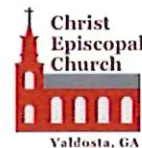


## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All



December 25, 2025

10am



Christmas Day Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Variations on Adeste Fideles</i>	by Raynor Taylor
Opening Hymn – <i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing</i>	Hymnal 107
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	BCP 356
The Collect of the Day	BCP 213
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>Hark! the herald the angels sing</i>	Hymnal 87
The Gospel	
The Sermon	Molly Stevenson
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 392
Confession	BCP 393
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>Silent Night</i>	Hymnal 111
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

#### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	BCP 367
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	BCP 364
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>The First Nowell</i>	Hymnal 99
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn – <i>Joy to the world!</i>	Hymnal 100
Dismissal	

Postlude – Recessional on Hark the Herald Angels Sing	Mendelssohn, arr. by Franklin Ashdown
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**The Collect:**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Lesson:****Isaiah 52:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Psalm: 98****BCP 727**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

**Second Lesson:****Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)**

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.<sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; <sup>12</sup> like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

**Gospel:****John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Gayle Adams, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, Tony Brooks, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Luke Cowart, Tom Curry, Gretchen DeLong, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Teresa Hill, Tim Holcomb, Creston Hulett, Barbara Jenkins, Keena, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, Kenny Mistick, Pamela Moore, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Saeger, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell.





## Christmas Poinsettias 2025

### Given By:

Clinton & Jeane Beeland  
Ann & Brad Burnette  
  
Pat Denmark  
Connie Flowers  
Frances & Merrill Guice  
Happy Ingeman  
  
Will & Bonnie Hanson  
John & Phyllis Hiers  
  
Lee & Kay Howard  
Steve & Maggie Roberts  
Rev. Marcia & John McRae  
  
Sally Nunn  
  
Sally Turner Querin  
  
Larry & Elizabeth  
Wisembaker  
Nikki & Bobby Yarbrough

### In Thanksgiving for:

Our family  
Children, Grandchildren &  
Great granddaughter – Meredith &  
Graham & Robert Church  
  
My family near & far  
My Family  
Tristan & Robin Guice  
Fr. Walter, Pastor Bob, Nancy Sartin &  
Nancy Lutsko  
Joshua, Meri Claire, Eerin & Chris Hanson  
All our children & grandchildren  
  
Duke Guthrie & John & Marcia McRae  
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



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### Given By:

Pauline Brown  
Bruce Brugel  
  
Brad & Ann Burnette  
  
Jane and Jerred Chambers  
  
Carolyn Eager Coleman  
  
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  
Colonel Joel H. Teasley & Mrs. Emily  
Juanita Teasley, Boots & Patty Tudor,  
Melanie Tudor, Mitch Hall & Ms. Gnann  
Moser  
Daniel Coleman, Bill Eager, Hopkins Eager  
& Callum Eager  
John and Peggy Guthrie  
Clemence & Dorothy Riedie, Hilda Landau,  
Walter & Velma Hobgood, Sr.  
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Gary Thomas  
LeRoy & Mary Smith, Louis & Helen Marks  
Marge & Joe McCartney  
Bob & Phyllis Owens, Grif & Lucille Griffin,  
Jack Fitzsimons, Bret Nelson, Claire  
Holland, Ann Stone, Laurie McCall  
Bill Nunn  
Edwin Powell & Jimbo McMillin  
Jim & Barbara Tanner  
Stephanie Williams & Jose R. Santiago



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2025



*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.*

### Given By:

### In Memory of:

Larry & Elizabeth  
Wisembaker

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

Lee & Kay Howard

Wyman & Cordelia Howard

Nikki & Bobby Yarbrough

Jerry & Jay Demott

Paula Ramey

Boots & Pattie Tudor, Melanie Tudor,  
William Houck

Ken & Sue Ellen Rumstay

Harold McGrath, Harriette McGrath,  
Audrey Rumstay, Lillian Collins, Hicks  
Waldron

### Given By:

### In Honor of:

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

Marilyn Kemper  
John & Marcia McRae  
Judy Demott

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  
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Issa Young, Choir Director  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music  
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

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