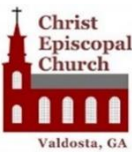


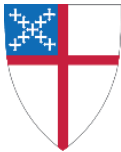


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

December 7, 2025  
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Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Comfort, comfort ye my people</i>	by Raymond Haan
Opening Hymn – <i>Prepare the way, O Zion</i>	Hymnal 65
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>Comfort, comfort, ye my people</i>	Hymnal 67
The Sermon	The Rev. Robert Carr
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 387
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>We are Waiting</i>	by Precilla Landes
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>Wait for the Lord (Taize)</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymnal 616
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	By Michael Burkhardt

**The Collect:**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Psalms: 72:1-7, 18-19**

**BCP 685**

<sup>1</sup>**Give the King your justice, O God, \***  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**  
<sup>2</sup>**That he may rule your people righteously \***  
**and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>**That the mountains may bring**  
**prosperity to the people, \***  
**and the little hills**  
**bring righteousness.**  
<sup>4</sup>**He shall defend the needy among the people; \***  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \***  
**from one generation to another.**  
<sup>6</sup>**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>**In his time shall the righteous flourish; \***  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**  
<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \***  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**  
<sup>19</sup>**And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \***  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.**

**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 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham." <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

***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, Creston Hulett, Keena, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, Kenny Mistick, Kamrin Naville, Johnny Price, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, Terry Windell.***

## SERVING TODAY

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Blake Yarbrough

**Lectors:** Sallie Honeycutt, Marcie Dennard, Rita Watters

**Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

**Ushers:** Rita Watters, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley

**Greeter:** Martin Holland

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

**The 2026 BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED** – Thank you to all who have pledged their support for next year. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please prayerfully consider your pledge to the ministry of Christ Church and return it 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](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. *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. **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!

## 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 4-6** The book for this discussion series is now available for \$15 each in the parish hall.

**December 13 10a** Brass & Silver Polishing Party

**December 14 4p** Blue Christmas Service



**December 19** HEP Nooners Luncheon and Wrapping Party held 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 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



**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

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*

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

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.  
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Molly Stevenson, Sr. Warden  
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Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO  
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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