

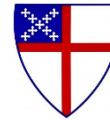
Christ Episcopal Church



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December 24, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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



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Advent IV

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Savior of the Nations, Come* Johann Walther, Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn 66

Lighting of Advent Candles

Opening Salutation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Trisagion Hymnal S102

The Collect of the Day BCP 212

The Lessons (See Insert)

Gospel Hymn – The Angel Gabriel Hymn 265

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 – *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* Michael John Trotta

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 – *Savior of the Nations, Come* Hymn 54

Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus Hymn 269

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

Blessing

Hymn – *Tell Out My Soul* Hymn 437

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *Toccata on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Austin Lovelace

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED December 25 – January 2, 2024.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will take a break for a few weeks. We begin again on January, 7th.

NURSERY OPENS AT 9:45AM – The Nursery opens this week at 9:45 a.m.

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 24 – 8 & 10a – Holy Eucharist

11:15a – Greening the Church for Christmas

4:30p – Family Christmas Eve Service

10:30p – Christmas Eve Music

11p – Christmas Eve Service

December 25 – 10a – Christmas Day Service

December 25 – January 2 – Church Office Closed

December 27 – 7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

December 31 – 10a – Holy Eucharist

9:45a – Nursery Open

No Coffee Hour

SERVERS

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard

Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick

Ushers: Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

Greeter: Julia Ariail

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour today, please help Altar Guild decorate church for Christmas

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay

Advent/Christmas at **CHRIST CHURCH**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE

8 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 am, Christian Education

10 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 am, Greening of Church – No Coffee Hour

4:30 pm, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 pm, Music

11 pm, Celestial Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

CHRISTMAS I

10 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

No Christian Education, or Coffee Hour

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

THE HOLY NAME

10 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY PAGEANT

10 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II



**Make a
difference with your
year-end gift!
Donate Now**

End of Year Giving

Donations for the 2023 tax year can be dropped off at the church office before December 21st, or in the offering plate on December 24th or December 25th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **The Church Office will be closed from December 25th - January 2nd.** Donations may be dropped in the drop-box on the College Street office door after 12/21 but before 12/29, so they can be deposited before the 1st of January. Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church.

EPIPHANY PAGEANT – The children’s pageant will take place on the Feast of Epiphany again this year. Mark your calendars to attend the 10am service on Saturday, January 6th and plan to stay for a Brunswick Stew lunch! (Contact Molly Stevenson if you can provide a pot of Brunswick Stew or a pan of cornbread - (229 292-8215... text or call)



THE GARDEN GUILD will take a brief break for the holidays and will meet again on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00am. We focus on the church grounds. The Garden Guild could use more hardworking people. All are welcome to join us. Bring your gloves and tools.

The Lessons

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” ⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Canticle 3 – The Song of Mary

(Unison)

BCP 50

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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, the Long family, the McCrary family, 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)



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

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

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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