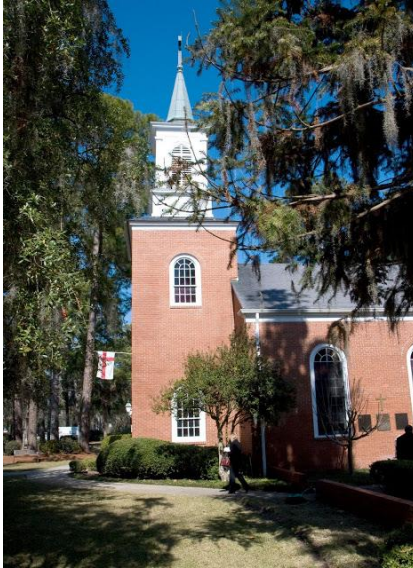


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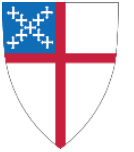
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October 27, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

*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!



October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Eucharist, Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Festival Prelude on “Old 113”</i></b>	by Gilbert Martin
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i></b>	Hymn 411
<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 235
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – <i>I’ll Praise My Maer While I’ve Breath</i></b>	Hymn 429
<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>Amazing Grace</i></b>	by John Newton
arr. by David Brimsmead	
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer</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>Just as I Am</i></b>	Hymn 693
<b><i>Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old</i></b>	Hymn 567
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i></b>	Hymn 493
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>Toccata on Azmon</i></b>	by Franklin Ashdown

## 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.

### PLEASE COME! – WATCH PARTY FOR THE INVESTITURE OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDING

BISHOP – Saturday, November 2, 2024, beginning at 10:30a in the parish hall. The event will be live-streamed from New York so everyone can attend. Coffee Hour type food will be served.

### FR. HAL'S OFFICE HOURS

Father Hal is available in his office to meet with you on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10a – 12p, unless he is out of town. Appointments are encouraged.

### 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.

### **The Final First Wednesday will be November 6th**

6:00pm Eucharist followed by a covered dish meal, after the meal, 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.

### THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST

Thursday morning Eucharist is being held in the church nave. It starts at 7:00am. All Valdosta area Episcopal churches are involved in this service. The group will go to breakfast afterwards. We hope to see you there.

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

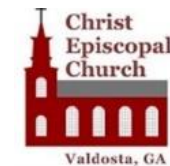
Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

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](https://www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

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**First Lesson:****Jeremiah 31:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**Psalm: 126****BCP p. 782**

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."**
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**Second Lesson:****Hebrews 7:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**Gospel:****Mark 10:46-52**

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing

off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Remember in Your Prayers:** *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Connie Flowers, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, Doug Mayer, Marge McCartney, Mindy Meeker, 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.*  
*Pray for the family of Tom Tomberlin, the Kurjack /Bezona Families, the Moser Family and the family of Rev. Bob Hughes.*

*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 – October 27****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:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae**Greeter:** Dottie Pitts**Audio/Visual Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Julius Ariail, Larry Wisenbaker**Coffee Hour Hosts:** CHURCH PICNIC**WHAT CHRIST CHURCH MEANS TO ME****Molly Ferrier**

Giving to my church is a deeply personal commitment rooted in faith, community, and purpose. For me, it's about more than just financial support; it's a way to invest in our future and children.

Moreover, my church plays a vital role in the community.

Through various programs and outreach initiatives, the church serves those in need, providing food, shelter, and companionship. We love bringing the girls to make sandwiches on Saturday. It helps us to begin to teach our children about the meaning of giving back. It brings me joy to know that my donations help others, reinforcing the idea that we are called to serve one another.

Giving also fosters a sense of belonging. When I contribute, I feel more connected to my church family and its mission. My commitment to giving to church is driven by gratitude, a desire to support my community, and a longing for connection. It's not just about money, it's about being part of a transformative journey that enriches both my life and the lives of those around me.