

Christ Episcopal Church



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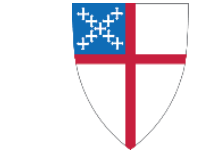
It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and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



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Welcome to Christ Church!

First Sunday after Christmas



Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	by Johannes Brahms
Opening Hymn – <i>Once in David's Royal City</i>	Hymn 102
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Trisagion	Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	Hymn 82
The Sermon	Pastor Robert Carr
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 – <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	by Michael Praetorius
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus	Hymn S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S164
The Communion	BCP 602
Communion Hymn – <i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	Hymn 84
<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent</i>	Hymn 324
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>God Rest You Merry Gentleman</i>	Hymn 105
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	by Wilber Held

The Collect:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm: 147**BCP p. 804**

¹ **Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

² **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³ **He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.**

⁴ **He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵ **Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.**

⁶ **The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.**

⁸ **He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**

⁹ **He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.**

¹⁰ **He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

¹¹ **He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

¹² **But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]**

¹³ **Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;**

¹⁴ **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; ***

he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵ **He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

¹⁶ **He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

¹⁷ **He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

¹⁸ **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

¹⁹ **He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

²⁰ **He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

²¹ **He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson:**Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7**

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith was revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel:**John 1:1-18**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY – January 6th

6p Eucharist

6:30p Covered Dish gathering and talk

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursday Mornings at 10:15a to 11:15a at Rev. Marcia McRae's home, 2701 Green Meadow Drive (Eager Subdivision). Need directions call 229.220.5619.

WILLA VALENCIA BIBLE STUDY – January 7th starting at 7p at Oak Trace Clubhouse.

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.

Serving this Week

Eucharistic Ministers: John McRae, Sheri Gravett, Phyllis Holland

Lectors: Daphne Wright, John McRae, Phyllis Holland

Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson

Altar Guild: Nancy Lutsko, Frances Guice, Judy Demott, Happy & Peter Ingeman

Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

Audio/Visual Crew: Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker, Julius Ariail

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Christ 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

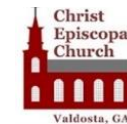
Stefani Carroll - Treasurer

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

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

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