

Christ Episcopal Church



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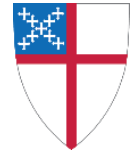
It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and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



December 22, 2024

Welcome to Christ Church!

Fourth Sunday after Christmas



Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude Solennel</i>	by Richard Purvis
Opening Hymn – <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Hymn 56
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>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	Hymn 265
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>Advent Echo Carol</i>	by Mary Kay Beal
	Percussionist, Al Turner
	Hymn 380 vs. 3
Doxology	

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>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>	Hymn 60
<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Hymn 66
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>Tell Out My Soul</i>	Hymn 437
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Blessed Emmanuel</i>	by J.S. Bach
	arr. by Van Denman Thompson

The Collect:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesson One:**Micah 5:2-5a**

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Canticle 3: The Song of Mary**BCP p. 50**

**My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
The lowliness of his handmaiden.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
And holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
Throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
And hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our
forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.**

Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore ever. Amen

Second Lesson:**Hebrews 10:5-10**

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to

establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel:**Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)**

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Remember in Your Prayers: *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Connie Flowers, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Marge McCartney, Mindy Meeker, Ray Murphy, Bob Owens, 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.

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: Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, sparky Greneker

Greeter: Michael Black

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennier Hood

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



**A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
TODAY AT 3P. Come join this joyous service.**

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.

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 taking a Christmas Holiday break and will continue on the first Tuesday of January 7th 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.

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

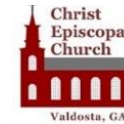
Stefani Carroll - Treasurer

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

www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.

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