

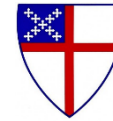
Christ Episcopal Church



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December 10, 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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Advent II

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People by Paul Manz

Opening Hymn – *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

Hymn 75

Lighting of Advent Candles

Opening Salutation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

The Lessons

(See Insert)

Gospel Hymn – *Comfort, Comfort ye my People*

Hymn 67

The Sermon

The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements – please be

seated **Offertory** – *Advent Prayer* Allan Pote

Doxology

Choir
Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

The Communion

BCP 364

Communion Hymns – *O Food to Pilgrims Given*

Hymn 309

Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Blessing

Hymn – *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Hymn 65

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude – Prepare the Royal Highway by Michael Burkhardt

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 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.

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

December 10 – 11:15a – Baptism Class - Sanctuary

5p – EYC – Gabard Building

6p – Vespers - Zoom

December 11 – 5:30p – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

December 12 – 10a – Garden Guild – Church Grounds

7:30p – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home

December 13 – 7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

December 15 – Noon – HEP Lunch at McRae's Home

6-8p – Open House at Rectory

December 16 – 10a – Altar Guild Polishing Party

December 17 – 8 & 10a – Holy Eucharist

9:15a – Christian Education – Gabard & Parish Hall

11:15a – Baptism Class – Sanctuary

3p – Organ Recital

4p – Stitchers of Love

5p – EYC – Gabard Building

6p – Vespers

7p – Vestry Meeting at Jeani Synyard's Home

SERVERS

Eucharistic Ministers: Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Bonnie Hanson, Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll

Acolytes: Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Chip Whiting

Altar Guild: Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona

Ushers: JD Greneker, Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson

Greeter: Julia Ariail

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Ann Burnette, Mimi Allen

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker

CONSIDERING BAPTISM? - Have you ever considered being baptized and just haven't gotten around to it? Well, now is the time. Fr Hal will hold a preparation class for you and parents and godparents/sponsors (for those individuals not capable for answering questions of faith). The class meets at **11:15a.m. on December 10th, and 17th** in the Sanctuary. The Sunday we celebrate Jesus's baptism, January 7th, we will baptize those who are interested."



THE GARDEN GUILD will meet on Tuesday, December 12th 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.

HEP LUNCH GATHERING - HEP Nooners (aka Happy Episcopal People) meet on **Friday, Dec 15** at noon, at the home of John & Marića McRae. To add to the fun and fellowship of the HEP lunch group, we will be wrapping Christmas gifts for the kids we do lunch Bunch for. We have plenty of wrapping paper, bags, and tape. Please bring your own scissors along with sandwiches to share, the hosts will have soup, teas, and desserts. John and Marića McRae (2701 Green Meadow Dr.) or 229-220-5619



HAL AND MICHELLE WEIDMAN
Cordially invite you to our

Christmas Open House

DECEMBER 15

6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

The Weidman's Home
1501 N. Patterson St
Valdosta, GA 31602

OPEN HOUSE AT RECTORY – Rev. Hal and Michelle Weidman are extending an invitation to an Open House at the Rectory on Friday, **December 15th** from **6-8pm**. Drinks will be provided, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Childcare will be provided in the Gabard building from 5:30 – 8:30pm.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL - Our annual Christmas recital will be held on Sunday, **December 17th** at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature festive organ music by Sue Ellen Rumstay.



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
Position Available, 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

HEP (Happy Episcopal People) Party
Saturday, December 23, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

H.E.P. Party: Adult Friends and Family Welcome
Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM at
David and Elise Sandbach's - 2607 Pebblewood Dr.
Please mark your calendar and plan to come and enjoy an evening of Christmas
Cheer.

Drinks will be provided, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Remember this is an adult only gathering. Childcare will be provided at the church
in Gabard Building.

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
Stitchers of Love – The. Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail
Ushers – Bobby Yarbrough
Vespers – Phyllis Hiers



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 **81 pledges** for a total of **\$439,780** as of December 4th.

Out of those pledges: **1 new** pledge totaling \$500.00

8 has **previously given** but not pledged totaling \$32,620.00

34 pledges **stayed the same** totaling \$149,630.00

33 **increased** their pledge totaling \$215,530.00 with an increase of \$41,530.00

5 **decreased** their pledge totaling \$41,500.00 with a decrease of \$11,060.00 (making our overall pledge increase total \$30,470.00)

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA
www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

(Unison)

BCP 708

Benedixisti, Domine

- ¹ **You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- ² **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**
- ⁸ **I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- ⁹ **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- ¹⁰ **Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- ¹¹ **Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- ¹² **The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Remember in your prayers: Ann Burnette, Alexis Carr, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Allan Dear, Irene Dodd, Bishop Tom Ely, Gene Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, CathyAnn Kautter, Mike Lassen, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Brett Nelson, Rocky, Burt Tillman, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman, Chuck Whiting

Lorri McCrary – deceased – (Sister of Troy Long)