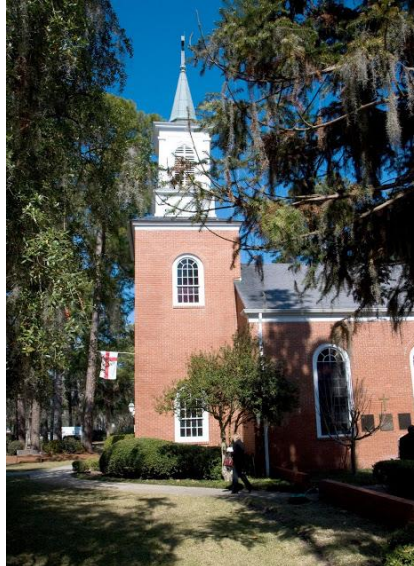


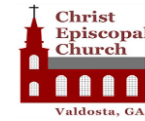
# Christ Episcopal Church



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September 8, 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 8, 2024

## Welcome to Christ Church!

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Eucharist, Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Italian Hymn</i></b>	by Albert Travis
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>Thou Whose Almighty Word</i></b>	Hymn 371
<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>Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old</i></b>	Hymn 567
<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>Praise Ye the Lord</i></b>	by Camille Saint Saens

**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>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</i></b>	Hymn 602
<b><i>Blest Are the Poor in Heart</i></b>	Hymn 656
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i></b>	Hymn 423
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>St. Denio</i></b>	by Wilber Held

**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, Ed Mistick, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Bob Owens, Emily Paulk, 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, pray for the family of The Rev. Canon Bob Carter, and Michane James

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

## **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 Houwen, 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.

**MARGARET KELLEY INGEMAN WAS BORN AUGUST 27, 2024.** in Hawaii. She joins big sister Charlotte Abigail and Momma Carrie and Daddy Peter Ingeman. Grandad is Bill Ingeman and Great Grandparents are Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman.

**ELISE SANDBACH DAY** – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: Christ Church is Celebrating and Honoring Elise for 30 Years of Dedicated Service as Director of 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. 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.

### **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 8<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 – Zoom  
**September 9th - 5:30p** - Formation

**September 10th - 5:30p** – Executive

**6p** – Finance

**6:30p** – Choir

**7p** – Compline at Grace Cafe

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – 7a** – Eucharist – Rite II  
Sanctuary

**7:30a** – Breakfast - TBD

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Office Closed

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 10a** – Altar Guild & Lunch Bunch

**11a** – Holy Cross Day Eucharist Rite II

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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**First Lesson:****Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**Psalm: 146****BCP p. 803****<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!****Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*****I will praise the Lord as long as I live;****I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.****<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.****<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.****<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;****<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;****<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.****<sup>7</sup> The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;****<sup>8</sup> The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.****<sup>9</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!****Second Lesson:****James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead

**Gospel:****Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.<sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**SERVING THIS WEEK****Eucharistic Ministers:** Sheri Gravett, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

- **Lectors:** Jeani Synyard, Ritta Watters, David Sandbach
- **Acolytes:** Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
- **Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona
  - **Ushers:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae
  - **Greeter:** Martin Holland
- **Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker
- **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay