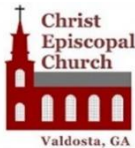
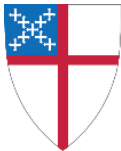


Welcome to Christ Church!
Vision: God's Love for All



September 21, 2025
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Partita on Lobe den Herren</i>	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Hymnal 390
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 234
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>God himself is with us</i>	Hymnal 475
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>Be Thou my Vision</i>	
Doxology	By Dan Miller 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>Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult</i>	Hymnal 550
<i>What does the Lord require</i>	Hymnal 605
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Hymnal 594
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Fantasia on Cwm Rhondda</i>	by Dennis R. Johnson

The Collect:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 8:18-9:1

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) ²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” ²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ¹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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



Psalm: 79:1-9

BCP 701

¹ **O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**
² **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
³ **They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.**
⁴ **We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
⁵ **How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**
⁶ **Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**
⁷ **For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.**
⁸ **Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**

⁹ **Help us, O God our Savior,
for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins,
for your Name’s sake.
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:

Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel:

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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.

***The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving
for Grazia Kennedy Cortese by Ed and B.J. Mistick.***

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Bonnie Hanson, Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Mark Henderson

Altar Guild: Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake

Ushers: Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson, Cameron Prevost

Greeter: Julia Ariail

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach,
Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

Search Committee: Delrick Bradley and Robin Coleman – Co-Chairs
Shelley Grenaker, 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.

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.

Children's Ministries: Today's Godly Play Theme: ***The Ten Best Ways.***
Also TODAY at 4p @ Drexel Park. Children's Sunday School picnic. Bring a snack and have fun!

HEP PARTY: *Friday, September 26 @ 6:30p* at the home of Tom and Stefani Carroll – 1052 Cherry Creek Drive, Valdosta. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share!

New Foyer Groups being formed! *Last chance to put your name on the foyer group list is Noon on Tuesday, September 23.* A daytime Foyer group is being formed to assist those who want to participate in a group and prefer daytime rather than evenings. 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 by NOON Tuesday, September 23.

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, October 5 will be the annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Pets at 3:00 PM. We will also consecrate a St. Francis Memorial Garden that day.

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 BOOK 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**
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

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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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