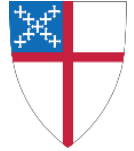


Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

August 24, 2025

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on Bunessan with Morning Mood</i>	by Edward Grieg, arr. by Shirley Brendlinger
Opening Hymn – <i>Morning has broken</i>	Hymnal 8
Acclamation	BCP 299
The Collect of the Day	BCP 232
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Rock of ages</i>	Hymnal 685
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
Presentation and Examination of the Candidate	BCP 301
Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
The Baptism	BCP 307
Welcome the newly baptized	BCP 308
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>O Lord, My God</i>	By J.S. Bach, arr. by Hal Hopson
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>Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray</i>	Hymnal 315
<i>Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old</i>	Hymnal 567
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	Hymnal 493
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Toccata on Azmon</i>	by Franklin D. Ashdown

The Collect:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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



Psalm: 71:1-6

BCP 683

- ¹ **In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; ***
let me never be ashamed.
- ² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ***
incline your ear to me and save me.
- ³ **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; ***
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- ⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, ***
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- ⁵ **For you are my hope, O Lord God, ***
my confidence since I was young.
- ⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;**
from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of 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 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel:

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Remember in Your Prayers: Sandra Allen, Bryan Almand, Tyson Carter, Luke Cowart, Gretchen DeLong, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Alfred Hiers, Creston Hulett, Dennis Marks, Katherine Mayer, Johnny Price, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley.

+++ Welcome Ivy Elizabeth Proctor, baptized today. Proud parents are Madison and Darien Proctor. +++

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Remembrance of Gary Thomas on his August 25th birthday by Nancy Lutsko.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Jeani Synyard, Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Jennifer Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Seager, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, D.J. Mistick

Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

Greeter: Jeani Synyard

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Paula Ramey

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.

BISHOP LOGUE WILL BE AT CHRIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 FOR HIS VISITATION

- **LUNCH WITH THE BISHOP** - Following the 10a service on August 31. 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.

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

Our FINAL Wednesday evening discussion will be this week. **Please join us as we discuss the ministry opportunities available to you at Christ Church.** We gather at **5:30p** in the parish hall and begin with Evening Prayer, followed by our discussion and then end with sharing a light supper together.

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.

Ministries/Opportunities Fair – Sunday, September 7

Are you wondering where God may be calling you to participate more fully? Come see what Ministry opportunities are available at Christ Church at the Ministries Fair. Displays will be set up along with the opportunity to speak with participants in those ministries in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 7. (***Set up will take place Saturday afternoon, September 6***)

The 204th Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Georgia will take place November 7-8, 2025 in Statesboro, GA. Christ Church can send 3 lay delegates along with clergy, entitled to seat, voice and vote. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please see Senior Warden, Molly Stevenson.

Attention all Women! Are you interested in deepening your prayer life by being part of a community of women whose mission is to pray and serve? The Daughters of the King (DOK) is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church and those in communion with it. Nancy Lutsko will lead a class later this fall for anyone interested in joining. Be sure to put your name on the list at the DOK display at the *Opportunities/Ministries Fair on Sunday, September 7!*



COLLEGE MINISTRY – GRACE CAFE: Thursday
Dinners/Activity Night have started up for the fall semester.

August 28 – 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.

Preschool application online at <https://christchurchvaldosta.org/christian-education/preschool/>

PMO Application online at <https://christchurchvaldosta.org/christian-education/parents-morning-out/>

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).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: has resumed on Thursdays from 10:15-11:15 at the home of John & Mtr Marcia McRae - 2701 Green Meadow Drive. We are studying 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.

Griefshare.org Griefshare is a free nondenominational Christian based 13 week program for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. Crossroads Church is hosting this program starting August 18 from 10-12 am or August 19 from 6-8 pm. For more information or to register go to griefshare.org and put in location Valdosta or 31602. Or just show up at the meeting.



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

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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

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

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