

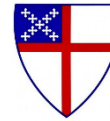
# Christ Episcopal Church



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September 24, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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Dcn Anna Alexander Feast Day  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Morning has Broken</i></b>	Dale Wood
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>Not Here for High and Holy Things</i></b>	Hymn 9
<b>Opening Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>	Hymnal S280
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	(See Insert)
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn: <i>Singing Songs of Expectation</i></b>	Hymn 527
<b>The Sermon</b>	The Rev. Hal Weidman
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People (Form II)</b>	BCP 385
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	BCP 360
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – please be seated</b>	
<b>Offertory – <i>Panis Angelicus</i> - Cesar Franck, arr. by Hal Hopson</b>	Choir
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer A</b>	BCP 361
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymnal S130
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymnal S154
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 365
<b>Communion Hymns – <i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i></b>	Hymn 685
<b><i>O Master Let Me Walk with Thee</i></b>	Hymn 660
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 366
<b>Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Come Labor On</i></b>	Hymn 541
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>Built on a Rock</i></b>	Gordon Young

## 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.

**Christian Education for All Ages** At 9:15am, Children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger meet in the Education (Gabard) Building. Also, at 9:15AM Chris Roan continues her adult class on the Sunday Bible readings in the Parish Hall. At 5PM students in the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades will meet in EYC Room in the Education Building.

**Nursery opens at 9:00am** – The Nursery opens 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 attend Christian Education beginning at 9:15am.

**Attention EYC youth!** Mark your calendars for the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) 23/24 kickoff will be **tonight at 5 pm** in the youth room in the Gabard Building.

**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.

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

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, is held at 7:30pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** begins at 6:30 pm at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders located at 1718 Williams St. We are 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.

**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 Week Ahead:

**September 24 – 5p** – EYC – Gabard Building

**6p** – Vespers – Zoom

**September 25 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

**September 26 – 7p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home

**September 27 – 9a** – Morning Prayer – Sanctuary

**6:30p** – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Borders' Home

**7p** – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**September 28 – 7p** – Grace Café Dinner

### Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eric Nielsen, Molly Stevenson, Julia Ariail

**Lectors:** Molly Stevenson, Julia Ariail, Rita Watters

**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood, Mara Shenton

**Altar Guild:** Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

**Ushers:** Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

**Greeter:** Nikki Yarbrough

**Coffee Hour:** Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, John McRae

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

## **A Collect for Deaconess Alexander**

O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whoever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When your children ask you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?' then you shall say to your children, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.'

### **Psalm 78:1-7**

BCP 694

<sup>1</sup> **Hear my teaching, O my people;**

**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth in a parable;**

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

<sup>3</sup> **That which we have heard and known,**

**and what our forefathers have told us,**

**we will not hide from their children.**

<sup>4</sup> **We will recount to generations to come**

**the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,**

**and the wonderful works he has done.**

<sup>5</sup> **He gave his decrees to Jacob**

**and established a law for Israel,**

**which he commanded them to teach their children;**

- <sup>6</sup> That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn;  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
- <sup>7</sup> So that they might put their trust in God,  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;**

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**Matthew 11:25-30**

At 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; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All 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. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*Remember in your prayers: The Armstrong family, Ann Burnette, the Cortese family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Davis family, Allan Dear, Gene Grenaker, Merrill Guice, Louise Harden, Michane James, CathvAnn Kautter, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Rav Murphy, Brett Nelson, Lois Stevenson, Mike Tanner, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Rita Watters, Michelle Weidman*

*Kathy Armstrong - deceased*

*Jason Guice – deceased*

*Stephen, Kacie & Henry Sandbach on the birth of Holt Sandbach on September 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**Casserole Night at Grace Café**

The fall semester is in full swing and so are the Grace Café Thursday dinners!



One way you can support this important outreach ministry is by **making your favorite casserole for the September 28<sup>th</sup> meal**. To sign up, please contact the church office to let us know what you're bringing and any special instructions (heating temp, duration, ingredients, etc.). We will need an index card with a listing of the ingredients on it for each casserole. This will protect any students who have food allergies or sensitivities.

Be on the lookout for details on upcoming events in October! Thank you for your continued support of Grace Café.



**First Wednesday Holy Eucharist, Dinner and a Program – October 4<sup>th</sup>**

The First Wednesday of each month we will have Holy Eucharist at 6:00pm followed by Dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:30 and a Program. Please plan to join us.

**Oktoberfest** this year will be held in the parish hall on **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. On the menu: Usinger's bratwurst from Milwaukee, potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, and beer and wine. Cost will be \$15 per person.

**Please note that this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older (please have proof of age with you).**



Since Jane needs to know how many bratwurst to order, please **sign up before October 11<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or you can call the church office to leave your name. If you'd like to contribute by bringing potato salad (German or "regular") or sauerkraut, there'll also be a sign-up sheet for that in the parish hall. Danke schön!



Please support Daylight Donuts. They are supporting Grace Cafe by blessing our college students with free donuts on Tuesdays.