



OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers
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 Michelle Weidman, Director of Christian Education
 Abigail Easton, Interim Director of College Ministry
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 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

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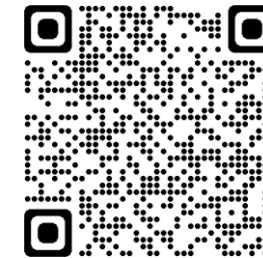
Ministry Chairs

Administration – Al Turner
 Altar Guild – Lucy Tomberlin
 Acolyte, EMs & Lectors – Nancy Lutsko
 Adult Formation, DOK, Music & Worship – Molly Stevenson
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 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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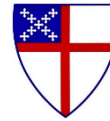
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November 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.
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 Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3 PM
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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



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Pentecost 25 / Proper 28
Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Thanksgiving Suite</i>	Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>We Gather Together</i>	Hymn 433
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: <i>Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam’st to Earth</i>	Hymn 598
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 – <i>Thanks Be To Thee</i> - G.F. Handel, arr. by Jerry Wesley Harris	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 – <i>Not Here for High and Holy Things</i>	Hymn 9
<i>Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel</i>	Hymn 574
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 366
Blessing	
<i>Hymn – Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Hymn 397
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Mark Kellner

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 5th 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 6th - 12th 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 19 – 10a** – Holy Eucharist – Episcopal Youth & Children’s Services Collection
- 11:15a** – Advent Wreath Decorating in Parish Hall
- 5p** – EYC – Gabard Building
- 6p** – Vespers
- November 20 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary
- November 21 – 10a** – Garden Guild – Church Grounds
- 5p** – Thanksgiving Service – St. Barnabas
- 7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders’ Home
- November 22 – 24** – Church Office Closed
- 7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- November 23 - 2p** – Thanksgiving Potluck – Parish Hall
- November 25 – 11a** – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall
- November 26 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist
- 6p** – Vespers - Zoom

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:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae
- Greeter:** Dottie Pitts
- Coffee Hour:** Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter
- Audio/Visual Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Altar Flowers were given today to the glory of God by Jeani Synyard in memory of Mike Synyard.



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.

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 23rd 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. **Please let us**

know by Monday, November 20th if you plan to attend.

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



TODAY IS EPISCOPAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (EYCS) DAY.



This organization's mission is to strengthen family life and commitment to the Episcopal Church in the form of providing financial assistance to youth 22 years of age or younger for college expenses or attendance at Honey Creek Camp. A total of \$60,500 in scholarships was awarded among 29 students from 24 churches across the Diocese, from Thomasville to Hawkinsville, to Augusta and down to Brunswick, with points in between for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

Please give a donation to Christ Church and designate your gift to EYCS. We will ensure it is properly sent to the Diocese's EYCS. Thank you.



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

We have received **74 pledges** for a total of **\$421,930**
 Out of those pledges: **1 new** pledge totaling \$500.00
8 has **previously given** but not pledged totaling \$32,620.00
32 pledges **stayed the same** totaling \$144,830.00
28 increased their pledge totaling \$202,480.00 with an increase of \$40,400.00
5 decreased their pledge totaling \$41,500.00 with a decrease of \$11,060.00
 (making our overall pledge increase total \$29,340.00)



Please note the date change – Michelle has tested positive for COVID. Kick off the Church New Year (Advent) at our annual **Advent Wreath-making Event Sunday, December 3rd** 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.

THE GARDEN GUILD will meet on Tuesday, November 21st 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.



The Lessons

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. ⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Psalm 123

(Unison)

BCP 780

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- ¹ **To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- ³ **So our eyes look to the Lord our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- ⁴ **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁵ **Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

Sam Cortese – Deceased

Brianna Long – Deceased

Lois Stevenson – Deceased