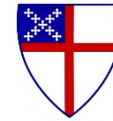


# Christ Episcopal Church



Christ Episcopal Church  
1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



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October 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.  
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Pentecost 20 / Proper 23  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude – *Sheep May Safely Graze*** J.S.Bach

**Opening Hymn – *This is the Feast*** (Verse 1-3) Hymn 417

**Opening Salutation** BCP 355  
**Collect for Purity** BCP 355  
**Gloria** Hymnal S280  
**The Collect of the Day** BCP 234  
**The Lessons** (See Insert)  
**Gospel Hymn: *Deck Thyself, Thy Soul in Gladness*** Hymn 339

**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 – *Feed My Sheep*** - Natalie Sleeth 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 – *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*** Hymn 321  
***Thy King of Love My Shepherd Is*** Hymn 645

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP 366  
**Blessing**  
**Hymn – *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*** (Verse 1-3) Hymn 556  
**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude – *Ceremonial Rondeau*** Henry Purcell

### 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.

**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 Stitches 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:

**October 15 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist  
**9:15a** – Christian Education  
**4p** – Stitches of Love  
**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building  
**6p** – Vespers  
**October 16 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary  
**October 17 – 5:30p** – Vestry Meeting  
**7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home  
**October 18 – 6:30p** – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Borders' Home  
**7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
**October 19 – 7p** - Grace Café Pumpkin Carving  
**October 20 – 12p** – HEP Lunch  
**October 22 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist  
**9:15a** – Christian Education  
**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building  
**6p** – Vespers - Zoom

### Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patricia Tyson, Nancy Lutsko, Maddie Yarbrough

**Lectors:** Maddie Yarbrough, Kathleen Parsons, Patricia Tyson

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, David Holland, Holly Rogers

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

**Ushers:** Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

**Greeter:** Julia Ariail

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

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker

### The Lessons

#### **First Reading**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>2</sup> Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." <sup>6</sup> They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. <sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?' Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 (Unison)**

BCP 741

*Confitemini Domino*

<sup>1</sup> **Hallelujah!**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>2</sup> **Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord  
or show forth all his praise?**

<sup>3</sup> **Happy are those who act with justice  
and always do what is right!**

<sup>4</sup> **Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,  
and visit me with your saving help;**

<sup>5</sup> **That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people,  
that I may glory with your inheritance.**

<sup>6</sup> **We have sinned as our forebears did;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

<sup>19</sup> **Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a molten image;**

<sup>20</sup> **And so they exchanged their Glory  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

<sup>21</sup> **They forgot God their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,**

<sup>22</sup> Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

<sup>23</sup> So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

### Second Reading

### Philippians 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel Lesson

### Matthew 21:33-46

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Remember in your prayers:** *The Armstrong family, Ann Burnette, Arthur Callahan, Alexis Carr, the Cortese family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Davis family, Allan Dear, Bishop Tom Elv, Gene Greneker, Merrill Guice, Louise Harden, Michane James, CathyAnn Kautter, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Rav Murphv, Brett Nelson, Lois Stevenson, the Stone family, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman*

*Kathy Armstrong, Ann Stone – deceased*

*Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention – Molly Stevenson, Elise and David Sandbach (Delegates) – Paul Stevenson and Delrick Bradley (Alternates)*

*Congratulations to Alex and Savannah Weidman Randau who were married on October 4, 2023.*

### Donated Pumpkins Needed



Grace Cafe is hosting a pumpkin carving event on Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 PM for college students. We are seeking interested volunteers to help teach the basics of pumpkin carving and we are seeking donations of pumpkins for the students to carve. Donated pumpkins can be dropped at the church on Sunday, October 15, or that week Monday -Thursday at Grace Cafe. Since St. Barnabas is selling pumpkins, we encourage you to patronize them. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, call or text Jeri-Lyn Flowers at 404-771-7116 or Stefani Carroll at 229-560-1817.

### HEP Lunch Gathering

HEP Nooners (aka Happy Episcopal People) meet Friday, Oct 20 at noon, at the home of John & Marića McRae. Please bring sandwiches to share host will have soup, teas and desserts  
John and Marića McRae 2701 Green Meadow Dr. 229-220-5619



**Oktoberfest:** For those of you who signed up to attend, Oktoberfest is Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. Cost will be \$15 per person. The bratwurst is on its way from Usinger's in Milwaukee! **As this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older, please have proof of age with you. Childcare will be available in the Gabard Building.** And we could use more volunteers to bring potato salad (your favorite recipe or store-bought is fine) and/or rotkohl (red cabbage). The sign-up sheet for that is posted in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Parish Retreat - Thanksgiving Events - Save the Dates

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will be hosting an **Episcopal Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 21st - 5pm. Father Hal will be giving the sermon. Father Jim Pace and Mother Susan Gage will be assisting. Light reception to follow.

### Thanksgiving Pot Luck Meal!

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Meal will be held on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

**Garden Guild** will meet again beginning on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>. We focus on the church grounds. The Garden Guild meets Monday and Wednesday from 10 - 12. More hardworking people are welcome to join us. Bring your gloves and tools.



### Parish Retreat – Has been cancelled.

**Stewardship Ingathering and Blessing – October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 & 10 Holy Eucharist** – Please bring your pledge cards if you have not already turned them in. Thank you!