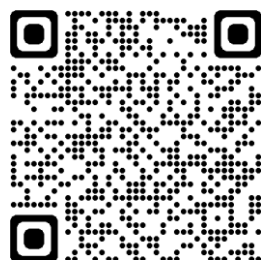


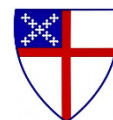
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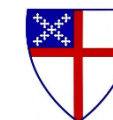
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Partita on West Minster Abby, Voluntary* Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Hymn 518

Opening Salutation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day BCP 232

The Lessons (See Insert)

Gospel Hymn: *God is Love, and Where True Love Is* Hymn 576

The Sermon – The Rev. Dcn. Shayna Cranford

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 – *There is a Place* – Cleland McAfee & Tracey Craig McKibben 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 Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* Hymn 304

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest Hymn 305

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366

Blessing

Hymn – The Church's One Foundation Hymn 525

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *Fanfare on In Christ There is No East or West* 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.

AUGUST 14TH - 20TH WAS AN AMAZING WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH - Our Pre-School, Parents' Morning Out, and Episcopal College Ministry-including Grace Café-began the school year. The Vestry decided to keep our Sunday worship services as is based on the parish Worship and Formation survey: 8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I; 10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; and 6PM Vespers. In the middle of our Renewal of Ministry Celebration, Bishop Frank announced my installation as your Rector and his assigning Nancy Sartin to Christ Church as our Deacon. Additionally, I named Nancy Lutsko as our Verger. During the late service on Sunday morning, Sr Warden, Al Turner, announced the Vestry's hiring of Michelle Weidman to be our Director of Christian Education.

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

Evening Prayer will be held on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

The Week Ahead:

August 27 – 11:30a – DOK & LEV meeting - Sanctuary

August 28 – 5:30p – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

August 29 - 5:45p – Parish Life meeting – Office Conference room

August 30 – 9a – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

7p – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

August 31 – 7p – Grace Café Dinner

September 2 – 5p – Parish Tailgate Party – Front Parking Lot

September 3 – 8a & 10a – Holy Eucharist

4p – Stitches of Love

6p – Vespers - Sanctuary

September 4 – Church Office Closed

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail

Lectors: Ruth Holland, Julia Ariail, David Sandbach

Acolytes: Rich Johnson, Gowan Johnson, Nancy Lutsko

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick

Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

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

Media Crew: Glen Flowers, 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

Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

Kim Dudley, Administrator

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Michelle Weidman, Director of Christian Education

Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

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
Stitches 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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶“When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” ¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

¹ **If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;**

² **If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

³ **Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;**

⁴ **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

⁵ **Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.**

⁶ **Blessed be the Lord!**

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷ **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

⁸ **Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Remember in your prayers: Anne, Kathy Armstrong, the Cortese family, Allan Dear, Louise Harden, Michane James, the Louttit family, the Mistick family, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, the Northway family, Mike Tanner, Willa Valencia, the Waddell family, Rita Watters, Michelle Weidman

*The Greneker family on the birth of Robert David Greneker on August 22, 2023.
Rev. Dan Northway – deceased – (Brother of Jan Louttit)
Mary Siler Waddell – deceased*

Special Notes – Continued

We welcome to Christ Church Sunday morning, Deacon Shayna Cranford. Please extend a warm Christ Church welcome to Deacon Cranford during coffee hour.



Shayna Warren Cranford is currently serving her home parish, Trinity, Cochran as a transitional deacon. For the past three years Shayna has been studying in the ACTS (Alternative Clergy Training) program at Sewanee – The University of the South.

After returning to her native Bleckley County almost 12 years ago, she and her family discovered the Episcopal Church where almost immediately they became immersed in parish life. She has had the opportunity to experience

and share the love of Jesus in many seasons with the community of believers that make up Trinity, Cochran. Currently, Shayna serves on the Honey Creek Commission.

Upon graduation from the University of Georgia in 1998, Shayna worked in youth development as a 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Service. After starting a family with her husband Dave, she returned to school and became a registered nurse. The Cranfords have three children, Callie, Eli and Chap; they live in the Cary community outside of Cochran.

Director of Christian Education – Christ Church is pleased to announce the hiring of a Director of Christian Education. During the 10:00 service on Sunday, August 20th, Sr Warden, Al Turner, announced the Vestry's hiring of Michelle Weidman to be our Director of Christian Education. Michelle will be an asset to Christ Church in our Christian Formation and Children's Education programs. Please extend a warm Christ Church welcome to Michelle and our sincerest congratulation.

The Stitchers of Love meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the Parish Hall from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. Join us to learn to knit or crochet or bring your projects and socialize with the group.

Parking Stickers Christ Church now has rearview mirror placards available for those who do not want to place a sticker on their vehicle. Please contact the church office if you would like a placard.

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.

Ministry Fair – We will have a Ministry Fair on September 10th immediately following the 10:00 service. Tables and booths will be set up for you to find out about a ministry that interests you, and sign up to be a part of the work of the church.

Here are some Ministries that will have sign-up sheets and a representative in the Parish Hall to answer questions: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Children's Ministry, Choir, Coffee Hour, College Ministry, Daughters of the King, Foyer Groups, Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Lunch Bunch, Media Team, Men in Blue, Nursery, Stitchers of Love, Thursday Night Dinners, Ushers, Vespers, and Vet Team Six.