

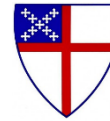
Christ Episcopal Church



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September 17, 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 16 / Proper 19
Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Prelude on Down Ampney* Henry G. Ley
Opening Hymn – *Now Thank We All Our God* Hymn 397
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: *Come Down O Love Divine* Hymn 516

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 – *There is a Place* - Cleland McAfee and 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 – *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* Hymn 593
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor Hymn 596
Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366
Blessing
Hymn – *All Creatures of our God and King* (verse 1-3) Hymn 400
Dismissal BCP 366
Postlude – *Festive Alleluia on All Creatures of our God and King* Dan Miller

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.

Evening Prayer will be held on Monday evenings 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 27th. Please enter the church through the breezeway door into the annex. Please add Morning Prayer to your calendar.

Wednesday Night Bible Study begins this Wednesday 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 FOR ALL AGES At 9:15AM Children in the 5th grade and younger meet in the Education (Gabard) Building on September 24th. Also, at 9:15AM Chris Roan continues her adult class on the Sunday Bible readings in the Parish Hall. At 5PM students in the 6th - 12th grades and their parents will meet at in EYC Room in the Education Building to talk about the upcoming year.

Delegates for Diocesan Convention - During their Tuesday meeting the Vestry will elect three delegates and three alternates for Diocesan Convention in Augusta, November 9-11. Tell Fr Hal of your interest before the 5:30 meeting.

Nursery to open at 9:00am – The Church Nursery will be open on Sundays 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.

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 24th at 5 pm** in the youth room in the Gabard Building.

The Week Ahead:

September 17 – 4p – Stitchers of Love
6p – Vespers
6p – College Interns Pool Party at the Yarbroughs
September 18 – 5:30p – Evening Prayer
September 19 – 5:30p – Vestry Meeting
September 20 – 9a – Morning Prayer
5:30p – Finance
7p – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
September 21 – 11:30a – Men's Bible Study – Grace Café
7p – Grace Café Art Project
September 23 – 11a – Lunch Bunch
September 24 – 8 & 10 – Holy Eucharist
9a – Nursery Available
9:15a – Christian Education
5p - EYC

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Phyllis Holland, Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Joel Williams, David Holland, Holly Rogers

Altar Guild: Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake, Kathleen Parsons

Ushers: Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

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

Audio/Visual Crew: Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

BCP 756

In exitu Israel

¹ Hallelujah!

**When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

**² Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.**

³ The sea beheld it and fled;

Jordan turned and went back.

**⁴ The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

**⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?**

**⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?**

**⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

**⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Remember in your prayers: *Kathy Armstrong, the Cortese family, Allan Dear, Merrill Guice, the Guice family, Louise Harden, Michane James, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Mike Tanner, Willa Valencia, Rita Watters, Michelle Weidman*
Jason Guice - deceased



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.

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

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Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden)

Sandra Fletcher (Secretary)

Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

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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

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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

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