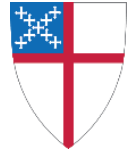


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!

Christmas Eve, 2024
11:00p



December 24,
2024 11:00p

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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.

December 24, 2024

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Noel Fanfares	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – O Come All Ye Faithful	Hymn 83
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria - Angels We Have Heard on High	Hymn 96
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – Hark the Herald Angels Sing	Hymn 87
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 – For Unto Us a Child is Born	from <i>Messiah</i> , by G. F. Handel ed. Mark Schweizer
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus	Hymn S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S154
The Communion	BCP 602
Communion Hymn – What Child is This	Hymn 115
The Snow Lay on the Ground	Hymn 110
Angels From the Realms of Glory	Hymn 93
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – Joy to the World	Hymn 100
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – Recessional on Hark the Herald Angels Sing	Mendelssohn arr. by Franklin A

The Collect:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm: 96

BCP p. 725

- ¹ **Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- ² **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- ³ **Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**
- ⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ **As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- ⁶ **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- ⁷ **Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- ⁹ **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- ¹¹ **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

¹³ **He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.**

Second Lesson:

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel:

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” [¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Marge McCartney, Mindy Meeker, Ray Murphy, David Parker, Madison Proctor, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Tami Tyson Windell, Gordon Zeese.

Remember especially the Paulk family the Doub family, the Creasy family, and the Brownhill/Moser family.

Serving this Service

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Molly Stevenson

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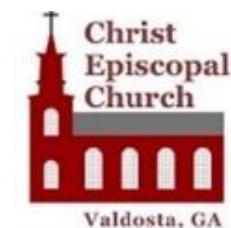
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Bobby Yarbrough, and Father Hal Weidman



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

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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