Coffee Hour: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lyn Flowers

Media Crew: Tom Carroll, 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

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 29:15-28

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” ¹⁹Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

BCP 738, 741

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.**
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
 - 4 Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.**
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
 - 7 He is the Lord our God;
his judgments prevail in all the world.**
 - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
 - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
 - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
 - 11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance.”**
- 45b Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*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. Gnann Moser. Brett Nelson. Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Mike Tanner, Burt Tillman, Willa Valencia, Michelle Weidman
The family of Sam Greneker
The family of Monty Miller*