

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



January 4, 2026  
10am



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	arr. by Gordon Young
Opening Hymn – <i>As with gladness men of old</i>	Hymnal 119
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 214
The Lessons	(next page)
Gospel Hymn – <i>How bright appears the Morning Star</i>	Hymnal 497
The Gospel	(See Insert)
Children's Nativity/Epiphany Pageant	BCP 358
Nicene Creed	BCP 392
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 393
Confession	BCP 360
The Peace	
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory –	
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 – <i>What star is this, with beams so bright In the bleak midwinter</i>	Hymnal 124
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	Hymnal 112
The Blessing	BCP 365
Hymn – <i>Brightest and best of the stars of the morning</i>	BCP366
Dismissal	Hymnal 117
Postlude – Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings"	BCP 366
	by Gordon Young

### The Collect:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson:

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." <sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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



### Psalm: 84

**BCP 707**

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

<sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, \*

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

<sup>7</sup> Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup> Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

<sup>9</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

<sup>11</sup> No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

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.**

**Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

### Gospel:

**Matthew 2:13 – 15, 19-23**

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." <sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**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, Doug Farwell, 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 Saeger, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell.

**January 4 TODAY !!!** Children's Nativity/Epiphany Pageant



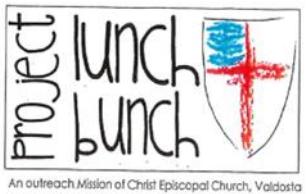
**HEP PARTY – Friday, January 9 - 6:30p** This will be a meet and greet with Fr. Kevin Kelly and his wife Christine. Hosted by Nikki and Bobby Yarbrough at 4700 Skipper Bridge Road, Hahira. *Please bring an appetizer to share.*

**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)

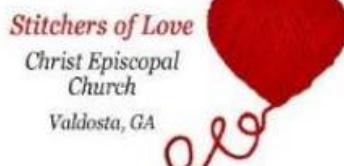
**VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT!** – Are you interested in serving on the Vestry or know someone who would like to? Please submit your/their name to someone on the Nominating Committee – Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt, Molly Stevenson or Mike Tanner. We will elect 4 persons at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10am service. Those elected will serve a 3-year term, beginning in February.



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.



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

# Grace Café

**COLLEGE MINISTRY MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ**  
**FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE** **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!

## Youth Events for 2026

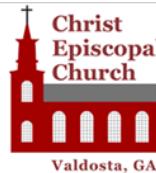


### Youth Weekly Compline

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

### **February 27 – March 1 Happening**

**Where:** Honeycreek  
**Who:** High school youth



***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

Stefani Carroll, Treasurer

Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

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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