



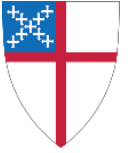
*Christ Episcopal Church
Valdosta, Georgia*



Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

June 22, 2025
10a



Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Partita on Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Hymnal 686
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 230
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old</i>	Hymnal 567
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 – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>There Is A Balm in Gilead</i>	
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams</i>	Hymnal 658
<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	Hymnal 411
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Praise to the Living God</i>	Hymnal 372
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Toccata on Leoni</i>	by Michael Burkhardt

The Collect:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."



Psalm 42 and Psalm 43

BCP 643

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar
among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. Amen.



Second Lesson **Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel **Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the

country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner
Lectors: Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard, Phyllis Holland
Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood
Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick
Ushers: Eric Nielsen, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley
Greeter: Rita Watters
Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay
Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood

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

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.

“Episcopal 101 and All Things Christ Church” & Light Supper

Please join us on Wednesday evenings this summer for discussions about 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. Beginning at **5:30PM THIS WEDNESDAY, June 25** and running for 9 weeks (excluding July 2) 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.

Please come! HEP Lunch Gathering Friday, June 27th beginning at Noon at the home of John & Marcia McRae, 2701 Green Meadow Dr. This is a wonderful, casual atmosphere to get to know your church family better. Bring sandwiches or salads to share – drinks and dessert are provided.

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.

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!

Lunch & Learn Opportunity: Please join Leigh Barry Harvard, daughter of Kay & Lee Harvard to discover how mindfulness can enhance emotional regulation and elevate your overall quality of life by strengthening your mind-body connection on Thursday, July 24th at noon, here at Christ Church. Leigh Barry is in her last semester of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Grad School and warmly invites you to an enlightening presentation on the science behind mindfulness, demonstrating how simple practices can foster emotional resilience and promote mental wellness. Attendees will enjoy a pulled pork lunch while learning practical techniques, including breath awareness, meditation, and grounding exercises, that can be integrated into daily life to combat mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and substance use.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: On Thursdays, 10:15am - 11:15am at Marcia McRae's home. We are 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.



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



*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

www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.

Mailing address: 1521 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31602

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00a – 2:00p

e-mail address: Church Office - office@christchurchvaldosta.org

Church website: www.christchurchvaldosta.org

Phone: 229-242-5115

Bookkeeper: 229-242-0616

PASTORAL CARE

Molly Stevenson 229-292-8215

Scan to Donate

