



## 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**

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)  
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 Sandra Fletcher (Secretary)  
 Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

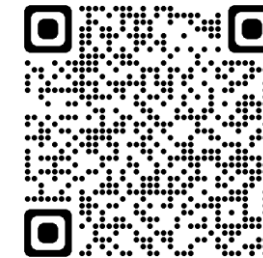
### **Ministry Chairs**

Administration – Al Turner  
 Altar Guild – Lucy Tomberlin  
 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  
 Stitches 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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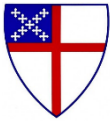
# Christ Episcopal Church



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**November 12, 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



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Pentecost 24 / Proper 27  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude – *Wachet Auf*** J.S. Bach  
**Opening Hymn – *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*** Hymn 68  
**Opening Salutation** BCP 355  
**Collect for Purity** BCP 355  
**Gloria** Hymnal S280  
**The Collect of the Day** BCP 236  
**The Lessons** (See Insert)  
**Gospel Hymn: *Once He Came in Blessing*** Hymn 53

**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 – *Sleepers Awake* - J.S. Bach** 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 – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*** Hymn 324  
***The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow*** Hymn 462

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP 366  
**Blessing**  
**Hymn – *Lift Up Your Heads*** Hymn 436  
**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude – *Recessional on Llangloffan*** Franklin Ashdown

**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. We invite you 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:**

**November 12 – 5p** – EYC – Gabard Building  
**6p** – Vespers - Zoom  
**November 13 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary  
**November 14 – 10a** – Garden Guild – Church Grounds  
**5:30p** – Vestry Meeting  
**7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders’ Home  
**November 15 - 6:30p** – Bible Study – Borders’ Home  
**7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
**November 16 – 7p** – College Ministry Dinner  
**November 19 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist – Episcopal Youth & Children’s Services Collection  
**9:15a** – Christian Education  
**11:15a** – Advent Wreath Making – Parish Hall  
**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building  
**6p** – Vespers

**Servers**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Sandbach, Patricia Tyson, Sheri Gravett  
**Lectors:** Chris Rutland, David Sandbach, Sheri Gravett  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Chip Whiting  
**Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona  
**Ushers:** Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland  
**Greeter:** Nikki Yarbrough  
**Coffee Hour:** Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood  
**Audio/Visual Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

## The Lessons

### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. <sup>4</sup>Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>7</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>8</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” <sup>9</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>10</sup>If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>11</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” <sup>12</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>13</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” <sup>14</sup>The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” <sup>15</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

(Unison)

BCP 694

*Attendite, popule*

- <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;**

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

*Sam Cortese – Deceased*

*Brianna Long – Deceased*

*Lois Stevenson – Deceased*



**PLEDGE CARDS** are still being accepted if you have not turned one in yet. Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible this aids the Finance Committee to work on the budget for 2024. Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church!

We have received **68pledges** for a total of **\$393,830.00**  
 Out of those pledges: **1 new** pledge totaling \$500.00  
**7** has **previously given** but not pledged totaling \$31,420.00  
**28** pledges **stayed the same** totaling \$120,330.00  
**27 increased** their pledge totaling \$200,080.00 with an increase of \$39,200.00  
**5 decreased** their pledge totaling \$41,500.00 with a decrease of \$11,060.00  
 (making our overall pledge increase total \$28,140.00)

**THE GARDEN GUILD** will meet on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We focus on the church grounds. The Garden Guild meets each Tuesday at 11. More hardworking people are welcome to join us. Bring your gloves and tools.



**VESTRY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Kick off the Church New Year (Advent) at our annual **Advent Wreath-making Event Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:00 service in the Parish Hall. Everything needed to make a fresh greenery Advent wreath will be available. If you have a wreath frame already, please bring it. If you would like to help provide greenery, please bring it with you next Sunday or call or text Michelle Weidman. We will have some advent candles available for purchase for \$8.



**THANKSGIVING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE**

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.



The joint service will be livestreamed on the St. Barnabas Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stbarnabasvaldosta>

After the service, the recorded video from the livestream will be added to the St. Barnabas YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.barnabasepiscopal>



**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, Turkey and Ham will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.



**KOATS FOR KIDS** - Christ Church will be collecting gently used and new children's coats throughout November. Please consider donating children's coats of all sizes for kids in need this winter. A box will be placed in the Parrish hall. Please contact Lauren Darby for more information: (229) 630-2229.

**HEP LUNCH GATHERING** - HEP Nooners (aka Happy Episcopal People) meet on Friday, Dec 15 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.) or 229-220-5619

