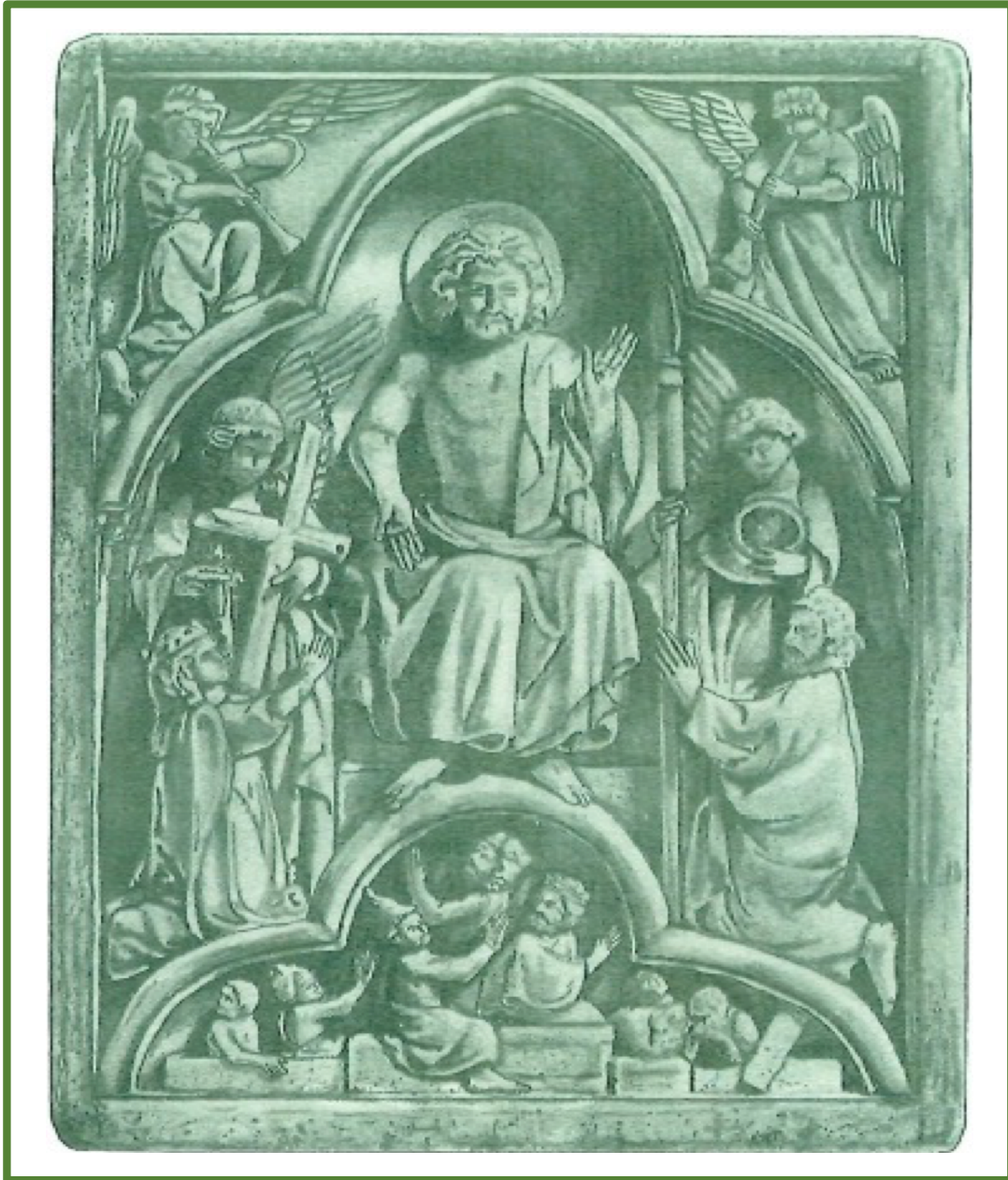




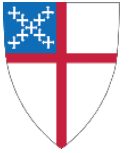
## Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All



October 26, 2025

10a



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Partita on St. Anne*

by Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn – *How firm a foundation*

Hymnal 637

Salutation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

BCP 235

The Lessons

(See Insert)

Gospel Hymn – *Blest are the pure in heart*

Hymnal 656

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 – *Please Be Seated*

by Roger Emerson

Offertory – *Ubi Caritas*

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

Doxology

### 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 – *Humbly I adore thee*

Hymnal 314

*Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

Hymnal 546

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Hymn – *O God, our help in ages past*

Hymnal 680

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude – *The Emperor's Fanfare*

by Antonio Soler, arr. by E. Power Biggs

### **The Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 14:7-10,19-22**

<sup>7</sup> Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. <sup>8</sup> O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? <sup>9</sup> Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. <sup>19</sup> Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. <sup>20</sup> We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. <sup>21</sup> Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. <sup>22</sup> Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

### **Psalm: 84:1-6 BCP 707**

<sup>1</sup> **How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \***

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>2</sup> **The sparrow has found her a house**

**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \***

**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

<sup>3</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house! \***

**they will always be praising you.**

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \***

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

<sup>5</sup> **Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \***

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>6</sup> **They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**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: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

***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, Teresa Hill, Creston Hulett, Richard Jeffrey, Dennis Marks, Rusty McCall, Johnny Price, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, Chip Wildes.***

***Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Allan and Joan Dear in remembrance of Barton, Mary, and Sandy Stevenson.***

### Serving This Week

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phyllis Holland, Stefani Carroll, Mike Holland

**Lectors:** Phyllis Holland, John McRae, Pat Denmark

**Acolytes:** Blake Yarbrough, Jennifer Hood, Elizabeth Hood

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

**Ushers:** David Blevins, Tom Carroll

**Greeter:** Jeani Synyard

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

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

**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.

**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 this holy water added for the baptism, please let the church know.

**IT'S STEWARDSHIP TIME!** 2026 is right around the corner and part of our preparation for next year includes creating a budget. Your Finance Committee is already hard at work, but they can't do it without your help. In addition to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, your financial pledge and commitment are the meat and potatoes of fulfilling our mission. **Pledge Packets** are available for pick-up in the Tower. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return the enclosed card by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10am.** The 1<sup>st</sup> semi-annual memorial service for pets. An area to scatter pet cremains was consecrated at the St. Francis Day pet blessing earlier this month. We plan to conduct pet memorial services twice per year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

**PARISH PICNIC/STEWARDSHIP DINNER, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16** following the 10a service, plan to stay for our annual Parish Picnic/Stewardship Dinner on the grounds. The main dish will be Boston Butt. Please sign up in the parish hall.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

Grace Café

### **MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE**

Christ Church participates in a monthly Food/Supplies Drive for Grace Café. **For November**, please bring ***Sweet Treats*** (***individually wrapped or not***). A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!



**TODAY!!!!**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT!!**  
*after the 10a service*



Dear People of Christ Church,

I am profoundly grateful to be writing to you as your next rector. I scarcely have the words to describe the sense of joy and wonder I feel about coming to serve at Christ Church, Valdosta. When I first walked through the doors of that sacred space some 47 years ago, I did not realize what I was walking into. I had no idea how that moment would shape the rest of my life, but I believe I am who I am today because of the ways in which I encountered and came to know the Risen Lord there. Christ Church was my first true spiritual home, and I am so thankful to be coming back to the place that formed me.

Christ Church is a remarkably fertile part of God's vineyard. You have raised up more folks – both lay and ordained – for ministry than I can count. If the apostle Paul were to write a letter to you, I suspect it would start with something like "I continue to give thanks to God for you always, for your faithfulness in prayer and good works, for your proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and for your love for one another and for all the saints, as you work to build up the Body of Christ." Maybe I shouldn't try to put words in Paul's mouth and should just say that this is how I think of you. Thank you for inviting me to share in this ministry with you. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me, and I am eager to be with you as we start this part of our journey together.

You have been in my prayers throughout this time of transition and will remain in them from now on. I ask your prayers for me and for my family as we finish our ministry here in Savannah and make our way to you there. I hold firmly to the idea of vocation – that God calls people together in a particular place and at a specific time to accomplish the work that God sets before them. All three of those components – people, place, and time – matter. I believe now is the moment that God is calling us to labor together at Christ Church (if I can go back to Paul again) to do the work of ministry, to equip the saints, and to build up the body. I am excited to see the fruits of our labor. I look forward to being with you and to worshipping and praying with you.

May Almighty God continue to bless us with His Grace and to guide our feet along the path He has set before us.

The Peace of Christ,

Kevin+



***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

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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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