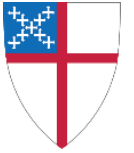


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



January 26, 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 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on “Down Ampney” Come O Love Divine</i>	by Henry G. Ley
Opening Hymn – <i>God of Grace and Gold of Glory</i>	Hymn 594
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>O Christ, the Word Incarnate</i>	Hymn 632
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>The Gift of Love</i>	by Hal Hopson
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>My God, Thy Table Now is Spread</i>	Hymn 321
<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	Hymn 513
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling</i>	Hymn 539
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Postlude on “Thaxted”</i>	by Michael Helman

The Collect:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson:**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

¹all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Psalm: 19**BCP p. 606**

¹ **The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

² **One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³ **Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,**

⁴ **Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

⁵ **In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.**

⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷ **The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ **The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹ **By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.**

¹² **Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ **Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me; ***

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, ***

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson:**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel:**Luke 4:14-21**

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Remember in Your Prayers: *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Alexis Carr, Michael Curry, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Julie Jackson, Charles Lyons, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Mindy Meeker, , David Parker, Johnny Price, Madison Proctor, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman, Tami Tyson Windell.*

Especially pray for the Bishop Logue family and the Wright 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.

MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE for the Soup Kitchen. The months of January & February Christ Church will be collecting men's clothing to donate to the soup kitchen clothes closet, which is greatly lacking in men's clothes. Donation items needed are pants, sweaters, jackets, shoes and shirts. New underwear and socks are *always* needed. *A Collection Station will be set up in the parish hall.* Questions? Call John McRae 229-220-5619

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHTERS help is needed to make bunny rabbits for the Children's Advocacy Center, which helps children traumatized by abuse. The pattern is a simple one—make a square, stitch it together, and stuff it! Call, text, or email Patricia Marks for more info (229-630-8644; spmarks@bellsouth.net).

WOMEN'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.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE During last Sunday's Annual Meeting Louisa Beckett, Lauren Darby, Tim Hood, and Kelli Prevost were elected to the Vestry for the next three years. They join continuing Vestry members: Cliff Baker, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt, Becky Meadors, and Ed Mistick. Molly Stevenson, Mike Tanner, Stefani Carroll, and Bobby Yarbrough were named Sr Warden, Jr Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. We will install the new Vestry and thank outgoing Vestry members, John Hiers, Jeani Synyard, Patricia Tyson and Larry Wisenbaker at this Sunday's 10AM service.

Other items of note from the meeting: a bequest from the Millers was received during the year and will be used in the future for communications and music ministries, we finished 2024 with a \$5,791 surplus, the 2025 budget is \$633,886.

Serving this Service

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: Al Turner, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

Greeter: Julia Ariail

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long, Paula Ramey

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest
Nancy Sartin, Deacon
Ellie Copleman & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)
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

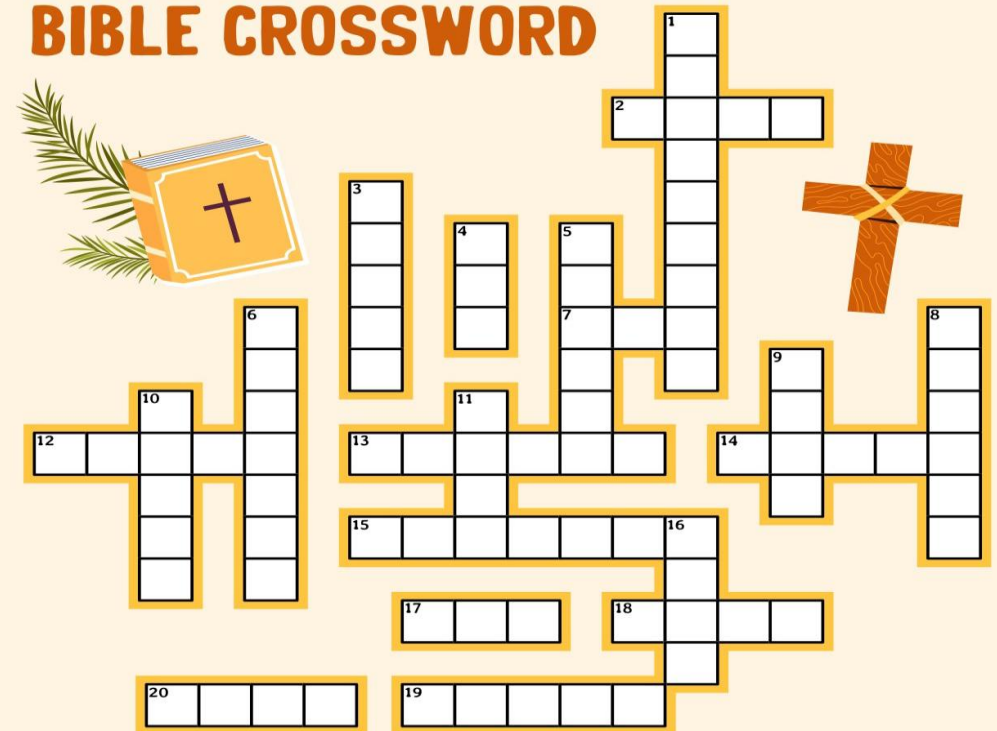
Sunday 8:00a Eucharist Rite I
9:00a Nursery
9:15a Christian Education (Adult)
9:45a Children's Education
10:00a Eucharist - Rite II
11:15a Coffee Hour – Parish Hall
6:00p Vespers
(1st & 3rd– Sanctuary)
(2nd and 4th– Zoom)

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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

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BIBLE CROSSWORD



Across

2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus
7. The first woman
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon
13. What is it called when we talk to God?
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm?
15. Wisest man in the world
17. God created the world in how many days?
18. Two ladies argued about this
19. Who parted the Red Sea?
20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to see if the land was dry?

Down

1. The town Jesus was born in
3. Long sharp weapon
4. Who created everything?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
6. Who was the first Jew?
8. What Solomon asked God for
9. The first man
10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is the Savior of the world?
11. The first king of Israel who died in battle with his son, Jonathon
16. He built the ark

Word Bank

Dove	Star	Bethlehem	Twelve	Adam	Wisdom	Saul
David	Prayer	Sheba	Jesus	Moses	Noah	Baby
Sword	Abraham	Six	God	Eve	Solomon	

