

### **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
- Jacob Alward & Kylee Creasy, Nursery

### **OUR VISION**

To receive God's grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

2023

- Brad Burnette
- Sandra Fletcher
- Dottie Pitts
- Al Turner

### **VESTRY**

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)

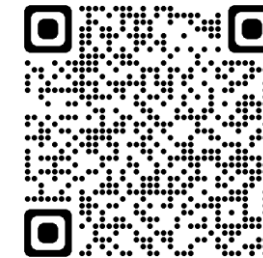
### **Ministry Chairs**

- 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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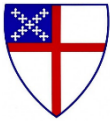
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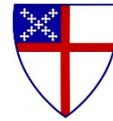
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**September 10, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.  
Mailing address: 1521 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31602  
Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3 PM  
e-mail address: Father Hal – [rector@christchurchvaldosta.org](mailto:rector@christchurchvaldosta.org)  
Church website: [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)  
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1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



September 10, 2023

Pentecost 15 / Proper 18  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Detroit</i>	Wilber Held
Opening Hymn – <i>At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing</i>	Hymn 174
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 233
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn: <i>Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus</i>	Hymn 336
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>Go Down Moses</i> , (traditional spiritual)	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>Forgive Our Sins</i>	Hymn 674
<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</i>	Hymn 602
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 366
Blessing	
Hymn – <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	Hymn 376
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Hymn to Joy</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.

**Ministry Fair and Kick-off** – We will have a Ministry Fair today 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, Audio/Visual Ministry, Children’s Ministry, Choir, Coffee Hour, College Ministry, Daughters of the King, Foyer Groups, Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Lunch Bunch, Men in Blue, Nursery, Stitchers of Love, Thursday Night Dinners, Ushers, Vespers, and Vet Team Six.

**EfM Class** – will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9pm at the Rectory. Please contact Michelle Weidman for further info.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** begins on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders located at 1718 Williams St. We will be studying *Encountering God-Cultivating Habits of Faith through the Spiritual Disciplines*. If anyone is interested in knowing more or would like a book, you can call or text Tammy at 229-560-5889.

**Christian Education** will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the Gabard Building.

**Nursery to open at 9:00am** – The Church Nursery will begin opening on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This will give those with children 2 and under the opportunity to participate in Christian Education each Sunday morning. Children 3 and up are encouraged to attend Christian Education beginning at 9:15am.

Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Sandbach, Patricia Tyson, Sheri Gravett  
**Lectors:** Chris Rutland, John McRae, Sheri Gravett  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough  
**Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona  
**Ushers:** Cameron Prevost, Cliff Baker, Jerry Byrd  
**Greeter:** Julia Ariail  
**Coffee Hour:** Krystle Black, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Stefani Carroll, Ruth Holland, Pat Bezona  
**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Special Notes continued on insert



### Racial Justice Georgia

Racial Justice Georgia invites you to attend this year's **St. Anna Alexander pilgrimage** on the **weekend of September 22-24**. The lone Black deaconess in the Episcopal Church, the only person from the diocese recognized as a saint, St. Anna selflessly pursued a ministry of teaching, preaching, and community work for decades in the early 20th century, despite the confinements of Jim Crow. Centered in the Brunswick area, the pilgrimage immerses you in her world and concludes with a special service at Good Shepherd, Pennick, the church she established and faithfully served. This year we're excited to have St. Timothy's choristers from the Diocese of Atlanta, performing music they have created for the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon.

To register or for more information please contact [RacialJusticeGA@gaepiscopal.org](mailto:RacialJusticeGA@gaepiscopal.org)



### The Lessons

#### First Reading

**Exodus 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

#### Psalm 149

BCP 738

*Cantate Domino*

#### <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

**Sing to the Lord a new song;**

**sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;**

**let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

<sup>3</sup> **Let them praise his Name in the dance;**

**let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.**

<sup>4</sup> **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people**

**and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup> **Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;**

**let them be joyful on their beds.**

<sup>6</sup> **Let the praises of God be in their throat**

**and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

<sup>7</sup> **To wreak vengeance on the nations**

**and punishment on the peoples;**

**<sup>8</sup>To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
<sup>9</sup>To inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading**

**Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Remember in your prayers: Anne, Kathy Armstrong, Ann Burnette, the Cortese family, Louise Harden, Michane James, the Mistick family, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Ann Stone Mike Tanner, Willa Valencia, the Waddell family, Rita Watters, Michelle Weidman, those effected by Hurricane Idalia*

*The Greneker family on the birth of Robert David Greneker on August 22, 2023.*

*Mary Siler Waddell – deceased*

### **Special Notes – Continued**

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

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

**Parking Stickers** are required to park in our lots Monday – Friday. We now have rearview mirror placards available for those who do not want a sticker on their vehicle. Please contact the church office if you want 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. Today is the last opportunity to sign up for Foyer Groups at the ministries fair. Foyer groups should start sometime in September.

**The Stitchers of Love** need your donations of new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Children's Advocacy Center to comfort and soothe abused children. Contact Deacon Patricia Marks at 229-630-8644 or bring the animals to the Christ Church Office.

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, will be held on September 26, at 7pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

**Attention EYC youth!** Mark your calendars for the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) 23/24 kickoff will be on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** in the youth room in the Gabard Building.

### **The Week Ahead:**

**September 10 – 11:15a** – Ministry Fair

**6p** – Vespers – Zoom

**September 11 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer

**September 12 – 6p** – EfM Class - Rectory

**September 13 – 9a** – Morning Prayer

**3p** – Vestry Reports Due to Office

**6:30p** – Wednesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home

**7p** – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**September 14 – 5:30p** – Christian Education Meeting

**7p** – Grace Café Dinner

**September 17 – 8a & 10a** – Holy Eucharist

**9a** – Nursery Open

**9:15a** – Christian Education

**4p** – Stitchers of Love

**6p** – Vespers

**6p** – College Interns Pool Party at the Yarbrough's Home