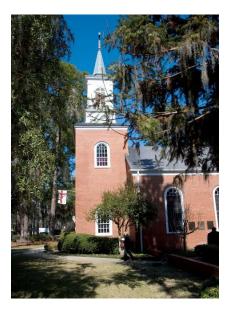
Christ Episcopal Church





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August 25, 2024 10:00 a.m.

It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and peace, Fr. Hal



Welcome to Christ Church!



August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Liebster Jesus	by J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn – Alleluia Sing to Jesus	Hymn 460
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 232
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn –Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above	Hymn 408
The Sermon	Fr. Hal Weidman
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form IV)	BCP 388
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – Please Be Seated	
Offertory – Our Father	by Benjamin Harlan
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3
THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION	
Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	Hymn S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S154
The Communion	BCP 364
Communion Hymn – I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord	$U_{\rm LL}$
	Hymn 304
Blesses Jesus, at Thy Word	Hymn 440
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving The Blessing	Hymn 440 BCP 365
The Prayer of Thanksgiving The Blessing Hymn – Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word	Hymn 440 BCP 365 Hymn 530
The Prayer of Thanksgiving The Blessing Hymn – Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word Dismissal	Hymn 440 BCP 365 Hymn 530 BCP 366
The Prayer of Thanksgiving The Blessing Hymn – Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word	Hymn 440 BCP 365 Hymn 530

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.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO CHIRST CHURCH: Sunday, August 18th we baptized Eloise Charles Culpepper, daughter of Kacee and Jenna Culpepper. Godparent to Eloise is Teri Hicks.

<u>GARDEN GUILD SPECIAL PROJECT:</u> Help support the expenses to restore the Sara Oliver Camillia Garden. Purchase your ticket and order your Hog-n-Bones prepared Boston Butts. Tickets cost \$35 available now through August 31st. Pick up will be at Hog-n-Bones with a call 24 hours in advance. If you are interested in volunteering and/or purchasing a ticket please contact Tony Brooks (229.415.6177) or Pat Denmark (229.251.4964).

FOYER GROUPS ARE FORMING: Foyer Groups are made up of 8-10 people who meet (preferably) every month. The purpose of these groups is to get to know one another better, and to meet new people in the church. The groups can meet in different houses, or restaurants, and any night of the week they decide on. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please email Peggy (office@christchurchvaldosta.org) at the church or email or text Jeani Synyard – jsynyard@bellsouth.net or 229-834-6004

The Week Ahead:

August 25th – 8a Holy Eucharist 9:15a – Christian Education (Adults) 9:45a - Nursery 10a – Holy Eucharist 11:15a – Coffee Hour 11:15a – Parish Life 6p – Vespers – Zoom August 27th – 6p – College Ministry August 28th – 7p- Choir August 17th 10a – Altar Guild

OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia <u>All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.</u> Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest Nancy Sartin, Deacon Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper Michelle Weidman, Director of Christian Education Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO Issa Young, Choir Director Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist Nancy Lutsko, Verger

Regular Church Services

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Sunday} & 8:00a & & \text{Eucharist Rite I} \\ & 9:45a & & \text{Nursery} \\ & 10:00a & & \text{Eucharist Rite II} \\ & 6:00p & & \text{Vespers (1^{st} \& 3^{rd} - \text{Sanctuary})} \\ & & & (2^{nd} \text{ and } 4^{th} - \text{Zoom}) \end{array}$

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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First Lesson:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then 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. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: ¹⁴"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.¹⁵Now 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." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for 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; ¹⁸and 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."

Psalm: 34:15-22

BCP p. 628

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- ¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
- but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- ²⁰ He will keep safe all his bones; *
- not one of them shall be broken.
- ²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, *
 - and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- ²² The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

Gospel:

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

SERVING THIS WEEK

- Eucharistic Ministers: John McRae, Sheri Gravett, Phyllis Holland
 - Lectors: Daphne Wright, John McRae, Phyllis Holland
 - Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood
- Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Luch Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick
 - Ushers: Ed Mistick, Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Martin Holland
 - Greeter: Julia Ariail
 - Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker