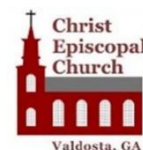




Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All



August 31, 2025

10a



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Voluntary on Hymn to Joy	by Michael Burkhardt
Opening Hymn – Joyful, joyful, we adore thee	Hymnal 376
Acclamation	BCP 299
The Collect of the Day	BCP 233
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – Tell out, my soul	Hymnal 437
The Sermon	The Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue, Bishop of Georgia
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	BCP 301
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Announcements – Please Be Seated	
Offertory – At the Name of Jesus	by Cindy Berry
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 – My God, thy table now is spread	Hymnal 321
Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth	Hymnal 598
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine	Hymnal 477
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – Voluntary on Engelberg	by Charles Callahan

The Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 2:4-13

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
⁵ Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶ They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” ⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸ The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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



Psalm: 81:1, 10-16

BCP 704

¹ Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
¹⁰ I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
¹¹ And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
¹² So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
¹⁴ I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
¹⁶ But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.
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 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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, Teresa Hill. Creston Hulett, Dennis Marks, Johnny Price, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: Blake Yarbrough, Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach

Lectors: David Sandbach, Sheri Gravett, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson, Erica Thieme

Altar Guild: Nancy Lutsko, Francis Guice, Happy Ingeman

Ushers: David Blevins, Tom Carroll

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Ann Burnette, Pat Bezona

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.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH WITH BISHOP & VICTORIA LOGUE – Today, following the 10a service in the parish hall. Menu includes Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw, and Frozen Custard.

Search Committee Update

Your Search Committee continues its work. 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 – Next 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*)



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!*

It is time to update our Parish Directory. This is an invaluable tool for any new person in our church community.... especially a new rector. Please keep your eyes peeled in the Sunday bulletin and Friday Grapevine for announcements regarding signing up to have your photo taken.

New Foyer Groups being formed! Foyer groups are a terrific way to get to know members of the church in a smaller, more intimate setting. Generally made up of groups of 8-10 people who meet monthly, usually for a meal either at the home of someone in the group or at a restaurant. Please sign up at the Opportunities Fair next week, or call the church office to participate.

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.


Sign up to provide Altar Flowers Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor your loved ones. And not only do they adorn the altar, after Sunday's services they are then taken to friends to brighten their day.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES – Ladies Night Out! - Join us on **Thursday, September 11 at 7P @ Friends Restaurant** for a time of fun and fellowship. This is a terrific opportunity to invite a friend and for you to get to know your church family a little better.

INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: The 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 10-12a or August 19 from 6-8p. For more information or to register go to griefshare.org and put in location Valdosta or 31602. You can also just show up at the meeting.

 **MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE**
Christ Church participates in a monthly Food/Supplies Drive for Grace Café. For September please bring Plastic Cutlery, Napkins, Paper Towel, or Plastic Cups. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you!!!



LUNCH BUNCH 11a Saturday September 6
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help prepare 100 sack lunches for the inner-city children. Contact John McRae at 229-220-5619 or just show up on September 6 at 11a.



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/>



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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