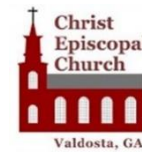
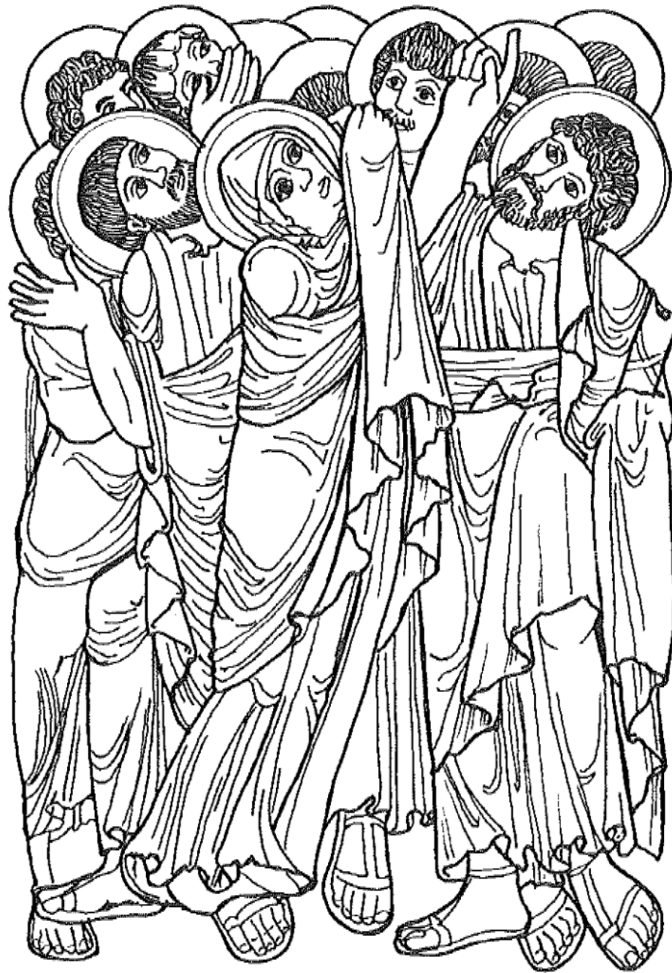


JOHN 8:32  
**THE TRUTH SHALL  
MAKE YOU  
FREE**

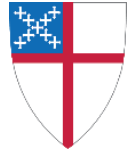


**Welcome to Christ Church!**

**Vision: God's Love for All**

November 16, 2025

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

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| <b>Prelude – <i>If You but Trust in God to Guide Thee</i></b>      | by Robert Powell        |
| <b>Opening Hymn – <i>O God of every nation</i></b>                 | Hymnal 607              |
| <b>Salutation</b>                                                  | BCP 355                 |
| <b>The Collect for Purity</b>                                      | BCP 355                 |
| <b>Gloria</b>                                                      | Hymnal S280             |
| <b>The Collect of the Day</b>                                      | BCP 236                 |
| <b>The Lessons</b>                                                 | (See Insert)            |
| <b>Gospel Hymn – <i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i></b> | Hymnal 635              |
| <b>The Sermon</b>                                                  | The Rev. Walter Hobgood |
| <b>Nicene Creed</b>                                                | BCP 358                 |
| <b>Prayers of the People, Form III</b>                             | BCP 387                 |
| <b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>                                 | BCP 360                 |
| <b>The Peace</b>                                                   | BCP 360                 |
| <b>Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i></b>                     |                         |
| <b>Offertory – <i>Steal Away</i></b>                               | by Ruth Schram          |
| <b>Doxology</b>                                                    | Hymnal 380 vs. 3        |

**THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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| <b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A</b>                              | BCP 361        |
| <b>Sanctus</b>                                                    | Hymnal S128    |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>                                          | BCP 364        |
| <b>Fraction Anthem</b>                                            | Hymnal S154    |
| <b>The Communion</b>                                              | BCP 365        |
| <b>Communion Hymn – <i>"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee</i></b> | Hymnal 615     |
| <b><i>O very God of very God</i></b>                              | Hymnal 672     |
| <b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>                                 | BCP 365        |
| <b>The Blessing</b>                                               | BCP 366        |
| <b>Hymn – <i>Thou, whose almighty word</i></b>                    | Hymnal 371     |
| <b>Dismissal</b>                                                  | BCP 366        |
| <b>Postlude – <i>Llanfyllin</i></b>                               | By Wilbur Held |

**The Collect:**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lor

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



**Canticle 9 - Isaiah 12:2-6**

**BCP 86**

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***  
**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**  
**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***  
**from the springs of salvation.**  
**And on that day you shall say, \***  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**  
**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***  
**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**  
**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,**  
**ring out your joy, \***  
**for the great one in the midst of you**  
**is the Holy One of Israel.**  
**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 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**Gospel:**

**Luke 21:5-19**

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.” <sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Gayle Adams, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, Tyson Carter, Luke Cowart, Gretchen DeLong, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Marge Gannaway, Louise Harden, Teresa Hill, Creston Hulett, Keena, Dennis Marks, Marge McCartney, Kamrin Naville, Johnny Price, the Rigby family, Rocky, Barbara Shirley.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jeani Synyard in memory of Mike Synyard.**

### SERVING TODAY

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

**Lectors:** Sheri Gravett, Stefani Carroll, Marcie Dennard

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Mark Henderson

**Altar Guild:** Francis Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake

**Ushers:** Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson, Cameron Prevost

**Greeter:** Dottie Pitts

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Paula Ramey



### TODAY!!! PARISH PICNIC/STEWARDSHIP DINNER

following the 10a service, plan to stay for our annual Parish Picnic/Stewardship Dinner on the grounds. The main dish will be Boston Butt.

**The 2026 BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED** – Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the ministry of Christ Church and return your 2026 pledge card as soon as possible. Your Finance Committee is hard at work and needs your commitment to support Christ Church and her ministries to those in this part of God's Kingdom.

**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:** Thursdays from 10:15-11:15 at the home of John & Mtr Marcia McRae - 2701 Green Meadow Drive. *November 6* we will be starting a new book based on the *Epistle of James*. We will be using the book *James for You* by Sam Allberry. Anyone interested in joining can purchase the book and come or call Tammy Borders for more information @ 229-560-5889.



### 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!

### Thanksgiving Service

with Christ Church and Christ the King



Tuesday, November 25th 6pm  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
3565 Berniss Road  
Reception with light refreshments to follow

**Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 25 – 6p** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Participation of all three Valdosta Episcopal churches. Light refreshments following the service.



### **Thanksgiving Dinner Update – Change of location.**

The Thanksgiving dinner will be at Nancy Lutsko's (4738 Layla Lane, Hahira) on Thanksgiving Day at 1p. Nancy will provide the turkey, guests are asked to bring a side dish. Please contact Nancy with any questions at 229.563.4358.

**PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING ADVENT** for worship, a light supper and discussion. We will be participating in the 1Book1Diocese for Advent discussion which "offers the chance to reflect on vocation in our lives, through the book *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us*," by Kathleen Cahalan, professor of practical theology at Saint John's University School of Theology and Seminary."

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

**5:30p Wednesdays in Advent – Worship/Dinner/Discussion**



**November 30 ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

Following the 10a service



**December 6**

**5p Valdosta Christmas Parade  
& Children's Gathering**

**December 13 Brass & Silver Polishing Party**



**December 19 HEP Nooners  
Luncheon and Wrapping Party**



**December 20 10a Children's Christmas Party**

**December 21 3p Annual Christmas Organ Recital  
followed by Reception**

**December 23 Greening of the Church for Christmas  
Annual Christmas HEP Party at Sandbach's**

**December 24 4:30p Children's Christmas Service  
w/ Bells and Candles  
11p Midnight Mass (pre-service music @ 10:30p)**

**December 25 10:00a Christmas Day 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  
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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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