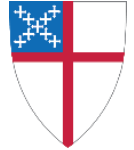


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Vision: God's Love for All

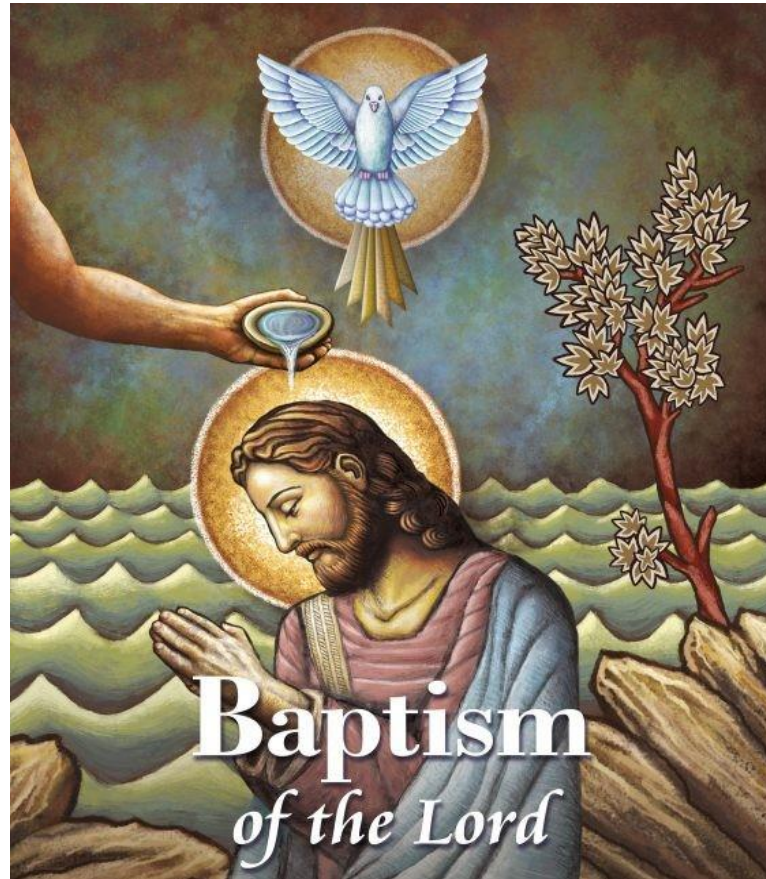
January 11, 2026

10am



First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Holy Eucharist Rite II



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known	by Wilber Held
Opening Hymn – <i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>	Hymnal 76
Salutation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 214
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Gospel Hymn – <i>Christ, when for us you were baptized</i>	Hymnal 121
The Gospel	
The Sermon	The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly
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>Be Thou My Vision</i>	by Dan Miller
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B	BCP 367
<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	Hymnal 339
<i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	Hymnal 448
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 – Offertoire

by Alexandre Guilmant

The Collect:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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



Psalm: 29

BCP 620

- ¹ **Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ***
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; ***
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;**
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; ***
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

- ⁵ **The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ***
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, ***
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ **The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;**
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Ka-desh.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe ***
 and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹ **And in the temple of the Lord ***
 all are crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; ***
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-more.
- ¹¹ **The Lord shall give strength to his people; ***
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
- Glory be 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. A-men.

Second Lesson:

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for

us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, the Almand family, Bruce Beal, Tony Brooks, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Gretchen DeLong, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Doug Farwell, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Teresa Hill, the Holcomb family, Cathy Home, Keena, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, Kenny Mistick, Pamela Moore, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Saeger, the Smith family, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jacquie Thigpen in memory of Vince Thigpen.

Serving this Week

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard
- Lectors:** Kathryn Mayer, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson
- Acolytes:** Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
- Altar Guild:** Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright
- Ushers:** Eric Nielsen, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley
- Greeter:** Rita Watters
- Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
- Coffee Hour Hosts:** Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Sally Nunn

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 11 – TODAY!** Enhanced coffee hour. Come meet and greet Fr. Kelly and his family, after the 10a service. The Kellys are looking forward to meeting their new church family.
- January 21** Parish Supper provided by College Interns
- January 25** Annual Meeting & Vestry Election (following 10am service)
- February 6 - 7** Vestry Retreat @ Honey Creek

February 17 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 18 Ash Wednesday

February 27 - March 1 Happening #112 @ Honey creek (9-12 grade youth)

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 25th following the 10am service. Those elected will serve a 3-year term, beginning in February.



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

JAN
2-4

WINTERBLAST

Youth in grades 6-12 will spend time in meaningful discussions, inspiring music, and engaging activities.

FEB
27-1

HAPPENING

Led by high school youth for high school youth at Honey Creek, participants are given the time to deep dive into their faith and grow within community.

MAR
20-22

NEW BEGINNINGS

Youth in grades 7-9 spend a weekend at Honey Creek learning more about their faith, church, and God.

MAY
1-3

SPRING RETREAT

Youth in grades 6-12 will spend time together in nature and fellowship at Honey Creek.

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Youth Weekly Compline

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

February 27 – March 1
Happening

Where: Honey Creek
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’d Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.
The Rev’d R. Kevin Kelly, Rector
The Rev’d 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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