

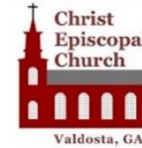
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

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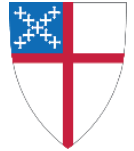


Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

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Christmas Eve Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Variations of Adeste Fideles*

By Raynor Taylor

Opening Hymn – *O come, all ye faithful*

Hymnal 83

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 – *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Hymnal 87

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements – *Please Be Seated*

Offertory – *Lift Up Your Heads*

by Larry Shackley
arr. by Douglas Wagner

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 S154

The Communion

BCP 365

Communion Hymn – *In the bleak midwinter*

Hymnal 112

The snow lay on the ground

Hymnal 110

Hymn – *Silent night*

Hymnal 111

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Hymn – *Joy to the world!*

Hymnal 100

Dismissal

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Postlude – *Recessional on Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn, arr. by
Franklin Ashdown

The Collect:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he live and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting, **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest,⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹ The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹² They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

Psalm: 97

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¹ **The Lord is King;**

0 let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness are round about him, ***

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

³ **A fire goes before him ***

and burns up his enemies on every side.

⁴ **His lightnings light up the world; ***

the earth sees it and is afraid.

⁵ **The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, ***

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness, ***

and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷ **Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! ***

Bow down before him, all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, ***
because of your judgments, O Lord.

⁹ **For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; ***

you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **The Lord loves those who hate evil; ***
he preserves the lives of his saints

and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ **Light has sprung up for the righteous, ***

and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ***

and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Lesson:

Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel:

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.] ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Sager, Terry Windell, for those that died at the Hanukkah service in Australia.*



Christmas Poinsettias

2025

Given By:

Pauline Brown

Bruce Brugel

Brad & Ann Burnette

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Duke Guthrie

Walter & Gail Hobgood

Happy Ingeman

Nancy Lutsko

Dennis & Patricia Marks

Katherine Mayer

Rev. Marcia & John McRae

Sally Nunn

Jennifer Powell

Mike and Amber Tanner

Curt Williams & Jose
Santiago

In Memory of:

Captain William Leo Brown

Oscar Brugel, Jr., Eleanor Volpe Brugel,
Gerald Mann & Fred Perrin

Beth Burnette, Laura Church, Jo Church,
Joyce & Howard Bradley, Jewel & Brad
Burnette & James Hanson

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Juanita Teasley, Boots & Patty Tudor,
Melanie Tudor, Mitch Hall & Ms. Gnann
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& Callum Eager

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Marge & Joe McCartney

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Jack Fitzsimons, Bret Nelson, Claire
Holland, Ann Stone, Laurie McCall

Bill Nunn

Edwin Powell & Jimbo McMillin

Jim & Barbara Tanner

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Sally Nunn

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In Memory of:

Brooks & Mary Lovelace, Gordon & Doris
Wisembaker, Steve Lovelance, Marie
Wisembaker Waters, Serra Wisembaker,
John Robert Wisembaker, Sammy Duenke

Wyman & Cordelia Howard

Jerry & Jay Demott

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Audrey Rumstay, Lillian Collins, Hicks
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In Thanksgiving for:

Our family

Children, Grandchildren &
Great granddaughter – Meredith &
Graham & Robert Church

My family near & far

My Family

Tristan & Robin Guice

Joshua, Meri Claire, Eerin & Chris Hanson

Marge Fitzsimons, Garden Guild

Kip, Tina, Olivia & McKey Nunn
Jan, Todd, Leila & Elly Skinner

Savannah, Kinsley & Colter Bolster

Bryant, Lindsey, Mary Charles & Brooks
Alonso, Amy & Katie Wisembaker

All of our children, grandchildren,
daughter-in-law & son-in-law.

Maddie & Blake Yarbrough

All our children & grandchildren

Fr. Walter, Pastor Bob, Nancy Sartin &
Nancy Lutsko



Christmas Poinsettias 2025

Given By:

Rev. Marcia & John McRae
Marjorie F. Fitzsimons
Nikki & Bobby Yarbrough

In Honor of:

Marily Kemper
John & Marcia McRae
Judy Demott



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we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service,
respecting the dignity of all.***

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