

# Christ Episcopal Church



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October 29, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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Pentecost 22 / Proper 25  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude – *Largo (from Xerxes)*** G. F. Handel, arr. by Ellen Jane Lorenz

**Opening Hymn – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** Hymn 450

**Opening Salutation** BCP 355

**Collect for Purity** BCP 355

**Gloria** Hymnal S280

**The Collect of the Day** BCP 235

**The Lessons** (See Insert)

**Gospel Hymn: *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*** Hymn 517

**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 – *The Gift of Love*** Hal Hopson

**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 – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*** Hymn 609

***Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*** Hymn 610

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP 366

**Blessing**

***Hymn – O God Our Help in Ages Past*** Hymn 680

**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude – *Recessional on St. Anne*** 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.

**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:

**October 29 – 11:15a** – Trunk of Treats – Front Lot  
**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building

**6p** – Vespers - Zoom

**October 30 – 10a** – Garden Guild – Church Grounds  
**5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

**October 31 – 7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home

**November 1 - 10a** – Garden Guild – Church Grounds

**5:30p** – First Wednesday Holy Eucharist, Dinner & Program

**7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

**November 2 – 12:15p** – Holy Eucharist

**November 5 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist

**9:15a** – Christian Education

**11:15a** – Parish Picnic

**4p** – Stitchers of Love

**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building

**6p** – Vespers

### Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail

**Lectors:** Ruth Holland, Julia Ariail, David Sandbach

**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Phyllis Holland, Molly Stevenson

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Lutsko, Judy DeMott, Happy & Peter Ingeman, Frances Guice

**Ushers:** Trent Coggins, Cliff Baker, Jerry Byrd

**Greeter:** Martin Holland

**Coffee Hour:** Krystle Black, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Stefani Carroll, Ruth Holland, Pat Bezona

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

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

### **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. <sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

### **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

(Unison)

BCP 717

*Domine, refugium*

<sup>1</sup> **Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another**

<sup>2</sup> **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup> **You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of earth.”**

<sup>4</sup> **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup> **You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

<sup>6</sup> **In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>13</sup> **Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup> **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

<sup>15</sup> **Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

**<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works  
and your splendor to their children.**

**<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.**

### Second Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### Gospel Lesson

### Matthew 22:34-46

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” <sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? <sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

***Remember in your prayers:*** Ann Burnette, the Cortese family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Allan Dear, Bishop Tom Ely, Gene Greneker, Merrill Guice, Louise Harden, Michane James, Cathy Ann Kautter, Mike Lassen, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Lois Stevenson, Willa Valencia, Michelle Weidman, Chuck Whiting

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



**STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING AND BLESSING is during the Holy Eucharists today at 8 & 10.** Please bring your pledge cards if you have not already turned them in. Thank you!

**TRUNKS OF TREATS - is today at 11:15 am** in the Front Parking Lot (Patterson St.). We would love to have lots of trunks this year. We will set up in the front lot immediately following the 10:00 service. Please park in the back parking lot (College St.) if you do not plan to offer treats, so we will have spaces available for those who will offer treats.



**THE GARDEN GUILD** will meet on Monday October 30<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.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY Holy Eucharist, Dinner and a Program – November 1st** we will have Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm followed by light dinner and heavy fellowship in the Parish Hall at 6:00. This month we will have a program on All Saints Day. Please bring a sandwich and dessert to share. Vegetable and Potato soup will be provided. RSVP to the office by October 30th if you plan to attend.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND, Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m.** Before you go to bed Saturday evening, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. Enjoy that extra hour of rest.

**PARISH PICNIC - Annual Parish Picnic** will be held this year on Sunday, November 5, 2023 beginning immediately following the 10:00 service at the church. Please dress casually for a day of fun and games. The Men in Blue will be cooking the main course of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs - please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.



**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. Mother Susan Gage will be leading and Father Jim Pace assisting. A light reception to follow.

**THANKSGIVING POT LUCK MEAL!** – A Thanksgiving Pot Luck Meal will be held on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m.** Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share, meat will be provided. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

# CHURCH TRAILER UP FOR AUCTION



Christ Church is accepting bids for this Box Trailer till **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.



Christ Church is auctioning off the box trailer that is sitting in the back parking lot.



The trailer is a Transport Box Trailer that is 6ft wide by 12ft long. It has double swing doors on the rear as well as a single side swing door. Inside there are some built-in shelves. If you are interested in placing a bid, please contact the church office before **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to see inside the trailer, please call the church office to schedule a viewing. The trailer will go to highest bidder. Winner will be notified by November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## 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  
 Kim Dudley, Administrator  
 Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
 Michelle Weidman, Director of Christian Education  
 Abigail Easton, Interim Director of College Ministry  
 Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO  
 Issa Young, Choir Director  
 Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist  
 Jacob Alward & Kylee Creasy, Nursery  
 Nancy Lutsko, Verger

## **OUR VISION**

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

## **VESTRY**

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| 2023            | 2024             | 2025            |
| Brad Burnette   | John Hiers       | Phyllis Holland |
| Sandra Fletcher | Jeani Synyard    | Steve Honeycutt |
| Dottie Pitts    | Patricia Tyson   | Molly Stevenson |
| Al Turner       | Larry Wisenbaker | 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  
 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  
 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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