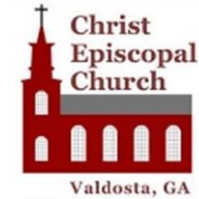
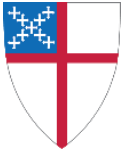


Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



February 23, 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 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier</i>	by J.S Bach
Opening Hymn – <i>We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More</i>	Hymn 296
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>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word</i>	Hymn 440
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
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>Ubi Caritas</i>	by Roger Emerson
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>The Lord my God My Shepard Is</i>	Hymn 663
<i>Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace</i>	Hymn 593
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	Hymn 537
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Voluntary on Engelberg</i>	by Charles Callahan

The Collect:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament:**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms: 37:1-12, 41-42**BCP p. 633**

- ¹ Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- ⁶ He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- ⁸ Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁹ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

- ¹⁰ For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- ¹¹ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- ¹² But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ⁴¹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴² The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,*
because they seek refuge in him.

Epistle:**1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50**

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gospel:**Luke 6:27-38**

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bles those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Bryan Allman, 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, Katherine Mayer, Phy Owens, 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.

LENT 2025 – Plan to participate in the following services and events:

Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 – GRIDDLES ARE NEEDED!

Ash Wednesday, March 5, Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 6p (“Ashes to Go” is being verified also) ***There will not be a meal that evening.***

Wednesdays in Lent – 6p Holy Eucharist followed by a light supper and discussion – The discussions will center around updating the Parish Profile and Discerning together where God is leading us next. ***An RSVP sign-up sheet will be posted weekly for dinners***

Quiet Day – Saturday, April 12– More information to come

1Book1Diocese Book Study – *Passions of the Soul* by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams – Available on Amazon for \$10.49

The Disciple's Way – Forward Movement's Lenten daily devotions book – copies are on order

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!

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: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Katherine Mayer, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: Cliff Baker, Bryant Alonso, Tom Carroll

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

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.

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

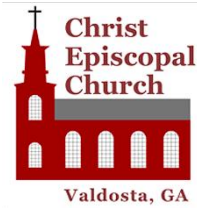
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

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

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