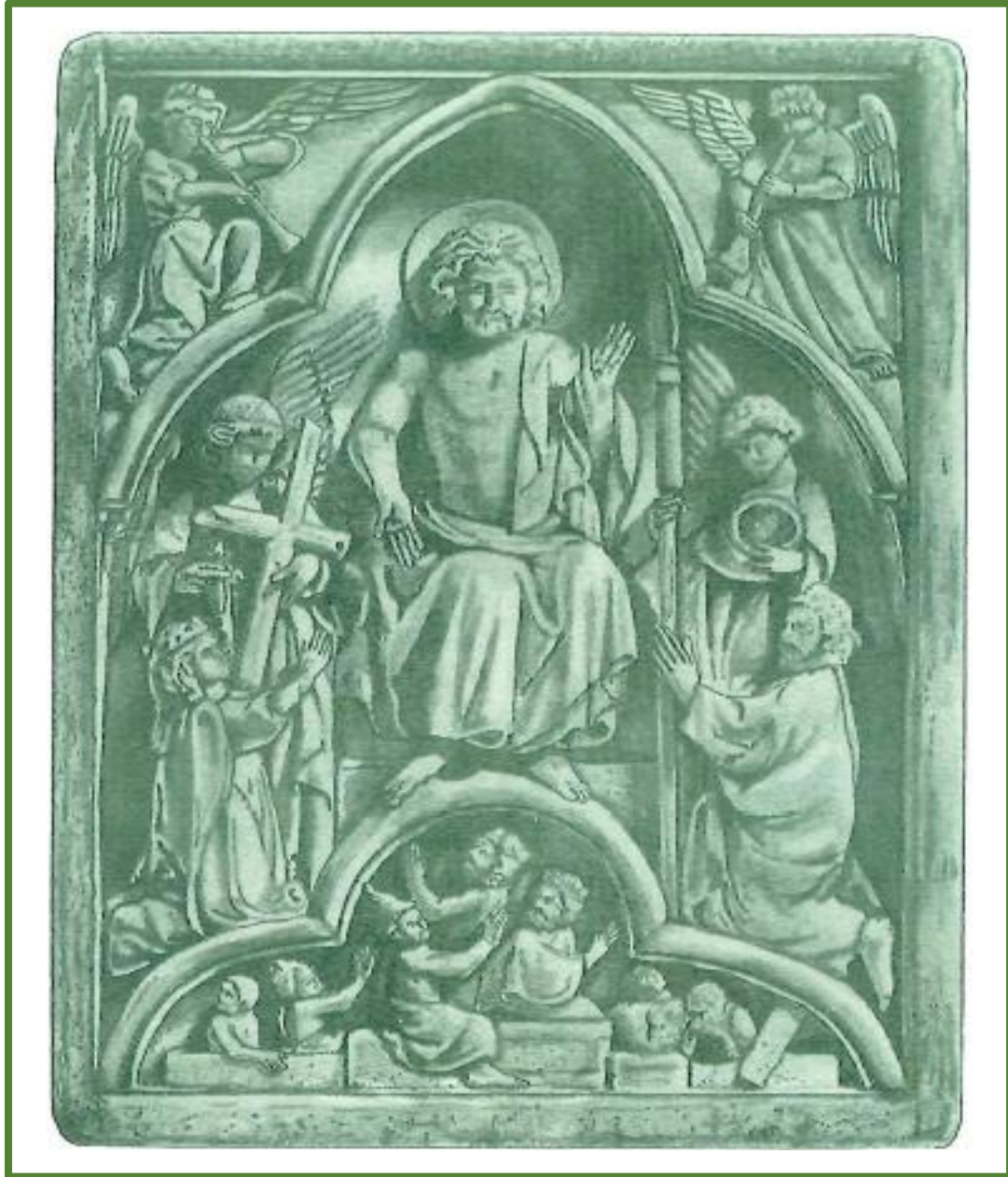
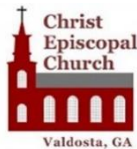
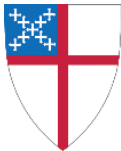




Welcome to Christ Church!
Vision: God's Love for All



October 19, 2025
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Andante with Variations</i>	by Felix Mendelssohn
Opening Hymn – <i>Ye servants of God</i>	Hymnal 535
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 – <i>Jesus, our mighty Lord</i>	Hymnal 478
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>He Watching Over Israel</i>	by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Hal Hopson
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>And now, O Father, mindful of the love O God of Bethel, by whose hand</i>	Hymnal 337
	Hymnal 709
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Spread, O spread, thou mighty word</i>	Hymnal 530
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>March of the Priests</i>	By Felix Mendelssohn

The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson One:

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” ³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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



Psalm: 119:97-104

BCP 771

⁹⁷ **Oh, how I love your law! ***
all the day long it is in my mind.
⁹⁸ **Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, ***
and it is always with me.
⁹⁹ **I have more understanding than all my teachers, ***
for your decrees are my study.
¹⁰⁰ **I am wiser than the elders, ***
because I observe your commandments.
¹⁰¹ **I restrain my feet from every evil way, ***
that I may keep your word.

¹⁰² **I do not shrink from your judgments, ***
because you yourself have taught me.
¹⁰³ **How sweet are your words to my taste! ***
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
¹⁰⁴ **Through your commandments I gain understanding; ***
therefore I hate every lying way.
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 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience In teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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.

Serving This Week

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeani Synyard, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Marcie Dennard, Sheri Gravett, John McRae

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Mark Henderson

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

Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

Greeter: Michael Black

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail,

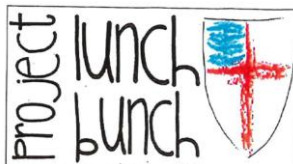
Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Sally Nunn

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.

HEP NOONERS LUNCHEON OCTOBER 24: HEP NOONERS (Happy Episcopal People) lunch gathering on Friday, October 24 at Noon at Rev. Marcia and John McRae's home, 2701 Green Meadow Drive (remember Jerry Jones is under construction). An anonymous donor is providing lunch. Marcia and John are providing desserts and drinks. *Please **RSVP** John at 229-220-5619 by **Noon on Monday, October 20.***



LUNCH BUNCH: on October 25 at 11a.

Help make sack lunches for approximately 100 inner city children in need of meals. It is an assembly line process that only takes about one hour of your time.

Please call John McRae at 229-220-5619 to sign up or just show on Saturday October 25 at 11a.

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 16th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Saturday, November 1st @ 10am the 1st semi-annual memorial service for pets. An area to scatter pet remains 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 16th following the 10am service, plan to stay for our annual Parish Picnic/Stewardship Dinner on the grounds. The main dish will be Boston Butt. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

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 October** please bring **Halloween candy**. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!

Oktoberfest

CHRIST CHURCH OCTOBERFEST

Hosted by Sandy & Elise Sandbach
October 25, 2025 @ 6:00p
2607 Pebblewood Drive

Over a dozen types of German beer
Three different types of Brats
Multiple German dishes

****RSVP - Please sign up on the Church bulletin board or
contact the church office at 229.242.5115****



CHRIST CHURCH TRUNK OR TREAT!!
Sunday, October 26, 2025
after the 10a service.



***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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