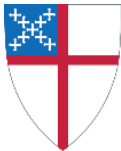


Welcome to Christ Church!
Vision: God's Love for All



September 28, 2025
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Allegro from L’Autunno</i>	by Antonio Vivaldi, arr. by S. Drummond Wolff
Opening Salutation	Hymnal 494
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	BCP 355
The Collect of the Day	Hymnal S280
The Lessons	BCP 234
Gospel Hymn – <i>Ye holy angels bright</i>	(See Insert)
The Sermon	Hymnal 625
Nicene Creed	The Rev. Robert Carr
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 358
Confession & Absolution	BCP 387
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	BCP 360
Offertory – <i>Ain’a That Good News</i>	By Clayton White
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>Before thy throne, O God, we kneel</i>	Hymnal 574
<i>O holy city, seen of John</i>	Hymnal 583
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i>	Hymnal 423
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Allegro from L’Autunno</i>	by Antonio Vivaldi, arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

The Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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



Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16

BCP 719

¹ **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, ***
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
² **He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, ***
my God in whom I put my trust.”

³ **He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter ***
and from the deadly pestilence.
⁴ **He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; ***
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
⁵ **You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ***
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
⁶ **Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, ***
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
¹⁴ **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; ***
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
¹⁵ **He shall call upon me,**
and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy him, ***
and show him my salvation.
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 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Remember in Your Prayers: *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, Rusty McCall, Johnny Price, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Carreen Shapiro, Barbara Shirley.*

Serving This Week

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Jennifer Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Seager, Julia Arial, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: Trent Coggins, Tim Hood, Rita Watters

Greeter: Rita Watters

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

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.

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.

Annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Pets: Sunday, October 5 at 3:00p. We will also bless a St. Francis Memorial Garden that day.

Bottles of holy water from the river Jordan, in Israel, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus have been donated to Christ church to be added to the font for baptisms. The River Jordan is considered by many Christians as a Holy place and pilgrims have been going there for centuries. When planning a baptism, if you would like some of holy water added for the baptism please let the church know.

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

Grace Café Christ Church participates in a monthly Food/Supplies Drive for Grace Café. **For October** please bring Halloween candy and pumpkins (for our pumpkin carving event on October 16). A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!



***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

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Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

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