

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Welcome to Christ Church!

February 22, 2026
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First Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on “Heinlein”</i>	by Beatrice Miller
The Great Litany	BCP 148
<i>Kyrie</i>	S92
The Collect of the Day	BCP 166
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Sequence Hymn – <i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	Hymnal 150
The Sermon	The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
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The Peace & Announcements	BCP 332
Offertory - <i>Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days</i>	by Richard Shepherd

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I)	BCP 333
<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S116
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S159
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Communion Hymns – <i>Now let us all with one accord Where charity and love prevail</i>	Hymnal 147 Hymnal 581
The Lenten Blessing	BCP 339
Recessional Hymn – <i>A mighty fortress is our God</i>	Hymnal 688
Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude – <i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	By Wilber Held

The Collect:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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



Psalm: 32

BCP 624

¹ **Happy are they whose transgressions are for-given, ***
and whose sin is put a-way!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ **While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-way, ***
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵ **Then I acknowledged my sin to you, ***
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶ **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; ***
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸ **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of de-liverance.

⁹ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; ***
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-standing; ***
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

¹¹ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; ***
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹² **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; ***
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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. A-men.

Second Lesson:

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just

as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, Bruce Beal, Ron Bezona, Tony Brooks, Don Brugal, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Ellie Daniels, Gretchen DeLong, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Doug Farwell, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Cathy Home, Creston Huelett, Steve Honeycutt, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, the Mistick family, Pamela Moore, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Saeger, Fego Seward, Carrean Shapiro, Debi Spivey, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell.

Serving this Week – February 22

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Mark Henderson, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Jeani Synyard, Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Jennifer Hood, Elizabeth Hood

Altar Guild: Sandra Debi Seager, Julia Arial, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: Cliff Baker, Bryant Alonso, Rita Watters

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

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

February 25 6p First Eucharist - Lenten Dinner/Discussion

Reference the Grapevine for more details



HEP (Happy Episcopal People) Nooners Lunch: *Friday – February 27 at NOON* at the home of Rev. Marcia and John McRae (2701 Green Meadow Drive). The group is open to church family members and friends. Lunch is catered; a signup sheet will be placed on the parish hall bulletin board the week prior to the luncheon. Any questions contact John McRae at 229.220.5619. Future meeting months; April, June, August, October and December.



LUNCH BUNCH: *Meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, This month the dates are February 14 and February 28.* 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 up on Saturday.



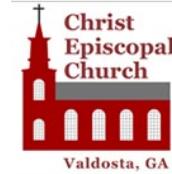
Stitchers of Love meet on the *1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4p* in parish hall. March meeting dates are; *March 1 and March 15.*



COLLEGE MINISTRY MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE. The café food pantry is requesting for *February:* Granola bars, individually packaged snack foods and fruit cups. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!

College Ministry Dinner and Gathering Nights for February

February 26 7p Dinner – Baked potato bar



Youth Events for 2026

Youth Weekly Compline

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



Scan to Join Compline

February 27 – March 1 - Happening

Where: Honey Creek
Who: High school youth

More Information contact Liz Williams at 1williams@gaepiscopal.org

March 20 – 22

New Beginnings

Who: Youth 7 -9 Grades For more info – Contact Karen Bell at karenmackenziebell@gmail.com

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

Bobby Yarbrough, Sr. Warden

Ed Mistick, Jr. 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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