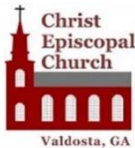




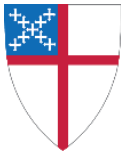
Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All



September 14, 2025

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i>	by J.S Bach, arr. by Jack Schrader
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing</i>	Hymnal 334
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 233
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>There's a wideness in God's mercy</i>	Hymnal 470
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
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>The Lord is my Shepherd</i>	by Howard Goddall
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S128
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>The Lord my God my shepherd is Savior, like a shepherd lead us</i>	Hymnal 663
	Hymnal 708
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	Hymnal 448
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>A Litany of Praise</i>	by Franklin D. Ashdown

The Collect:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 4:11-12, 22-28

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse - ¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ²²“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” ²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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



Psalm: 14

BCP 598

¹**The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” ***
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
²**The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, ***
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
³**Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; ***
there is none who does good; no, not one.
⁴**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers ***
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?
⁵**See how they tremble with fear, ***
because God is in the company of the righteous.
⁶**Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, ***
but the Lord is their refuge.

⁷**Oh, that Israel’s deliverance
would come out of Zion! ***
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.
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:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Remember in Your Prayers: Sandra Allen, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, 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: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson Katherine Mayer

Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland

Altar Guild: Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright

Ushers: Glen Flowers, Cliff Baker, Eric Nielsen

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland,
Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood

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.

Children's Ministries: Today's Godly Play theme is ***The Exodus***. Additionally, September's children's special event is a picnic at Drexel Park on September 21st at 4pm. Bring a snack!

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.

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, they include a meal either at the home of someone in the group or at a restaurant. Call the church office at 229-242-5115.

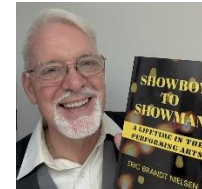


Annual fundraiser for the Sara Olliver Camellia Garden

Extended through Sunday, September 14

Boston Butts by Hog-n-Bones - \$35

Tickets are available during the coffee hour in the parish hall through today, 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.

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.

MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE

Grace Café
Christ Church participates in a monthly Food/Supplies Drive for Grace Café. **For September** please bring Plastic Cutlery, Napkins, Paper Towels, 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

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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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