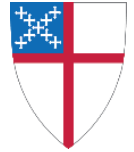


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



January 5, 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.

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday After Christmas

Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – How Brightly Shines the Morning Star	by Johannes Pachelbel
Opening Hymn – How Bright Appears the Morning Star	Hymn 497
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S125
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus	Hymn 336
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 – Rise Up Shepherd and Follow	trad. Spiritual
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus	Hymn S164
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S102
The Communion	BCP 602
Communion Hymn – What Star is This with Beams So Bright	Hymn 124
How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place	Hymn 517
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – All Glory Be To God on High	Hymn 421
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – Trumpet Tune on March of the Kings	by Gordon Young

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.

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

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

WILLA VALENCIA BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting this Tuesday, 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.

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.

Serving this Service

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, John McRae, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Sallie Honeycutt, Phyllis Holland, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

Altar Guild: Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley

Greeter: Julia Ariail

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

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

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

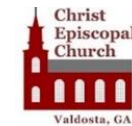
Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

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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The Collect:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 60:1-6**

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14**BCP p. 685**

¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson:**Ephesians 3:1-12**

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel:**Matthew 2:1-12**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Remember in Your Prayers: *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Greg Greneker, Louise Harden, Peter Gail & Walter Hobgood, 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, the Doub family, the Creasy family, the Brownhill/Moser family, and the McRae/Owens family.*

