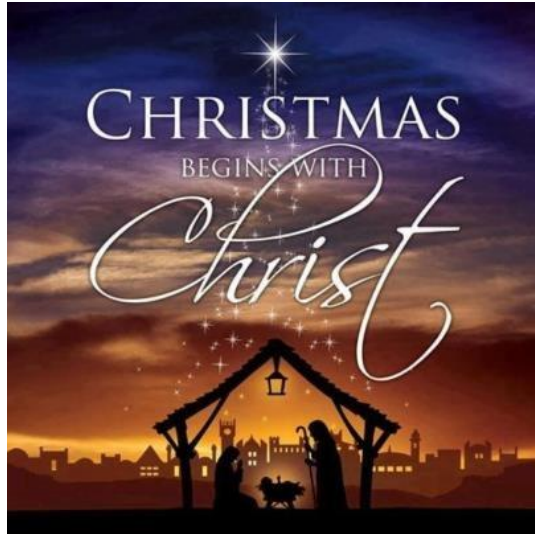


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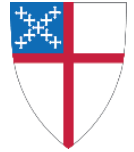
*It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and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



December 8, 2024

## Welcome to Christ Church!

Second Sunday of Advent



Eucharist, Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i></b>	
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>Prepare the Way O Zion</i></b>	Hymn 65
<b>Opening Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Trisagion</b>	Hymnal S102
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	(See Insert)
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – <i>There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying</i></b>	
Hymn 640	
<b>The Sermon</b>	Fr. Hal Weidman
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People (Form IV)</b>	BCP 388
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	BCP 360
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – Please Be Seated</b>	
<b>Offertory – <i>Come Holy Jesus, Son of God</i></b>	by G.F Handel, arr. by Hal Hopson
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer C</b>	BCP 369
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymn S125
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymn S164
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 602
<b>Communion Hymn – <i>Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People</i></b>	Hymn 67
<b><i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i></b>	Hymn 54
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding</i></b>	Hymn 59
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i></b>	by Michael Burkhardt

**The Collect:**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Lesson:****Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Psalm:** Canticle 16

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

**that he would save us from our enemies, \***

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \***

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, \***

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God \***

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the**

**shadow of death, \***

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Second Lesson:****Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel:****Luke 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*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 and Doub family.*

**Serving this Week**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sheri Gravett, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

**Lectors:** Jeani Synyard, Rita Watters, Ruth Holland

**Acolytes:** Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland

**Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright

**Ushers:** Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

**Greeter:** Jeani Synyard

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

## 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

**GNANN MOSER FUNERAL** - December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1p in the Church Sanctuary. Everyone is Welcome to attend. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL and PARISH CHRISTMAS RECEPTION** **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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.

### **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.

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**

[www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

[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.*

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