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Christ Episcopal Church Valdosta, Ga

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Welcome to Christ Church!

June 29, 2025

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Vision: God's Love for All



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

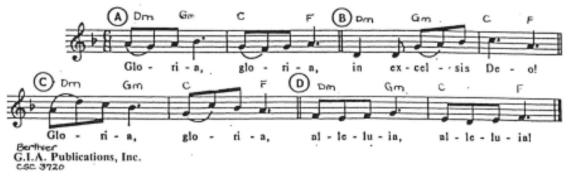
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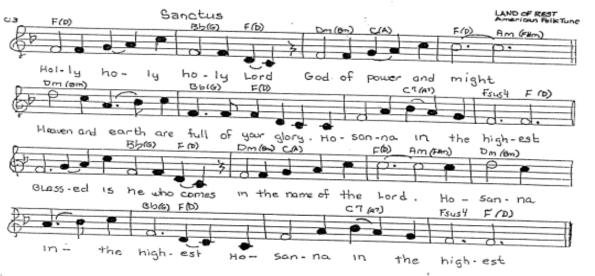
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!



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THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer **Fraction Anthem**

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The Collect:

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here: for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said. "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Psalm: 77:1-2,11-20

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¹ I will cry aloud to God*

I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;*

my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted ¹¹ I will remember the works of the Lord,*

and call to mind your wonders of old time

¹² I will meditate on all your acts*

and ponder your mighty deeds.

¹ Your way, O God, is holy;*

who is so great a god as our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders*

and have declared your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ By your strength you have redeemed your people,*

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

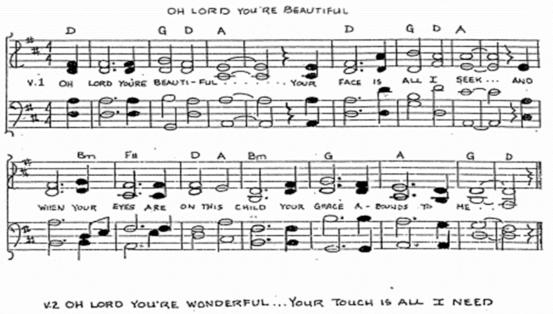
- ¹⁶ The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;* the very depths were shaken.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;* your arrows flashed to and fro;
- ¹⁸ The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;* the earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,* yet your footsteps were not seen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Lesson:

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels,



AND WHEN YOUR HAND IS ON THIS CHILD, YOUR HEALING I RECEIVE

dissensions, factions,²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel:

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Remember in Your Prayers: Remember in Your Prayers: Bryan Almand, Luke Cowart, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Peter Ingeman, Dennis Marks, Katherine Mayer, Johnny Price, Rocky, Carrean Shaprio, Barbara Shirley, Hal & Michelle Weidman.

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: John McRae, Sheri Gravett, Phyllis Holland Lectors: Daphne Wright, John McRae, Phyllis Holland Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson Altar Guild: Nancy Lutsko, Frances, Guice, Judy Demott, Happy and Peter Ingeman Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland Greeter: Julia Ariail Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker Coffee Hour Hosts: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

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

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

Communion Hymn 1

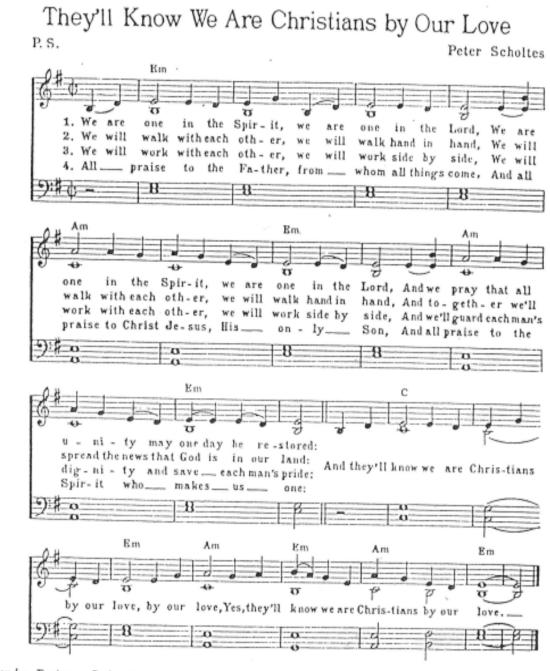


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Recessional Hymn



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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.

Independence Day Service Join us at 11am on July 4th here at Christ Church for a combined service with St. Barnabas, Christ the King and St. James. Following the service, which will include the Holy Eucharist and patriotic music, Sue Ellen Rumstay will once again perform an organ recital of patriotic music. All to be followed by a "Cold Covered Dish Lunch", including red, white & blue popsicles! Bring your favorite salad, chips, or sub sandwiches to share.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: Please continue to pray for whomever God is calling to serve with us in the next chapter and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's presence among us. **THANK YOU:** I want to share just how incredible our Vacation Bible School was. Our theme this year was *"Road Trip: On the Go with God,"* and what a journey it was! We welcomed 44 children through our doors, and the week was filled with laughter, learning, and growing in faith through stories, music, crafts, science, games, and more.

Each day, we saw hearts opened, friendships formed, and God's love shining through it all. None of this would have been possible without our amazing volunteers.

To every person who gave their time, energy, and love—whether you led a station, brought snacks, helped with setup or cleanup, guided a group, or simply prayed over this ministry—I am so deeply grateful. You made a lasting impact on these children's lives and planted seeds of faith that will grow for years to come.

It's honestly hard to express just how much gratitude I feel. The love, teamwork, and willingness to serve that each of you showed was inspiring and humbling.

Altogether, 16 families volunteered their time and energy to make VBS a success—and even more generous hearts stepped in to help wherever there was a need.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. Your dedication and service truly made VBS a week to remember. May God bless each of you abundantly for all that you've given.

Thank you! Kylee Creasy

SUMMERTIME: As we drift into the lazy days of summer, please remember that church operations and expenses continue. When possible, please keep your pledge current. Your vestry thanks you!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: On Thursdays, 10:15am - 11:15am at Marcia McRae's home. We are studying <u>**The Cost of Discipleship**</u> 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.

PRESCHOOL AND PMO TEACHER AIDES NEEDED for the Fall School Year at Christ Church Preschool. Pass the word - Christ Church Preschool needs teacher aides for the 2025 -2026 School Year. Contact: Elise Sandbach, Director at 229-630-4738 or via e-mail at sandbach1@bellsouth.net

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST: Before the preschool year starts each fall we have a supply drive. This year we are going to have a Preschool – Wish List. By scanning the code below you will be able to see what is on our Wish List for this coming year. Pick your item and put it in your

cart and purchase when you are finished shopping. Thank you in advance to everyone for your continued support of the Christ Church preschool, without you we would not be able to continue serving our church families and the community. Scan here to purchase



from the Wish List

Episcopal 101 and All Things Christ Church Offering & Light Supper –

Continuing on Wednesday, July 9 and each of the following Wednesday evenings this summer, we will be meeting to discuss "all things Episcopal" and more specifically Christ Church. This will be a terrific opportunity to learn more about Christ Church and The Episcopal Church... or at least a good refresher. Continuing at **5:30PM** on July 9 and running through the last Wednesday in August a different topic will be discussed, with different folks presenting each week, followed by a light supper.

June 25: Baptism & Confirmation – The Rev. Bob Carr

July 9: How'd We Get Here? - The Rev. Walter Hobgood

July 16: What DO Episcopalians Believe? - The Rev. Bob Carr

July 23: The BCP (Book of Common Prayer) – The Rev. Walter Hobgood & Molly Stevenson

- July 30: GUIDED EUCHARIST The Liturgy
- Aug 6: Colors of the Seasons/Church Calendar
- Aug 13: CALLED The Orders of the Church Deacon Nancy Sartin
- Aug 20: The Episcopal Church Structure Molly Stevenson
- Aug 27: Ministry Opportunities at Christ Church Ministry Leaders

Bishop Logue will be at Christ Church on August 31st for his Visitation. These "classes" will also serve as the formation for anyone wishing to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed when he comes.

Molly Stevenson 229-292-8215

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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

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