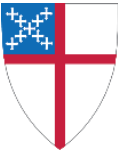


**Welcome to Christ Church!**

Vision: God's Love for All



August 17, 2025

10a

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

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| <b>Prelude – <i>How Great Thou Art</i></b>                     | by Dan Miller        |
| <b>Opening Hymn – <i>Holy God we praise thy Name</i></b>       | Hymnal 366           |
| <b>Opening Salutation</b>                                      | BCP 355              |
| <b>Collect for Purity</b>                                      | BCP 355              |
| <b>Gloria</b>  | Hymnal S280          |
| <b>The Collect of the Day</b>                                  | BCP 232              |
| <b>The Lessons</b>   | (See Insert)         |
| <b>Gospel Hymn – <i>Judge eternal, throned in splendor</i></b> | Hymnal 596           |
| <b>The Sermon</b>  | The Rev. Robert Carr |
| <b>The Nicene Creed</b>  | BCP 358              |
| <b>Prayers of the People, Form III</b>                         | BCP 387              |
| <b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>                             | BCP 360              |
| <b>The Peace</b>   | BCP 360              |
| <b>Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i></b>                 |                      |
| <b>Offertory – <i>Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho</i></b>     | Trad. Spiritual      |
| <b>Doxology</b>  | Hymnal 380 vs. 3     |

**THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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| <b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A</b>  | BCP 361             |
| <b>Sanctus</b>  | Hymnal S129         |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>  | BCP 364             |
| <b>Fraction Anthem</b>  | Hymnal S154         |
| <b>The Communion</b>  | BCP 365             |
| <b>Communion Hymn – <i>My faith looks up to thee</i></b>                                  | Hymnal 691          |
| <b><i>Hail, thou once despised Jesus!</i></b>   | Hymnal 495          |
| <b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>   | BCP 365             |
| <b>The Blessing</b>   | BCP 366             |
| <b>Hymn – <i>Lo! what a cloud of witnesses</i></b>  | Hymnal 545          |
| <b>Dismissal</b>  | BCP 366             |
| <b>Postlude – <i>Postlude on Two Spirituals, Go Down Moses and I Want to be Ready</i></b> | by Charles Calalhan |

**The Collect:**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson:**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back— those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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



**Psalm: 82**

**BCP 705**

- <sup>1</sup> **God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \***  
    **he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**
- <sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly, \***  
    **and show favor to the wicked?**
- <sup>3</sup> **Save the weak and the orphan; \***  
    **defend the humble and needy;**
- <sup>4</sup> **Rescue the weak and the poor; \***  
    **deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- <sup>5</sup> **They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \***  
    **all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- <sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \***  
    **and all of you children of the Most High;**

- <sup>7</sup> **Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \***  
    **and fall like any prince.”**
- <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \***  
    **for you shall take all nations for your own.**  
**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 11:29-12:2**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Gospel:**

**Luke 12:49-56**

<sup>49</sup> “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Sandra Allen, Bryan Almand, Tyson Carter, 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:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett
- Lectors:** Rita Watters, Bonnie Hanson, Martin Holland
- Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Mark Henderson
- Altar Guild:** Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake
- Ushers:** Eric Nielson, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bardley
- Greeter:** Jeani Synyard
- Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
- Coffee Hour Hosts:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

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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.

**Search Committee Update**

Your Search Committee continues its 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.

**HEP NOONERS** (Happy Episcopal People) lunch gathering will be Friday, August 22 at Noon at Rev. Marcia and John McRae’s home, 2701 Green Meadow Drive (remember Jerry Jones is under construction). An anonymous donor has offered to have Publix cater the gathering with a variety of wraps, veggies and meats, with sides of slaw salad and chips. Marcia and John are providing desserts and drinks. *Please RSVP John at 229-220-5619 by Noon on Wednesday August 20.*  
Our next HEP NOONERS gathering will be held on October 24.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on August 23 at 11a.*  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month Christ church members gather at 11a to make sack lunches for approximately 100 inner city children in need of meals. It is an assembly line process that only takes about one hour of your time.  
Please call John McRae at 229-220-5619 to sign up or just show up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday to start volunteering your time.



**COLLEGE MINISTRY – GRACE CAFE:** Thursday  
Dinners/Activity Night have started up for the fall semester.  
**August 21** – 7p Watermelon Night  
**August 25** – 7p BBQ Pork Dinner

**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!!!



Preschool started 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](mailto: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/>

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

Our Wednesday evening discussions continue for two 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 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 10a service on August 31. So we can 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.

**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).

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume this Thursday, August 21 from 10:15-11:15 We will 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.



*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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