



Welcome to Christ Church!



CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christmas Eve, 2024, 4:30 PM

Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta, Georgia

Prelude – Noel Fanfares

by Charles Callahan

Hymn – O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

Celebrant: Alleluia! Unto us a child is born!

People: *O come, let us adore him, Alleluia!*

Celebrant: God the Father, we thank you for giving us life and your Son, born of Mary. **Amen.**

God the Son, bless this Creche that it may remind us of your great love for us, and all people. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, bring us with the shepherds and kings to worship Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Gloria - Angels We Have Heard On High (refrain)

Hymnal 96

The Gospel - The Story of Christmas (sit)

Lighting of the candles before the Creche

(each child brings forward a candle)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymnal 79

Hymnal 89

Homily – Michelle Weidman, Director of Children's Ministries

Prayers of the People

God, touch your family the Church, that it may share the joy of Jesus with all people.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch our country, that there may be justice and mercy for all.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch all who are sick or troubled, that they may be healthy.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch our hearts, that Jesus' love may be born in us.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the wonderful works of God.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch our hands, that we may do the truth which you have taught us.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch our feet, that we may go for you into all parts of the world.

Hallowed be your name.

Touch us with forgiveness, for the selfish and ugly things we do.

Hallowed be your name.

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in Jesus and which has forgiven, healed and empowered your friends: Isaiah, Mary, Joseph, Nicholas, Francis, our parents, our teachers, our friends; we pray you to fill us this day and always with this love. **Amen.**

Offertory – Away in a Manger

Hymnal 101

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving – Form B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 365

Fraction Anthem – O Come All Ye Faithful (refrain)

Hymnal 83

Communion Hymns –

What Child Is This

Hymnal 115

The First Noel

Hymnal 109

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymnal 111

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Hymn – Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Hymnal 100

Postlude – Recessional on Hark the Herald Angels Sing,

Mendelssohn

arr. by Franklin Ashdown