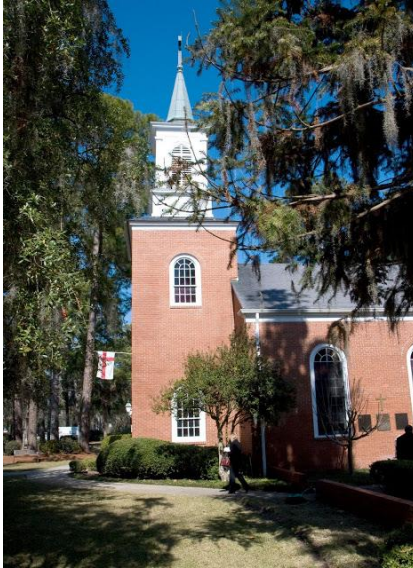


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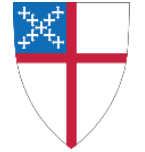
*It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and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



December 1, 2024

## Welcome to Christ Church!

First Sunday of Advent



Eucharist, Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Wachet Auf</i></b>	by J.S. Bach
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</i></b>	Hymn 73
<b>Opening Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>	Hymnal S125
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	(See Insert)
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – <i>Watchman Tell Us of the Night</i></b>	Hymn 640
<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>We Are Waiting</i></b>	by Priscilla Lampert Landis
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer C</b>	BCP 369
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymn S164
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymn S102
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 602
<b>Communion Hymn – <i>Sleepers Awake</i></b>	Hymn 61
<b><i>Day of God Draw Nigh</i></b>	Hymn 601
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes</i></b>	Hymn 72
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>Aberystwyth</i></b>	by Sam Batt Owens

## SPECIAL NOTES

### WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Welcome to Christ Church! We're so happy you chose to worship with us. In the Episcopal Church we worship together from the *Book of Common Prayer* and typically sing from our Hymnal. So that you may follow along, the priest will tell you where we are in the Prayer Book and give you the hymn number. If you have any questions about what to do, just ask someone sitting near you for help. I'm sure they'll be happy to assist you. If you'd like to learn more about the Christian Church in the Episcopal tradition, feel free to ask any of us! We hope you'll come again soon. Grace and peace, Fr Hal; Pastor and Priest

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING SUNDAY** December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10a church service we will be gathering in the parish hall for advent wreath making. Supplies are available. Anyone that has a wreath from previous year, please feel free to bring them.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10a in the Gabard Building.

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS** On the first Sunday of each month any loose offerings or undesignated funds will be allocated to the Discretionary Fund. Discretionary funds are for those who are in the church or community needing assistance to get through the next day, week or month.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING: December 4 - 6:00p** Eucharist Service  
**6:30p** Gathering for covered dish meal, followed by discussion with Fr. Hal regarding Celtic Christianity.

### **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST**

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

**THANK YOU FROM GRACE CAFÉ** A big Thank You to Christ Church preschool for organizing a canned food drive and filling the pantry shelves at Grace Café.

### **Serving this Week**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

**Lectors:** Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard, Phyllis Holland

**Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

**Ushers:** Ed Mistick, Bobby Yarbrough, John McRae

**Greeter:** Julia Ariail

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Ken Rumstay,

Larry Wisenbaker, Julius Ariail

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach,  
Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

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

VESTRY: Cliff Baker, John Hiers, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt,  
Becky Meadors, Ed Mistick, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard,  
Mike Tanner, Patricia Tyson, Larry Wisenbaker,  
Bobby Yarbrough, and Father Hal Weidman



### **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
	11:15a	Coffee Hour – Parish Hall
	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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**The Collect:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Lesson:****Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Psalms: 25:1-10****BCP p. 614**

- <sup>1</sup> **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- <sup>2</sup> **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- <sup>3</sup> **Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>4</sup> **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- <sup>5</sup> **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.**
- <sup>6</sup> **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- <sup>7</sup> **Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- <sup>8</sup> **He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- <sup>9</sup> **All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**
- <sup>10</sup> **For your Name's sake, O Lord, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

**Second Lesson:****Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel:****Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**Remember in Your Prayers:** *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Connie Flowers, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, David Marks, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Marge McCartney, Mindy Meeker, Ray Murphy, Bob Owens, David Parker, Emily Paulk, Madison Proctor, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, 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. Ha*

