



## Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

May 18, 2025  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Land of Rest	by Wilber Held
Opening Hymn – <i>O Praise Ye the Lord, Praise Him in the Height</i>	Hymnal 432
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
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The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	Hymnal 487
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
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Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
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Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>The Lord is My Shepherd</i>	by Howard Goodall
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A	BCP 361
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Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i>	Hymnal 304
<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	Hymnal 581
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>In Christ There is no East or West</i>	Hymnal 529
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>In Christ There is No East or West</i>	by Gordon Young

**The Collect:**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson:**

**Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

**Psalm: 148**

**BCP 805**

- <sup>1</sup> **Hallelujah!**  
    **Praise the Lord from the heavens; \***  
        **praise him in the heights.**  
<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all you angels of his; \***  
    **praise him, all his host.**  
<sup>3</sup> **Praise him, sun and moon; \***  
    **praise him, all you shining stars.**  
<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, heaven of heavens, \***  
    **and you waters above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> **Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \***  
    **for he commanded, and they were created.**

- <sup>6</sup> **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \***  
    **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup> **Praise the Lord from the earth, \***  
    **you sea-monsters and all deeps;**  
<sup>8</sup> **Fire and hail, snow and fog, \***  
    **tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
<sup>9</sup> **Mountains and all hills, \***  
    **fruit trees and all cedars;**  
<sup>10</sup> **Wild beasts and all cattle, \***  
    **creeping things and winged birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> **Kings of the earth and all peoples, \***  
    **princes and all rulers of the world;**  
<sup>12</sup> **Young men and maidens, \***  
    **old and young together.**

**Second Lesson:**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**Gospel:**

**John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Remember in Your Prayers: Remember in Your Prayers:** Mimi Allen, Bryan Almand, Alexis Carr, Tyson Carter, Luke Cowart, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, Irene Dodd, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Harriet Flowers, Mackey Foster, Curtis Fowler, Kathleen Furukawa, Sammy Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Marilyn Kemper, Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Leigh Long, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Katherine Mayer, Cindy Moses, Morris Phillips, the Pittman family, Johnny Price, Sally Querin, Mark Redfield, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, Joe Glenn Smith, Teresa Stevens, Julie Van Ham, Hal & Michelle Weidman, Kathy Wenk.

### **Serving Today**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

**Lectors Kin:** Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Molly Stevenson

**Altar Guild:** Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake

**Ushers:** Al Turner, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

**Greeter:** Dottie Pitts

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

### **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 – page numbers are listed in the bulletin. 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.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**



#### **Preschool Teachers and Aides Needed for Fall School Year at Christ Church Preschool.**

Pass the word - Christ Church Preschool is in need of teachers and teacher aides for the 2025 fall semester. Contact: Elise Sandbach, Director at 229-630-4738 or via e-mail at sandbach1@bellsouth.net



#### **“LOAVES & FISHES POTLUCK” - Today - Sunday, May 18 at 4:30p**

*A pot-luck supper – bring enough to share! There will be activities for children to celebrate the last day of Sunday School. This is a multi-generational fun time, dress is casual, lawn chairs encouraged. There will be fun activities for the children.*

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** Thursday, May 29 – Join us to celebrate this Major Feast Day, beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 6:00p, followed by a Men-in-Blue Hot Dog & Hamburger Cook-out at 6:30p. The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

#### **EMORY MEDICAL TEAM MEAL:** Tuesday May 20 and Wednesday May 21

Once again, the Emory Medical Team will be providing basic services to the migrant workers in our area. Christ the King has requested assistance in serving these meals. There are many vegan and vegetarians and dishes in those categories are particularly appreciated.

- **Tuesday – May 20:** Men in Blue will be cooking hamburgers to take. If you are unable to deliver your donation to Christ the King you can drop them off in the church kitchen from 1 -3 and we will deliver for you. We also have 100 pieces of fried chicken donated for that day.
- **Wednesday – May 21:** Please take your donations directly to Christ the King no later than 3:30p.

**Guidelines:** Clearly label all dishes identifying ingredients, i.e. nuts  
Put dishes in disposable dishes.  
Serving pieces should be plastic and disposable.  
Workers to help serve are welcome.  
Questions: Call Pat Denmark 229-251-4964

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** From 10:15-11:15 at Marcia McRae's home. We will be studying The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If anyone is interested in joining they can either show up or call Tammy Borders at 229-560-5889 for more information.

**MEN'S CLOTHING AND SHOES NEEDED:** Quola's downtown soup kitchen is in desperate need of summer menswear and men's shoes. Please no women's clothing. You can drop off your donations in the church parish hall. Questions? Call Pepi Nelson 229-563-3414.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!**

Get ready for an exciting week of faith and fun at Vacation Bible School! All children ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us as we learn about God's love through stories, songs, games, crafts, and more. VBS will be held from 9a -12p June 2 -5. Don't miss this special time for our young ones to grow in faith and fellowship! *Registration is now open for children and volunteers.*

**SIGN-UP link:** <https://www.myvbs.org/VBSSIGNUP/>



**HEP PARTY:** Friday, June 6 at 6p. Jeani Synyards house 246 Lake Laurie Drive. Please bring appetizer to share. Questions? Contact Jeani Synyard at 229-834-6004.

**SUMMER CAMP AT HONEY CREEK** to register go to: [www.honeycreek.org/camps](http://www.honeycreek.org/camps)  
High School: June 8-14, 2025  
St. Peter (6-8 grade): June 15-21, 2025  
Sts. Joseph & Mary (3-5 grade): June 22-28, 2025

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**Search Committee:** Delrick Bradley and Robin Coleman – Co-Chairs  
Shelley Greneker, Julie Reynolds, Chris Rutland, Stephen Sandbach,  
Jeani Synyard, Elizabeth Wisenbaker  
Bobby Yarbrough – Vestry Liaison

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**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

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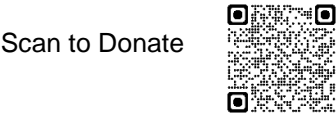
*Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.*

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.  
The Rev. Walter Hobgood and The Rev. Bob Carr – Supply Clergy  
Nancy Sartin, Deacon  
Molly Stevenson, Sr. Warden  
Mike Tanner, Jr. Warden  
Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant  
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
Stefani Carroll, Treasurer  
Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry  
Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO  
Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader  
Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)  
Issa Young, Choir Director  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music  
Nancy Lutsko, Verge

**The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)  
[www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

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**PASTORAL CARE**  
Molly Stevenson 229-292-8215



Dear Christ Church Family,

The Rector Search Committee is completing and forwarding our church profile to The Diocese of Georgia.

The Committee is deeply grateful for those who participated and shared their thoughts in the Lenten Dinner Conversations. In the near future, our parish profile will be posted on our church website for your viewing.

Below is an overview of what will happen next.

**Preparation phase:** The Committee used the information acquired from the Lenten Dinner Conversations to develop our parish profile and job description.  
**Job posting:** The Rector position will be posted on the nationwide Episcopal News Service and other appropriate outlets.

**Response phase:** All applications will come to us via the Diocese of Georgia. The applications are collected by the Diocese for a period of time, so that applicants have plenty of time for prayer, personal discernment, and discussions with their family. They can withdraw their application at any time during this phase.

**Committee discernment phase:** The Diocese will release the applications, and the Committee will carefully consider the applicants and create a list of those we want to interview.

**Interviewing phase:** Depending on the number of applications, the Committee will agree on an appropriate interview strategy.

Please remember that the Committee is proactively seeking out exceptional candidates. This is where everyone can help. If you know of a potential candidate the Committee should consider, you are invited and encouraged to share the candidate's name and background directly with a member of the Committee.

Warm regards,  
The Search Committee

# EXCITING NEWS

We're thrilled to announce the re-launch of the Monthly Newsletter starting June 1! This newsletter will be delivered to your email inbox each month, filled with fresh and exciting content for your reading enjoyment.

To honor of a tradition from years past, we'll be reviving the original name of the publication – The Vineyard.

This also means we'll need a *brand-new name* for our weekly edition, currently called the Friday Vineyard.

We're inviting your ideas and creativity to help us give it a fresh identity!

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW WITH YOUR NAME SUGGESTION AND PLACE IT IN THE CLEAR BOX LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL.

NAME (submitting creative idea) \_\_\_\_\_

MY CREATIOVE IDEA FOR WEEKLY EDITION \_\_\_\_\_