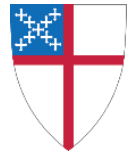


# Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



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December 15, 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*

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Eucharist, Rite II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	by Wilber Held
Opening Hymn – <i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	Hymn 68
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>Herlad, Sound the Note of Judgement</i>	Hymn 70
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 – <i>Carol for Advent</i>	by Nancy Price and Don Besig Oboist, Jennifer Fifer
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>Blessed be the King Whose Coming Surely It is God Who Saves Me</i>	Hymn 74 Hymn 679
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	Hymn 76
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Llangloffan</i>	by Wilber Held

**The Collect:**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Lesson:****Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Canticle 9****BCP p. 86**

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***

**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***

**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Second Lesson:****Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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 and Doub family.*

*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**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

**Lectors:** Katherine Mayer, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Molly Stevenson

**Altar Guild:** Frances Guice, Krystle Black,

Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake

**Ushers:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, Glen Flowers

**Greeter:** Dottie Pitts

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard,

Leigh Long, Paula Ramey

## 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

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL and PARISH CHRISTMAS RECEPTION TODAY at 3p

Sue Ellen Rumstay's annual *Christmas Organ Recital* will be held on *Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm*, followed by the *The Parish Christmas Reception* in the Parish Hall. Please come and bring a Christmas goody to share!



### HEP (Happy Episcopal People) WRAPPING AND LUNCH GATHERING Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Noon

Wrapping gifts for lunch bunch kids (about 100). We have plenty of wrapping paper, bags, and tape. Please bring your own scissors along with sandwiches to share, the hosts will have soup, drinks, and desserts. John and Marcia McRae (2701 Green Meadow Dr.) or call 229-220-5619

### **HEP (Happy Episcopal People) Christmas Party**

Monday, December 23, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

H.E.P. Party: Adult Friends and Family Friends Welcome  
David and Elise Sandbach's – 2607 Pebblewood Drive  
Please mark your calendar and plan to come and enjoy an  
Evening of Christmas Cheer.

Drinks will be provided, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.  
Remember this is an adult only gathering.  
Childcare will be provided at the Church Gabard Building.

### CHILDREN IN NEED!

The Lunch Bunch is asking for your help in showing the love of Christ to some children in need. Lunch Bunch is a food ministry to the children of Ora Lee West and Hudson Docket. At Christmas, we endeavor to show these children the love of Christ by providing a Christmas gift to each child. This part of the Ministry is funded solely through donations. If you feel so called, donations can be made to Christ Church with a notation that it is for Lunch Bunch.

### WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursday's at 10:15a to 11:15a

at Rev. Marcia McRae's home, 2701 Green Meadow Drive (Eager Subdivision).  
Need directions call 229.220.5619.

WILLIA VALENCIA BIBLE STUDY is taking a Christmas Holiday break and will continue on the first Tuesday of January 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.

### 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.

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>8a &amp; 10a</b>	Holy Eucharist
	<b>11:15a</b>	Decorating the Church for Christmas
	<b>3p</b>	Lessons and Carols
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	<b>4:30p</b>	Family Christmas Eve Service w/music
	<b>10:30p</b>	Christmas Music
	<b>11p</b>	Christmas Eve Service with music & incense
<b>Wednesday, December 25</b>	<b>10a</b>	Christmas Day Service with music
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10a</b>	Holy Eucharist Services
<b>Wednesday, January 1</b>	<b>10a</b>	The Holy Name Holy Eucharist Service
<b>Sunday, January 5</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10a</b>	Holy Eucharist Services

May God's grace bless and keep you this Christmas. May you feel Jesus' love throughout the year. Fr Hal

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

Stefani Carroll, Treasurer

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

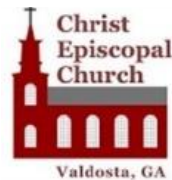
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

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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## CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

*To give flowers for the altar on Christmas Eve and the season of Christmas, please fill out this form. Please include the names of persons for whom they are given and send the form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your donation Check.*

***In Thanksgiving for/ In Memory of/ In Honor of***

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**Checks should be made out to Christ Church and marked  
Christmas Altar Flowers.**

