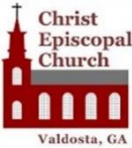




# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

December 28, 2025  
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First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist Rite II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Toccata on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent &amp; Of the Father's Love Begotten</i></b>	by Rebecca K. Owens
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>Joy to the world!</i></b>	Hymnal 100
<b>Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>The Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Trisagion</b>	Hymnal S102
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	BCP 213
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – <i>Of the Father's love begotten</i></b>	Hymnal 82
<b>The Sermon</b>	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People, Form VI</b>	BCP 392
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	BCP 393
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i></b>	
<b>Offertory – <i>Rise Up Shepherd and Follow</i></b>	trad. spiritual
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B</b>	BCP 367
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymnal S130
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymnal S154
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 365
<b>Communion Hymn – <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence How bright appears the Morning Star</i></b>	Hymnal 324
	Hymnal 497
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	BCP 366
<b>Hymn – <i>All glory be to God on high</i></b>	Hymnal 421
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – <i>How Bright Appears the Morning Star</i></b>	by Johann Pachelbel

**The Collect:**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament:**

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.<sup>1</sup> For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Psalms: 147:13-21**

**BCP 804**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!  
<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.  
<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.  
<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.  
<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.  
<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;  
<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.  
<sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]  
<sup>13</sup> Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;  
<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.  
<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.  
<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?  
<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Lesson:**

**Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Gospel:**

**John 1:1-18**

<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 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. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

**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  
Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

**January 4 TODAY !!!** 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)



**HEP PARTY January 9 6:30p**  
This party will be a meet and greet with Fr. Kevin Kelly and hi wife Christine. Hosted by Nikki and Bobby Yarbrough at 4700 Skipper Bridge Road, Hahira.



**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. Please call John McRae at 229-220-5619 to sign up or just show on Saturday.

**Stitchers of Love** meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4p. Meeting dates in January are *January 4 and January 18.*



**Youth Programs for Winter/Spring 2026**

**Youth Weekly Compline**  
**Where:** Zoom  
**When:** Every Wednesday evening @ 9p  
**Who:** 6 – 12 grade youth

**Winterblast**  
**Where:** Honey Creek  
**When:** January 2-4, 2026  
**Who:** 6 – 12 grade youth

**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](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. *NEXT book study group will be January 8, 2026.* The book they will be using is; Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon for Everyone: 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide by N. T. Wright. For more information call Tammy borders at 229.560.5889.



**COLLEGE MINISTRY Food Pantry & Supplies Drive**  
**For January - ramen noodles and pasta sauces** (we have a lot of noodles and pasta, just need sauces). A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!



***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  
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
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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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