



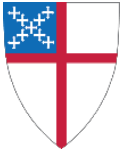
Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All



September 7, 2025

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Kedron</i>	by Wilber Held
Opening Hymn – <i>Take up your cross, the Savior said</i>	Hymnal 675
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP233
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>God is love, and where true love is</i>	Hymnal 577
The Sermon	The Rev. Robert Carr
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>Come Follow Me</i>	by Elly and Steve Kuperschmid
	Hymnal 380 vs. 3
Doxology	

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>New every morning</i>	Hymnal 10
<i>Where charity and love prevail</i>	Hymnal 581
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Go forth for God</i>	Hymnal 347
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	by Wilber Held

The Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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



Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

BCP 794

¹ **Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ***
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
² **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
³ **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, ***
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
⁴ **You press upon me behind and before ***
 and lay your hand upon me.
⁵ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; ***
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹² **For you yourself created my inmost parts; ***
 you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹³ **I will thank you because I am marvelously made; ***
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
¹⁴ **My body was not hidden from you, ***
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁵ **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;**
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.
¹⁶ **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! ***
 how great is the sum of them!
¹⁷ **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; ***
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
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:

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Blake Yarbrough

Lectors: Rita Watters, Sallie Honeycutt, David Sandbach

Acolytes: Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

Altar Guild: Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

Ushers: Al Turner, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

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

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

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 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 – TODAY

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 are set up along with the opportunity to speak with participants in those ministries in the parish hall today.



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 today after the 10a service in the parish hall.

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 today at the Opportunities Fair or call the church office to participate.

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.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES – Ladies Night Out! - Join us this **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.



Annual fundraiser for the Sara Olliver Camellia Garden

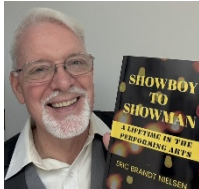
Extended through Sunday, September 14

Boston Butts by Hog-n-Bones

\$35

Tickets are available during the coffee hour in the parish hall until
September 14

See Pat Denmark or Tony Brooks



Join VSU Archives for an inspiring evening with Eric Nielsen as he shares stories from his extraordinary journey through dance, theater, and a lifetime on stage and behind the scenes.

Date: Thursday, September 18 Time: 6:00 – 7:00p

Location: Odum Auditorium 1160 Valdosta State University Library

Reception to Follow

CHRIST THE KING CLOTHING CLOSET for the homeless. Needing clothing donations! If you have donations. Please contact Father Pace at 615-268-1631 to make arrangements for clothing pickup.

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.

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.

Grace Café

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!!!



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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www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

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