



Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

July 27, 2025

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude and Variation on Lauda Anima</i>	John Goss arr. by John Shaffner
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven</i>	Hymnal 410
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 231
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Our Father, by Whose Name</i>	Hymnal 587
The Sermon	The Rev. Robert Carr
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>Our Father</i>	by Benjamin Harlan
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>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	Hymnal 341
<i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>	Hymnal 674
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymnal 616
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>St. Anthony's Chorale</i>	Fritz Josphe Haydn arr. by Charles Callhan

The Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lessons:

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” ²² So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”²⁶ And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

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



Psalm: 138

BCP 793

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁶ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
⁷ Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
⁹ The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.
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 2:6-15, (16-19)

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has

arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Remember in Your Prayers: Sandra Allen, Bryan Almand, Julian Cloud, Luke Cowart, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, the Ingeman family, Julie Jackson, Dennis Marks, Katherine Mayer, Johnny Price, Rocky, Carrean Shapiro, Barbara Shirley

Serving Today

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner
- Lectors:** Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard, Phyllis Holland
- Acolytes:** Blake Yarborough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood
- Altar Guild:** Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick
- Ushers:** Mark Henderson, Paul Stevenson, Cameron Prevost
- Greeter:** Martin Holland
- Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
- Coffee Hour Hosts:** Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri Lyn Flowers, Sally Nunn

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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.

**SUMMERTIME:** As we drift along these 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, 10:15a - 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).

**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

**MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD DRIVE**

Beginning this month, Christ Church will participate in a monthly Food Drive for Grace Café. **For July, please bring Coffee and Snacks.** Individually packaged snacks such as granola bars, protein bars, crackers, and K Cups. Our students are not picky about their coffee, but they do like fun flavors! A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank 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.

**July 30: GUIDED EUCHARIST – The Liturgy**

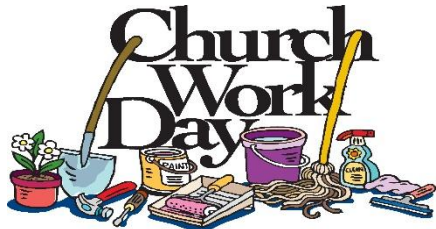
**Aug 6: Colors of the Seasons/Church Calendar**

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



**AUGUST 9**

**7a – 11a**

**DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED**

Projects will be outside and inside.  
Accepting anyone that wants to help, (skilled or unskilled) cleaning, painting, nailing, scraping etc.

A list of projects will be posted in the parish hall along with the Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.



*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, Verger

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

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