



## OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers  
 Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest  
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 Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
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 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)  
 Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden)  
 Sandra Fletcher (Secretary)  
 Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

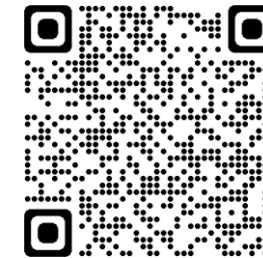
### **Ministry Chairs**

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 5, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.  
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1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



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Pentecost 23 / Proper 26  
Welcome to Christ Church!  
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude – Overture to The Messiah** G.F. Handel, arr. by E.J. Lorenz

**Opening Hymn – Lo What a Cloud of Witnesses** Hymn 545

**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: Strengthen for Service** Hymn 312

**The Sermon** The Rev. Walter Hobgood

**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 – Comfort Ye, and Every Valley** G.F. Handel, Tenor Solo, Chris Rutland

**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 – Lamp of Our Feet** Hymn 627

*Blest Are the Pure in Heart* Hymn 656

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP 366

**Blessing**

**Hymn – Tell Out My Soul** Hymn 437

**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude – Fugue in C Major** G.F. Handel

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 5 – 11:15a** – Parish Picnic

**4p** – Stitches of Love

**6p** – Vespers

**November 6 – 5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

**November 7 – 10a** – Garden Guild – Church Grounds

**5:30p** – Executive Committee Meeting

**7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders’ Home

**November 8 - 6p** – Committee Heads, Vestry & Staff Meeting

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**7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

**November 9-11** – Diocesan Convention

**November 12 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist

**9:15a** – Christian Education

**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building

**6p** – Vespers - Zoom

Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko

**Lectors:** Krystle Black, Tammy Borders, Nancy Lutsko

**Acolytes:** JD Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Rita Hightower, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

**Greeter:** Michael Black

**Coffee Hour:** Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Cathy Hanson

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay

*Altar Flowers were given today to the glory of God by Jacquie Thigpen in memory of Vince Allen Thigpen.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading

Joshua 3:7-17

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. <sup>8</sup>You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” <sup>9</sup>Joshua then said to the Israelites, “Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.” <sup>10</sup>Joshua said, “By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: <sup>11</sup>the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup>So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. <sup>13</sup>When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.” <sup>14</sup>When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. <sup>15</sup>Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, <sup>16</sup>the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (Unison)

BCP 746

*Confitemini Domino*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup> He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes;  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty;  
their spirits languished within them.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>7</sup> He put their feet on a straight path  
to go to a city where they might dwell.

<sup>33</sup> The Lord changed rivers into deserts,

and water-springs into thirsty ground,

<sup>34</sup> A fruitful land into salt flats,  
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

<sup>35</sup> He changed deserts into pools of water  
and dry land into water-springs.

<sup>36</sup> He settled the hungry there,  
and they founded a city to dwell in.

<sup>37</sup> They sowed fields, and planted vineyards,  
and brought in a fruitful harvest.

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

<sup>9</sup>You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup>You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. <sup>11</sup>As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup>urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. <sup>13</sup>We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

*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, CathyAnn Kautter, Mike Lassen, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Rocky, Lois Stevenson, Willa Valencia, Michelle Weidman, Chuck Whiting*

*Brianna Long – Deceased*

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





**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!

**PARISH PICNIC** - Annual Parish Picnic will be held today 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.



**THE GARDEN GUILD** will meet on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We focus on the church grounds. The Garden Guild meets each Tuesday at 10. More hardworking people are welcome to join us. Bring your gloves and tools.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the Diocesan Convention that will be held this week November 9-November 11<sup>th</sup> in Augusta, GA. Please continue to pray for your Christ Church delegates - Molly Stevenson. Elise and David Sandbach (Delegates) – Paul Stevenson and Delrick Bradley (Alternates)



**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. A Sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

## 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>.