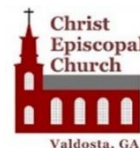


## Welcome to Christ Church! Vision: God's Love for All



November 23, 2025  
10a



Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Thanksgiving Suite</i>	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	Hymnal 494
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 236
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Hail, thou once despised Jesus!</i>	Hymnal 495
The Sermon – <i>The Kind of Company I'm Not Ashamed to Keep</i>	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 – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>	by Camille Saint-Saens
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>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	Hymnal 324
<i>Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth</i>	Hymnal 598
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine</i>	Hymnal 477
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	By Anna Laura Page

**The Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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



**Psalm: 46** **BCP 649**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \***  
**a very present help in trouble.**
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \***  
**and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \***  
**and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.**
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \***  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \***  
**God shall help her at the break of day.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \***  
**God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.**

- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \***  
**what awesome things he has done on earth.**
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \***  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \***  
**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**  
**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 Lessons:**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Gospel:**

**Luke 23:33-43**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Christ Church by Tony Brooks.**

### SERVING TODAY

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner

**Lectors:** Martin Holland, Mike Holland, Daphne Wright

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

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

**Ushers:** Mike Tanner, Tim Hood, Jerry Byrd

**Greeter:** Jeani Synyard

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Anne Burnette, Pat Bezona

### 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

**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.



Christ Church is supporting ***Koats for Kids***, sponsored by Valdosta Junior Service League. Please consider donating new and gently used children's coats for local needy children. Donations accepted up to December 16, 2025. A blue box is provided in the church parish hall for coat donations. Your generosity is appreciated.

### 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.

### 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!

**PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING ADVENT** beginning at 5:30pm 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.” **Copies of the book are available in the church office.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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



#### **November 30 ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

Following the 10a service. Wreath rings and candles will be available – donations accepted.



#### **December 6**

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

### **December 13 Brass & Silver Polishing Party**



**December 19 HEP Nooners  
Luncheon and Wrapping Party  
Christ Church parish hall**



### **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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[www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

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Molly Stevenson 229-292-8215



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VSU THEATRE & DANCE  
Presents

A Christmas Carol  
December 5 – 7 & 12 – 14  
Sawyer Theatre

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Scholarship Fund Raiser in support of VSU Theatre & Dance's Golden Circle Scholarship & Support Fund which helps us recruit and retain outstanding Theatre & Dance students.

This production will feature VSU Theatre & Dance Faculty, VSU Students, and local children in the performance.

**Friday, December 5 @ 6p**

**Saturday, December 6 @ 6p** (the same day and time as the Valdosta Christmas parade; on campus parking and travel on Patterson Street will be affected)

**Sunday, December 7 @ 1:30p**

**Friday, December 12 @ 6p**

**Saturday, December 13 @ 1:30p** (VSU's Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies begin at 5p)

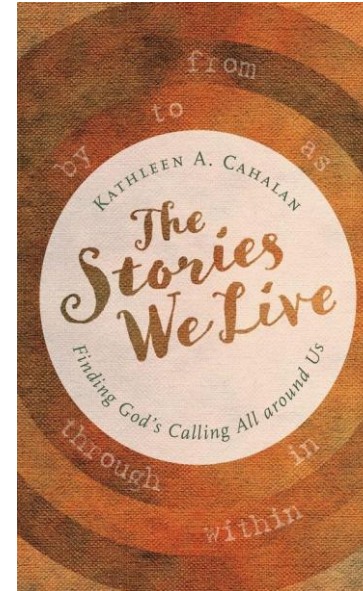
**Sunday, December 14 @ 1:30p**

Tickets are \$20.

Parties of 10 or more can receive at \$2 per ticket discount.

*Sawyer Theatre, VSU Fine Arts Building, First Floor*  
Box Office 229.333.5973

## 1Book1Diocese Advent 2025



This coming Advent, the Diocese is offering 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 and director of the Collegeville Seminars. The book offers a chance to reflect on how our everyday lives invite us into our many and diverse callings.



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To register, scan the QR code.

