

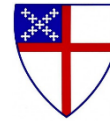
Christ Episcopal Church



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July 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.
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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



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Pentecost 6 / Proper 9

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Little Prelude and Fugue in G minor* J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn – *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* Hymn 657

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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Hymn 692

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 – *Come Unto Me* Mary Kay Beal 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 – *Just As I Am* Hymn 693
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing Hymn 414

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366
Blessing
Hymn – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Hymn 544
Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *Partita on Duke Street, Finale* Charles Callahan

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.

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. 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!

Pictorial Directory Update - We would like to update our Christ Church Members and Friends directory. If you are new to Christ Church, if you did not have an opportunity to have your family's picture in the last directory, or just want to update your old picture, please let the church office know.

Upcoming Dates:

July 12 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

July 16 – 6p – Vespers - Sanctuary

July 17 – Worship/Formation Survey Deadline

July 18 – 5:30p – Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall

July 19 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

July 21 – 31 – Father Hal & Michelle on vacation

July 22 – 11a – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Stefani Carroll, Patricia Tyson, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Sheri Gravett, Chris Rutland, John McRae

Acolytes: Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough

Altar Guild: Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona

Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Tom Carroll

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

Coffee Hour: Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long

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

Keri Wilkin, Director of Children's Ministry

Position Available, Director of 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

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

³⁴So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' ⁴²"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will."⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. ⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Psalms 45:11-18

BCP 647

Eructavit cor meum

- ¹¹ "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your father's house.
¹² The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
¹³ The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favor."
¹⁴ All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

¹⁵ In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

¹⁶ With joy and gladness they are brought,
and enter into the palace of the king.

¹⁷ "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

¹⁸ I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Remember in your prayers: Kathy Armstrong. Caty Carter. the Cortese family. Allan Dear. Janet Dickman. Terry Fontham. Melanie Ford. the Greneker family. Louise Harden. Peter Ingeman. Michane James. Monty Miller. the Mistick family. Gmann Moser. Brett Nelson. Della Richards. Richard Rieby. 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

CHRIST CHURCH WORSHIP SURVEY *Please complete this opinion survey and return to the church office by July 20, 2023.*

Online survey available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Worship-Formation>

WORSHIP

Currently Christ Church has these weekly worship services:

- Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Sunday 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*1st and 3rd Sundays in person, other Sundays via Zoom*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (scheduled through September 27)

Check here if you are satisfied with the current weekly worship service offerings and do not want to recommend any changes.

Check here if you are not satisfied with the current weekly worship service offerings and want to recommend changes (see below).

In the space below, please list the changes in weekly worship services that you would like to recommend:

- If applicable, include services that might be led by lay persons, such as morning, midday, or evening prayer services.
- If applicable, include forms of worship other than those in the *Book of Common Prayer* such as Taizé or recovery from addiction.
- Include your preferred time and day of the week for the changes you recommend.

If you need more space, please continue on a blank sheet of paper and attach that sheet to this completed form.

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FORMATION

When: Formations (i.e., including programs formerly called Sunday School, Bible study, or discussions) can take place on Sundays or at other times. Examples might include:

- Adult Sunday School - Before early worship
- Adult Sunday School - Between early & late worship
- Adult Sunday School - After late worship
- Adult education (various) - weekdays mornings or evenings
- Youth Sunday School - Between early & late worship
- Youth Sunday School - After late worship
- Youth education (various) - weekdays mornings or evenings

Subjects: For Adult formation, here are some sample subjects:

- STUDY: The Bible (particular book(s), translation, ...)
- BOOK: Add your favorite titles
- PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Office, Instructed Holy Eucharist
- MEDITATION: Quiet Days, Centering Prayer, *Lectio Divina*
- SPIRITUALITY: Celtic, Cistercian, Lakota, Stewardship
- PEOPLE: Jesus, Prophets, Disciples, Saints
- GUIDED: *Education for Ministry*, Christianity Basics, Episcopal Basics, Confirmation/Reception

In the space below, please list your preference(s) for adult formation and youth formation.

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