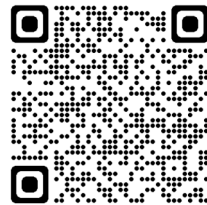
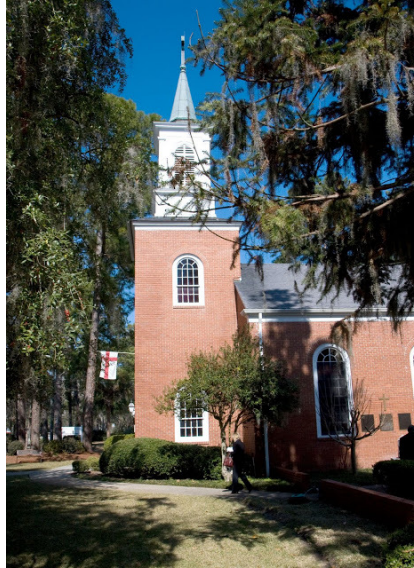


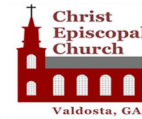
# Christ Episcopal Church



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September 15,  
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*



September 15, 2024

## Welcome to Christ Church!

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Eucharist, Rite II



### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>I will Arise and Go to Jesus</i></b>	arr. by Mark Hayes
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>The Church's One Foundation</i></b>	Hymn 525
<b>Opening Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>	Hymnal S280
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	BCP 233
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – <i>The Spacious Firmament On High</i></b>	Hymn 409
<b>The Sermon</b>	Fr. Hal Weidman
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People (Form IV)</b>	BCP 388
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	BCP 360
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – Please Be Seated</b>	
<b>Offertory – <i>I have Decided to Follow Jesus</i></b>	by John Carter

**Doxology** Hymn 380 vs. 3

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer B</b>	BCP 367
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymn S129
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymn S154
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 602
<b>Communion Hymn – <i>O Sacred Head Sore Wounded</i></b>	Hymn 168
<b><i>Strengthen For Service, Lord</i></b>	Hymn 312
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said</i></b>	Hymn 675
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>The Heavens are Telling</i></b>	by Hayden, arr. Arthur Henry Brown

## Special Notes

### WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

A real community has a listening heart. Our community takes its inspiration from one of humankind's greatest listeners, Jesus of Nazareth. He was the most paradoxical human, a person of deep and clear conviction who nevertheless had room for others. The late Henri Nouwen, a great spiritual teacher, once said, "someone filled with ideas, concepts and opinions cannot be a good host. There is prejudices, worries, jealousies, there is little room for a stranger." In this place, we are not perfect. But we work and pray always that we will have room for one another, and for any seeker and stranger who comes here. Welcome to a house with inner space. Grace and peace, Hal; Pastor and Priest.

**NOTE FROM BISHOP LOGUE:** Racial Justice Georgia, the diocesan racial justice and healing ministry, invites you to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> annual St. Anna Alexander Pilgrimage, in Brunswick on September 20-21. The patron saint of our diocese and the only Black deaconess in the history of the Episcopal Church, St. Anna selflessly pursued a ministry of teaching, preaching, and community work from the 1890s until her death in 1947. The pilgrimage immerses you in her world and concludes with a service at Good Shepherd, Pennick, the church she established and faithfully served. A special feature this year, preceding the pilgrimage, is the dedication of Racial Justice Georgia's first memorial to victims of lynching, in Brunswick at 1 pm Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, with reception following at St. Athanasius. The pilgrimage begins later that afternoon and concludes Saturday afternoon.

To register or for more information please contact: [RacialjusticeGA@gaepiscopal.org](mailto:RacialjusticeGA@gaepiscopal.org)

**ELISE SANDBACH DAY** – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: Christ Church is Celebrating and Honoring Elise for 30 Years of Dedicated Service to Christ Church Pre-school. Today, we have placed a box in the Parish Hall for those who wish to write her a special note, enclose a picture or have special memories they wish to share. The Men in Blue will be grilling, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Pork Tenderloin. *RSVP –DEADLINE is September 25TH. RSVP SIGN-UP* sheet is on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board OR call Peggy in the church office (229-242-5115). Let us know how many adults and how many children are coming.

### **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST**

A lot of interest has been expressed in bringing back our Thursday morning Eucharists. The first one is September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7am in the nave. All Valdosta area episcopal Churches are involved in this service. The group will go to breakfast afterwards. We hope to see you there.

#### **The Week Ahead:**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> - 8a** - Holy Eucharist  
**9a** – Nursery  
**9:15a** - Christian Education (Adults)  
**9:45a** – Children's Education  
**10a** – Holy Eucharist  
**11:15a** – Coffee Hour  
5:30p - EYC  
**6p** – Vespers – Sanctuary

**September 16th - 5:30p** – Ushers (Security Meeting)  
**September 17th - 5:30p** – Vestry  
**7:30p** – W. Valencia Bible Study  
**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p** Ushers (Security Meeting)  
**6:30p** – Choir  
**7p** – Compline at Grace Cafe  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> – 7a** – Eucharist – Rite II  
Sanctuary  
**7:30a** – Breakfast - TBD  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Office Closed  
**September 21st – 10a** – Altar Guild

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

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**

Sunday	8:00a	Eucharist Rite I
	9:00a	Nursery
	9:15a	Christian Education (Adult)
	9:45a	Children's Education
	10:00a	Eucharist Rite II
	6:00p	Vespers (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sanctuary) (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> – Zoom)

**The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook**

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[www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

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**First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

4The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**Psalm: 116:1-8**

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1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.  
2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”  
4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.  
5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.  
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.  
7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.

**Second Lesson:**

**James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.<sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.<sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.<sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.<sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.<sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,<sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of

God.<sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.<sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

**Gospel: Mark**

**8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Connie Flowers, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, Leigh Long, Doug Mayer, Rudy McCall, Marge McCartney, Mindy Meeker, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Bob Owens, Emily Paulk, Madioson Proctor Sally Querin, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Gary Thomas, Anne Turner, Julie Van Ham, Eliza Waddell, Michelle Weidman, Tami Tyson Windell, Gordon Zeese,*

*We are keeping those in need of prayer on the list for 1 month. We ask you to renew the need for continued prayer by calling the office. - Fr. Hal*

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tami Borders, Molly Stevenson, Mike Tanner

- **Lectors:** Katherine Mayer, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson
- **Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Molly Stevenson
- **Altar Guild:** Francis Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake
- **Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker
  - **Greeter:** Rita Watters
- **Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker
- **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long, Paula Ramey