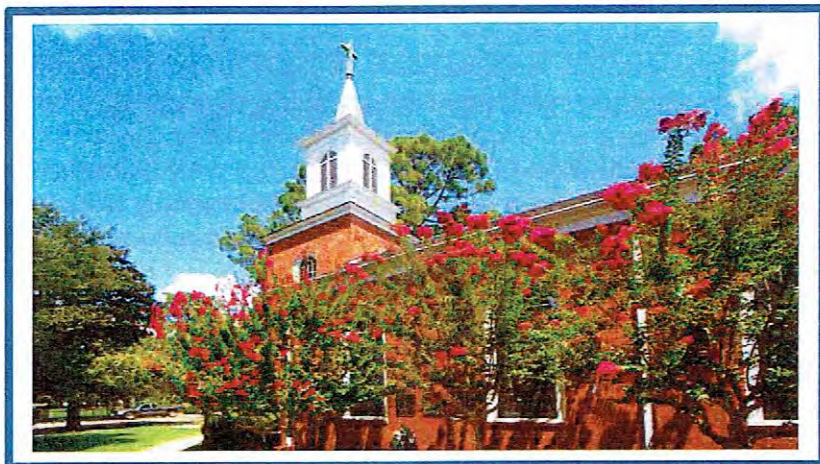


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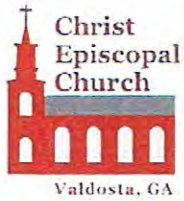


February 2, 2025  
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*It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Thank you, grace and peace, Fr. Hal*



## Welcome to Christ Church!



February 2, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	by Kathleen Thomerson arr. by Michael Burkhardt
Opening Hymn – <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	Hymn 436
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>Hail to the Lord Who Comes</i>	Hymn 259
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>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	arr. by Mark Hayes
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>The Great Creator of the World</i>	Hymn 489
<i>Christ Mighty Savior Light of All Creation</i>	Hymn 35
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymn 616
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Rigaudon</i>	by Andre Campra arr. by Diane Bish



**The Collect:**

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; 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: 24:7-10****BCP p. 614**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
<sup>8</sup> "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."  
<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
<sup>10</sup> "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord<sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Remember in Your Prayers:** *Mimi Allen, Justin Allen, Alexis Carr, Michael Curry, Jackie Elam, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Julie Jackson, Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Cindy Moses, David Parker, Johnny Price, Madison Proctor, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham.*

*Especially Bishop Logue and family, the Wright family, the Lyons family and the Wilson family.*

**Serving this Service**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John McRae, Sheri Gravett, Phyllis Holland

**Lectors:** Daphne Wright, John McRae, Phyllis Holland

**Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Mara Shenton

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

**Ushers:** Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers

**Greeter:** Martin Holland

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Ann Burnette, Pat Bezona



## 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.

**CHRIST CHURCH LADIES NIGHT OUT** – You are invited to the Christ Church Ladies Night Out. Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6p. Beverages provided, please bring an appetizer to share! 3888 Island Creek Road. RSVP to Julie Reynolds 229-232-6877.

**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](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)).

**HEP NOONERS LUNCH** meeting at Noon on February 2nd. Please bring sandwiches to share. Drinks, soup and desserts are provided by hosts John and Marcia McRae, 2701 Green Meadow Drive or call John at 229-220-5619.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Every Thursday at 10:15a until 11:15a 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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@christchurchvaldosta.org) if those days and/or times don't fit into your schedule or if you want to make an appointment.

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  
Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)  
Issa Young, Choir Director  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist  
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

VESTRY

Cliff Baker, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt,  
Becky Meadors, Ed Mistick, Molly Stevenson,  
Mike Tanner, Bobby Yarbrough, and Father Hal Weidman  
Louisa Beckett, Lauren Darby, Tim Hood & Kelli Prevost.

**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**

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