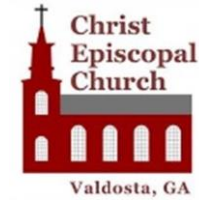
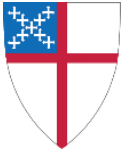


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



January 12, 2025
10:00a

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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

January 12, 2025

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Variation on Peace Like a River</i>	by Sondra Tucker
Opening Hymn – <i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High</i>	Hymn 448
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Hymn 512
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>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	by Rober Lowry
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	Hymn S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S164
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>When Jesus Went of Jordan's Stream</i>	Hymn 139
<i>Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized</i>	Hymn 121
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymn 616
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn (Deo Gracias)</i>	by Charles Callahan

The Collect:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 43:1-7**

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Psalm: 29**BCP p. 620**

- ¹ **Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ **The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ **The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

⁹ **And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"**

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

¹¹ **The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Lesson:**Acts 8:14-17**

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel:**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Remember in Your Prayers: *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Jim Carroll, Jenna Culpepper, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Mindy Meeker, Ray Murphy, David Parker, Johnny Price, Madison Proctor, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Fred Sartin, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman, Tami Tyson Windell, Gordon Zeese.*

Remember especially, the Brownhill/Moser family, and the McRae/Owens 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Larry and Elizabeth Wisenbaker in Thanksgiving for their Wedding Anniversary and for their family Bryant, Lindsey, Mary Charles & Brooks Alonso, Amy & Katie Wisenbaker.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – Covered dish gathering and talk.

6p – Eucharist

6:30p – Covered dish gathering and talk.

February 5th – Talk topic is Gospel of Luke

March 5 & April 2nd – Talk topic is Jesus

PRESCHOOL Started back on January 8th.

Monday, January 20th school will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King

February 17th & 18th is Winter Break and school will be closed.

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY – The women's bible study will begin again on Thursday, January 9, at 10:15 at John and Marcia McRae's house. We will be studying Discernment by Henri Nouwen. For more information, call/text Tammy Borders @ 229-560-5889 or email at tammy@ronborders.com.

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

Fr Hal is usually in the office 8AM-2PM Monday through Thursday. Friday is his sabbath. He has specifically set aside 10AM-Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays for drop-ins. Please call or text him at [229.412.6257](tel:229.412.6257) or email him at rector@christchurchvaldosta.org if those days and/or times don't fit into your schedule or if you want to make an appointment.

CALENDAR UPDATE – January 17 – HEP Noon Luncheon scheduled for January 17th is incorrect. The next HEP Noon Luncheon will be in February.

Serving this Service

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Gravett, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Jeani Synyard, Rita Watters, David Sandbach

Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland

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

Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

Greeter: Jeani Synyard

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

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

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

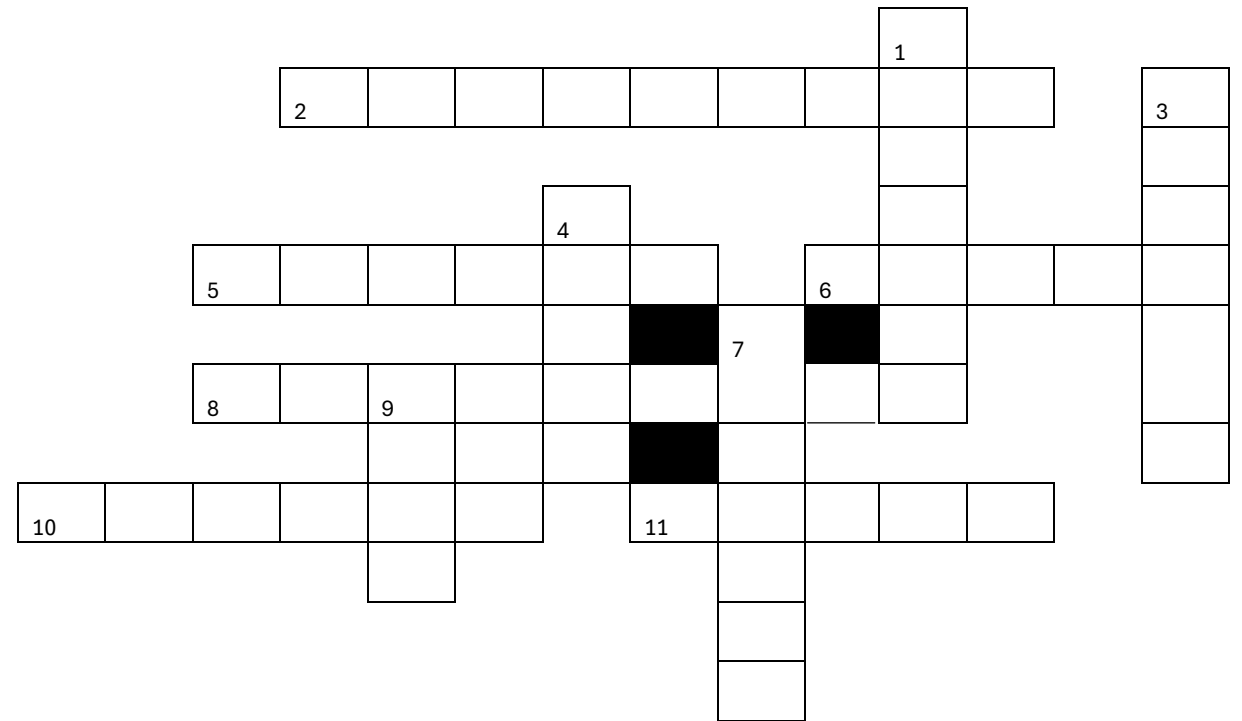
Sunday 8:00a	Eucharist Rite I
9:00a	Nursery
9:15a	Christian Education (Adult)
9:45a	Children's Education
10:00a	Eucharist - Rite II
11:15a	Coffee Hour – Parish Hall
6:00p	Vespers (1 st & 3 rd – Sanctuary) (2 nd and 4 th – Zoom)

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA
www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

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PSALM 29



ACROSS

- The Lord is in His holy ____ Verse 4 (9)
- Who should give to the Lord? Verse 1 (6)
- What does the Lord bless His people with? Verse 11 (5)
- Whereabouts trembles at the voice of The Lord? Verse 8 (10)
- These trees are broken by the voice of The Lord Verse 5 (6)
- The Lord's voice rolls over this Verse 3 (5)

DOWN

- God does this Verse 3 (8)
- How Long will the Lord be King? Verse 10 (7)
- The Lord's name deserves this Verse 2 (5)
- Which place skips like a calf? Verse 6 (7)
- Give glory & power to whom? Verse 1 (4)

Hint: There is a word in this puzzle that is not spelled like you I would like. Can you figure it out?

