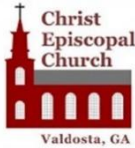


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Partita on Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	by Mark Bloedow
Opening Hymn – <i>O come, O come, Emanuel</i>	Hymnal 56
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Trisagion	Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day	BCP 212
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>The angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>	Hymnal 265
The Sermon	The Rev. Robert Carr
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>Mary Did You Know</i>	Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene arr by Tim Hayden Hymnal 380 vs. 3
Doxology	

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>Savior of the nations, come!</i>	Hymnal 54
<i>Ye who claim the faith of Jesus</i>	Hymnal 268
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Hark! the glad sound!</i>	Hymnal 72
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>How Brightly Beams the Morning Star</i>	by Roger C. Wilson

The Collect:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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



Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

BCP 702

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
⁴ O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
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 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Luke Cowart, Gretchen DeLong, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Teresa Hill, Tim Holcomb, Creston Hulett, Keena, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, Kenny Mistick, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, the Price family, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Saeger, Terry Windell, for those that died at the Hanukkah service in Australia.

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers: Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

Lectors: Marcie Dennard, Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Mark Henderson

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

Ushers: David Blevins, Tom Carroll

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Robin Coleman/ Debbie McLeod/ Jeani Synyard/ Margaret Mittiga/
Lucille Sineath/ Sue Ellen Rumstay

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.

YEAR END GIVING REMINDER: Please submit all tithes, offerings, and pledge contributions by December 30 so they can be processed and deposited before the bank closes on December 31. If need be, contributions may be placed in the drop box located on the office door off College Street entrance. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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. The book is 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. **December** please bring **canned goods, such as soups, canned meals 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!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

December 21 3p TODAY!!! Annual Christmas Organ Recital & Reception

Please Come!

Come and enjoy the inspiring music shared by our own Sue Ellen Rumstay, whose talents bless our congregation.

Following the recital, please join us in the church parish hall for our annual "Holiday Reception".

All Are Welcome

Whether you are a longtime member of joining us for the first time, we encourage everyone to attend.

We Look Forward to celebrating with you!

"You are encouraged to bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share".

**December 23 10a Greening of the Church for Christmas
6:30p 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

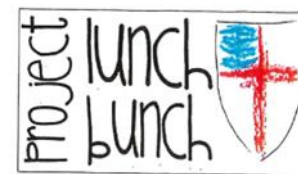
Coming in January 2026

January 4 Children's Nativity/Epiphany Pageant (during 10am service)

January 11 Father Kevin Kelly's 1st Sunday

January 21 Parish Supper provided by College Interns

January 25 Annual Meeting & Vestry Election (following 10am service)



An outreach Mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta

LUNCH BUNCH: January 10 & January 24

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.



Christmas Poinsettias

Please include the names of persons for whom they are given and submit this form with your donation to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

In Thanksgiving for / In Memory of / In Honor of
Please circle one

Given by

**Checks should be made out to Christ Church
and marked Christmas Flowers.**



***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

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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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