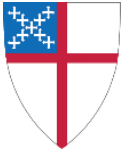


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



February 16, 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 and grace and peace.

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Partita on Lobe den Herren</i>	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Hymn 390
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	(See Insert)
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>God is Love and Where True Love Is</i>	Hymn 577
The Sermon	The Rev. Canon Joshua Varner
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III)	BCP 387
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – Please Be Seated	
Offertory – <i>Soon-ah Will Be Done</i>	by William Dawson
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	Hymn S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>	Hymn 674
<i>Blest Are the Pure in Heart</i>	Hymn 656
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Love Divine All Loves Excelling</i>	Hymn 657
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Hyfrydol</i>	by Ralph Vaughn Williams

The Collect:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.⁶They shall be like shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm: 1

BCP p. 585

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**
- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not

been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Alexis Carr, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, Irene Dodd, Anita Ebersole, Jackie Elam, Javan Flowers, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Sallie Honeycutt, Peter Ingeman, Julie Jackson, Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Cindy Moses, David Parker, Johnny Price, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Hal & Michelle Wiedman

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. We're sure they'll be happy to assist you.

APPRECIATION LUNCH Please join us for *Lunch in Appreciation* for the Hospitality leadership and ministry of Pat Denmark, Sunday, February 23, 2025, following the 10a service. We will be serving grilled pork tenderloin, green beans, roasted potatoes, salad and rolls. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or by calling the church office no later than Tuesday, February 18th.

VSU STUDENT FUNDRAISER:

“Voices to Vienna” - Date: Friday, February 28th, Christ Church Sanctuary at 6:00p
VSU music students, Ashley, Annalisa and Aspen have been accepted to participate in a prestigious opera festival in Vienna, Austria this summer! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hone their craft in the heart of classical music! To help make this dream a reality, they have planned a special fundraising concert. Please come and support these three young ladies on this amazing musical journey. Entry is free, donations are warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated!

COLLEGE MINISTRY Chili Cookoff Church competition, Thursday, February 20th, 7p at Grace Café. Molly Stevenson won the best pasta cookoff. Maybe you can be the church winner for best chili.

HEP NOONERS LUNCH meeting at Noon on February 21st. 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.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS: 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 – 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.

THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST

Thursday morning Eucharist is held in the church nave. It starts at 7:00a. All Valdosta area Episcopal churches are involved in this service. The group will go to breakfast afterwards. We hope to see you there.

Serving this Service

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Gravett, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Jeani Synyard, Rita Watters, David Sandbach

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Molly Stevenson

Altar Guild: Francis Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake

Ushers: Trent Coggins, Tim Hood, Jerry Byrd

Greeter: Michael Black

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Stefani Carroll, Treasurer

Molly Stevenson, Sr. Warden

Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)

Issa Young, Choir Director

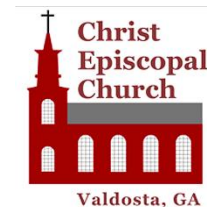
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

Vestry: Cliff Baker, Louisa Beckett, Lauren Darby, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt,

Tim Hood, Becky Meadors, Ed Mistick, Kelli Prevost, Molly Stevenson,

Mike Tanner, Bobby Yarbrough



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

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.

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PASTORAL CARE

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Women of the Bible Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. The woman who betrayed her husband for silver.

4. The woman whose beauty resulted in adultery and murder.

8. The woman who lost a bottle but found a well.

11. The woman who was a notorious muddress.

12. The woman who was seduced by her own brother.

13. The woman infamous for her harlotry.

15. The woman who was lovely but loose.

16. the woman had seven devils.

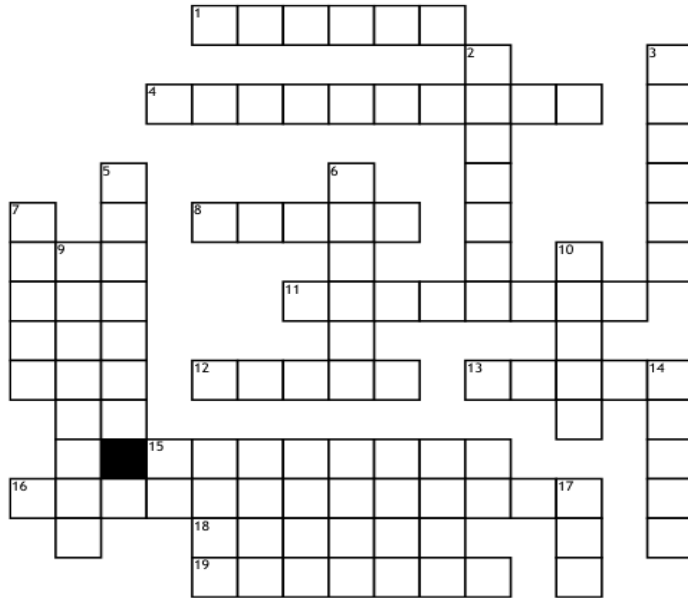
18. The woman whose jealousy brought judgment.

19. The woman who fell out with her friend.

DOWN

2. The Woman who possessed a devilish spirit.

3. The woman who wanted more.



5. The woman with beauty and brains but an unwise husband.

6. The woman who was more practical than spiritual.

7. The woman who wrongly opposed her husband.

10. The woman who tasted the cup of bitterness.

14. The woman God took from the dungill.

17. The woman of unique distinction.



