

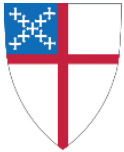


Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

August 10, 2025

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Wachet Auf</i>	by J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn – <i>Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers</i>	Hymnal 68
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 232
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise</i>	Hymnal 533
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>Sleepers, Wake!</i>	by J.S. Bach
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>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	Hymnal 635
<i>Abide With Me</i>	Hymnal 662
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</i>	Hymnal 640
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	by J.S. Bach

The Collect:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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



Psalm: 33:12-22

BCP 626

¹² **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! ***
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven, ***
 and beholds all the people in the world.
¹⁴ **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ***
 on all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵ **He fashions all the hearts of them ***
 and understands all their works.
¹⁶ **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;**
 a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ***
 for all its strength it cannot save.
¹⁸ **Behold, the eye of the Lord**
 is upon those who fear him, *
 on those who wait
 upon his love,
¹⁹ **To pluck their lives from death, ***
 and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰ **Our soul waits for the Lord; ***
 he is our help and our shield.
²¹ **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, ***
 for in his holy Name we put our trust.
²² **Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ***
 as we have put our trust in you.
 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:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.” ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

SERVING THIS WEEK

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Sheri Gravett
- Lectors:** Sallie Honeycutt, Sheri Gravett, Ruth Holland
- Acolytes:** Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
- Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright
- Ushers:** Cliff Baker, Bryant Alonso, Rita Watters
- Greeter:** Nikki Yarbrough
- 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

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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.

INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: My website Sisters in Faith (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; 229-630-8644).

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!
EYC kicks off this Wednesday, August 13th beginning at 7PM in the EYC room of the Gabard Building. Come for food and fellowship as we meet to discuss dates and activities for this school year!

MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD DRIVE
Christ Church will participate in a monthly Food Drive for Grace Café. **For August**, *please bring canned foods*, such as soups, tuna, chicken, and ravioli. 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
Our Wednesday evening discussions continue for three more weeks. Please join us as we discuss “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 a different topic is discussed, with different folks presenting each week, followed by a light supper.

- 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. **

Lunch with Bishop Logue - Following the 10AM service on August 31st. In order to plan adequately, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Menu will include Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw, and Frozen Custard.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: **Is paused this week.** We will resume August 21 and will be starting a new book called Sacred Fire, A Vision for A Deeper Human and Christian Maturity by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser. Anyone interested in joining can purchase the book and come or call Tammy Borders for more information at 229-560-5889.



Preschool starts this Wednesday, 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. **Preschool application online at <https://christchurchvaldosta.org/christian-education/preschool/>** PMO Application online at: <https://christchurchvaldosta.org/christian-education/parents-morning-out/>



*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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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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