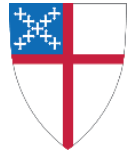


## Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

August 3, 2025

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major</i>	by J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn – <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Hymnal 594
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Collect for Purity	BCP 355
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Gospel Hymn – <i>Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted</i>	Hymnal 302
The Sermon	The Rev. Joshua Varner
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
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Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>What a Morning</i>	by Robert Lau
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>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	Hymnal 516
<i>Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel</i>	Hymnal 574
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer	
People: <i>We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.</i>	
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	Hymnal 580
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	by Wilber Held

**The Collect:**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Hosea 11:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. <sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup> They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord

*The organist will play through the chant once, then all are invited to chant the Psalm with the choir.*



**Psalm: 107:1-9, 43**

**BCP 746**

- <sup>1</sup> **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \***  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \***  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- <sup>3</sup> **He gathered them out of the lands; \***  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- <sup>4</sup> **Some wandered in desert wastes; \***  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

- <sup>5</sup> **They were hungry and thirsty; \***  
their spirits languished within them.
- <sup>6</sup> **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \***  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup> **He put their feet on a straight path \***  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \***  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- <sup>9</sup> **For he satisfies the thirsty \***  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- <sup>43</sup> **Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \***  
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.
- 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:**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Gospel:**

**Luke 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Sandra Allen, Bryan Almand, Julian Cloud, Luke Cowart, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Dennis Marks, Katherine Mayer, Sandy McMath, Cindy Moses, Johnny Price, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Carreen Shapiro, Barbara Shirley.

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**Serving Today**

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Eric Nielsen, Sandy Sandbach, Blake Yarbrough
- Lectors:** Daphne Wright, John McRae, Rita Watters
- Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell
- Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman
- Ushers:** Trent Coggins, Tim Hood, Jerry Byrd
- Greeter:** Rita Watters
- Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
- Coffee Hour Hosts:** Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood

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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

**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.

**MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD DRIVE**

Christ Church continues the monthly Food Drive for Grace Café. For **August**, please bring **canned items such as soups, tuna, chicken, and ravioli**. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you!!!

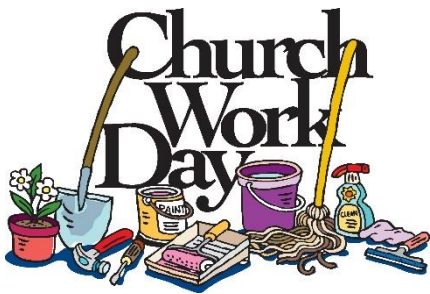
**SUMMERTIME:** Thank you to everyone for keeping your pledges current through the summer months! As you know church operations and expenses continue. Your vestry thanks you!

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

Please join us on Wednesday evenings this summer as we continue our discussions about all things Episcopal and more specifically Christ Church. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about Christ Church and The Episcopal Church... or at least a good refresher. Beginning at **5:30p** each Wednesday evening between now and the end of August, a different topic will be discussed, with different folks presenting each week, followed by a light supper.

- 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 31 for his Visitation. These “classes” will also serve as the formation for anyone wishing to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed when he comes. \*\**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9: 7a – 11a**  
To spruce up before Bishop Logue’s visitation and to kick off the new school year, we will gather to complete a list of projects. Given the heat, we will focus mostly indoors. **EVERYONE** is encouraged to come, regardless of skill or experience! Projects will include painting, cleaning, nailing, scraping etc. A list of projects will be posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall along with the sign-up sheet. *Drinks and Snacks provided.*



**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Your Search Committee is in the process of conducting initial interviews of prospects. During this time of discernment and transition, please continue to pray for the Search Committee, our Christ Church family, our faithful and generous supply clergy, and whomever God is calling to be our next rector. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.



The first day of preschool is August 13, 2025. We continue to take applications for vacancies in all age groups. Contact: Elise

Sandbach, at 229-630-4738 or via e-mail at [sandbach1@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandbach1@bellsouth.net).

**PRESCHOOL WISH LIST:** Before the preschool year starts each fall we have a supply drive. There are still a few items on the 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

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

**INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** My website Sisters in Faith ([sisters-in-faith.org](http://sisters-in-faith.org)) commemorates forgotten Episcopal deaconesses, those who could not be ordained because they were women. After graduating from deaconess school, many became nurses, teachers, and church helpers in disadvantaged areas both abroad and in the United States. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Deacon Patricia Marks ([spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net); 229-630-8644).



*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

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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, Verger

**The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook**

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