



Welcome to Christ Church!

March 1, 2026
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The 2nd Sunday in Lent

A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

FOR GOD SO
LOVED THE WORLD HE
GAVE HIS ONLY-BEGOTTEN
SON THAT ALL WHO
BELIEVE IN HIM MIGHT
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
EVERLASTING LIFE. GOD
DID NOT SEND HIS SON
TO CONDEMN THE
WORLD BUT THAT THROUGH
HIM THE WORLD
MIGHT BE SAVED.

JOHN 3



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – <i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	arr. by Mark Kellner
Opening Hymn – <i>The God of Abraham praise</i>	Hymnal 401
Opening Acclamation	BCP 319
The Confession of Sin	BCP 320
<i>Kyrie</i>	S92
The Collect of the Day	BCP 166
The Lessons	(Next page)
Sequence Hymn – <i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i>	Hymnal 635
The Sermon	The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory – <i>Blessed Assurance</i>	by Richard Waters

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)	BCP 340
<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S115
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S159
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Communion Hymn – <i>Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	Taizé
The Lenten Blessing	
Recessional Hymn – <i>Lift high the cross</i>	Hymnal 473
The Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude – <i>Toccata on the God of Abraham Praise</i>	By Michael Burkhardt

The Collect:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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



Psalm 121

BCP 779

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
 - 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
 - 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall a-sleep.
 - 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 - 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 - 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
 - 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
 - 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for ever-more.
- 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 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Serving this Week – March 1

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Nielsen, Sandy Sandbach, Molly Stevenson

Lectors: Katherine Mayer, Sallie Honeycutt, Sandy Sandbach

Acolytes: Molly Stevenson, Dot Gatchell, Erica Thieme

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

Ushers: Tanner Darby, Martin Holland, Stephen Sandbach

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

Audio/Visual Crew: Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland,
Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 4 6p Wednesdays in Lent - Walking through Holy Week
See the Grapevine for more details

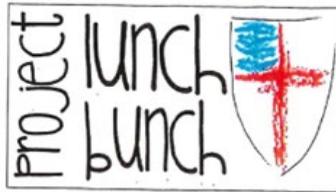
*****Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Week!*****

March 27-28 – Lay Ministers Conference @ Honey Creek

March 29 – April 5 Holy Week/Easter

April 16-19 – Cursillo @ Honey Creek

April 27-29 – Spring Clergy Conference @ Honey Creek



An outreach mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta

LUNCH BUNCH: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, this month the dates are March 14 and March 28. Help make sack lunches for approximately 100 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.

Socks and Underwear Drive – Sponsored by Lowndes County Called to Care. A collection basket has been placed in the parish hall for donations of socks and underwear for children. Youth sizes 7-14 (underwear) and 9-2 or 4-9 (socks) are most needed.



Stitchers of Love The 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4p in parish hall. March meeting dates - March 1 and March 15.

Grace Café

COLLEGE MINISTRY MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE. The café food pantry is requesting for *March*: hygiene products – shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. 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 March

March 5, 7pm – Art Night

March 12, 7pm – Dinner (Pizza)

March 19, SPRING BREAK

March 26, 7pm – Trivia Night

Upcoming Children and Youth Events

Families with Young Kids Gathering – Saturday, March 21, 3pm

Hosted by Cameron and Kelli Prevost, 5323 Forest Glen Circle (Stone Creek)

Bounce House, Boston Butt and Slaw. Bring an appetizer or side to share. *BYOB*

Youth Weekly Compline

Where: Zoom

When: Every Wednesday evening @ 9pm

Who: 6 – 12 grade youth



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February 27 – March 1 - Happening

Where: Honey Creek

Who: High school youth

March 20 – 22

New Beginnings

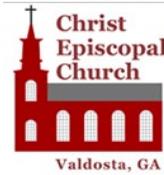
Who: Youth 7 -9 Grades For more info – Contact Karen Bell at karenmackenziebell@gmail.com

Summer Camp @ Honey Creek

High School (9th – 12th grade) – June 7-13

St. Peter (6th – 8th grade) – June 14-20

Sts. Joseph & Mary (3rd – 5th grade) – June 21-27



***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

Molly Stevenson, Interim Administrative Assistant

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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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