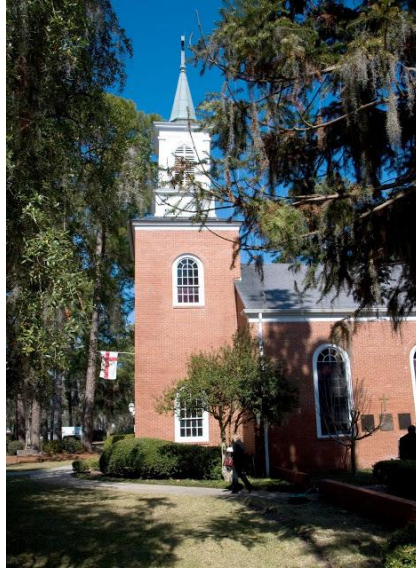


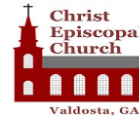
Christ Episcopal Church



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September 22, 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!



September 22, 2024

St. Anna Alexander Day

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on Slane</i>	by Gordon Young
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Hymn 390
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him</i>	Hymn 379
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 – <i>Lamb of God</i>	by Twila Paris

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 602
Communion Hymn – <i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	Hymn 482
<i>If Thou But Trust In God to Guide Thee</i>	Hymn 635
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i>	Hymn 477
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Voluntary on Engelberg</i>	by Charles Callahan

A Collect for Deaconess Alexander

O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whoever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

First Lesson:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

Psalm 78

BCP p. 694

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the

power of the Lord, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *

which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *

and not forget the deeds of God,

Second Lesson:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel:

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: Bobby and Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

Greeter: Julia Ariail

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker

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

Pat Bezona

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING: A Spirituality of Fundraising by Henri Nouwen. Fundraising can be an incredibly important, often misunderstood, and notoriously challenging task. Reading Henri Nouwen's book *A Spirituality of Fundraising* has the power to motivate you to embrace fundraising in a positive, life giving, and deeply human and spiritual task.

For the next two first Wednesdays of the month, October 2nd, and November 6th and after a 6PM Eucharist and a covered dish meal our programming begins. In the first one, Fr Hal will lead us through Nouwen's book as the basis for our Stewardship ministry. Although Nouwen is not an expert on developing the various skills and practices often employed by people who fundraise. Instead, his credibility came from his profound understanding of the heart. Won't you come, bring a friend and/or family member and a covered dish to share.

ELISE SANDBACH DAY – Sunday, September 29th: 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 7am Thursday morning Eucharists in the church Nave. The first one is September 12th 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.

OKTOBERFEST: Thursday, October 17th, 6:00p Biergarten 6:30p Dinner served
On the menu: Usinger's bratwurst from Milwaukee, potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, beer and wine. *Cost \$15 per person*

Please note that this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older (please have proof of age with you). Childcare will be available in the Gabard Building.

RSVP DUE by Noon on Monday, September 30th. An Attendance RSVP Sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall on the Bulletin Board or call Peggy in the church office at (229) 242-5115. **Danke Schon!**

Grace Café: Interns are off to a great start in demonstrating the grace of God through food, fellowship, and ministry by serving well-over 680 visitors since the beginning of the semester. This week, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following: Pat Denmark and Julia Ariail, for their contribution of fruits and snacks to our Café's pantry. The Wisenbaker family, for their kind donation of a bicycle to our interns. Dottie Pitts, The Black and McRae families for their generous monetary contributions. If you would like to donate to the Café's pantry, to an upcoming event or to the hard-working Interns administering God's love to students, please contact Jeri-Lyn Flowers at (404)-771-7116.

The Week Ahead:

September 22nd – St. Anna Alexander Day

8a – Holy Eucharist – Rite I

9a – Nursery

9:15a - Christian Education (Adults)

9:45a – Children's Education

10a – Holy Eucharist – Rite II

11:15a – Coffee Hour

5:30p - EYC

6p – Vespers – Sanctuary

September 24th – **6p** – College Ministry

7:30p – W. Valencia Bible Study

September 25th – **6:30p** - Choir

7:00p – Compline – Grace Cafe

September 26th –

September 27th – **7a** – Eucharist – Rite II

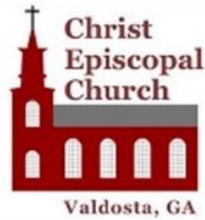
Sanctuary

7:30a – Breakfast - TBD

September 28th – Office Closed

September 29th – **10a** – Altar Guild

11a – Lunch Bunch



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 st & 3 rd – Sanctuary) (2 nd and 4 th – Zoom)

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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