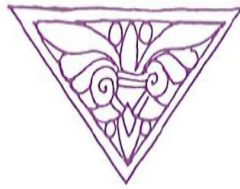




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KNOW ON WHAT DAY OUR LORD COMES

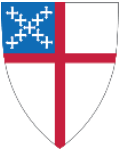


Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

November 30, 2025

10a



First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude –	by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn – <i>The King shall come when morning dawns</i>	Hymnal 73
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Trisagion	Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day	BCP 211
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Once he came in blessing</i>	Hymnal 53
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 392
Confession & Absolution	BCP 393
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>“Sleepers, wake!”</i>	by J.S. Bach
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S164
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	Hymnal 66
<i>Jesus came, adored by angels</i>	Hymnal 454
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Lo! He comes, with clouds descending</i>	Hymnal 57
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>O Blessed Emanuel</i>	by J.S. Bach

The Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson:

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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



Psalm: 122

BCP 779

¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
⁸ For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.
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:

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel:

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, the Boyd family, Tyson Carter, the Carpenter family, 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, Terry Windell.

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers: Blake Yarbrough, Sheri Gravett, Stefani Carroll

Lectors: Stefani Carroll, Pat Denmark, Sally Honeycutt

Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson

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

Ushers: Cliff Baker, Bryant Alonso, Rita Watters

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Arial,
Jeri-Lynn Flowers, Sally Nunn

The 2026 BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED – Thank you to all who have already so generously committed for next year! 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) 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: 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.

Grace Café

MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE

Christ Church participates in a monthly Food/Supplies Drive for Grace Café. **For December**, please bring **canned goods (soups, canned meats, and proteins)**. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

5:30p Wednesdays in Advent – Worship/Dinner/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 are available in the Church Office.

THIS WEEK: Chapters 1-3, DINNER: Please bring a pot of soup to share and/or sandwich. Salad and beverage provided. The book for this discussion series is now available for \$15 each in the parish hall.



November 30 – TODAY!!! ADVENT WREATH MAKING Following the 10a service



December 6 5p Valdosta Christmas Parade & Children’s Gathering

December 13 10a Brass & Silver Polishing Party



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



December 20 10a Children’s Christmas Party

December 21 3p Annual Christmas Organ Recital followed by Reception

December 23 10a Greening of the Church for Christmas
6:30p Annual Christmas HEP Party at the Sandbachs’

December 24 **4:30p** Children’s Christmas Service w/ Bells & 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.



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Christmas Poinsettias

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Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader
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Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook
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