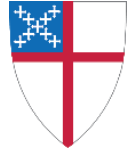


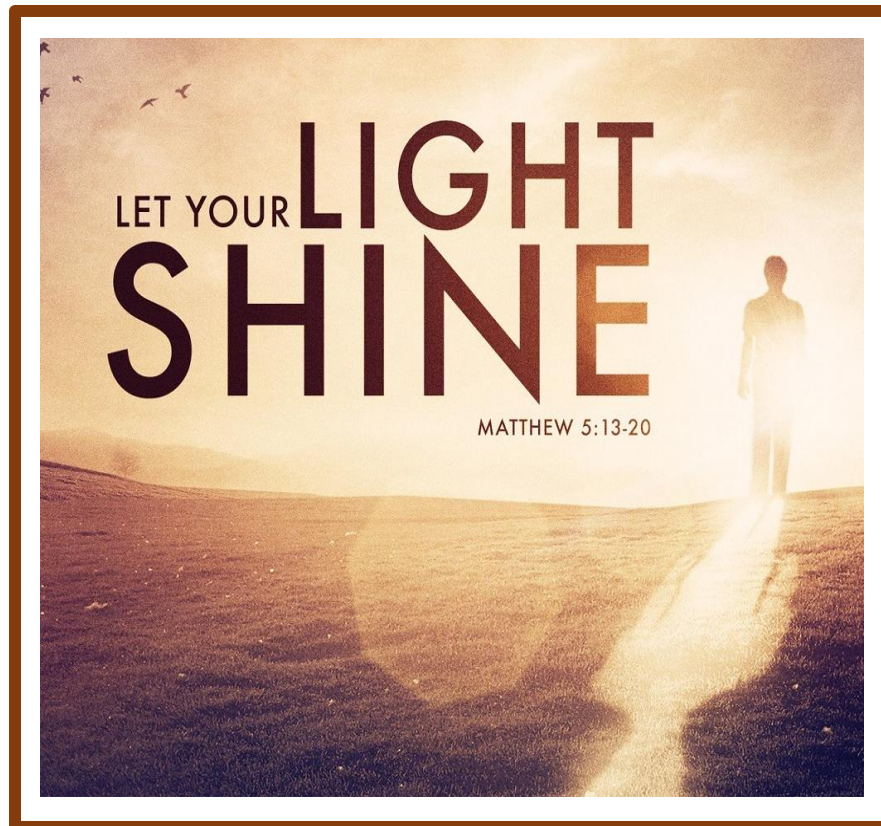
Welcome to Christ Church!
Vision: God's Love for All

February 8, 2026
10am



The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – <i>Partita on Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	by Johann Pachelbel
Opening Hymn – <i>Lord of all being, throned afar</i>	Hymnal 419
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 216
The Lessons	(next page)
Sequence Hymn – <i>Be thou my vision</i>	Hymnal 488
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>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	by G.F. Handel, tenor soloist, Chris Rutland
Doxology	

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>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	Hymnal 336
<i>O Food to pilgrims given</i>	Hymnal 309
The Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>	Hymnal 559
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – Postludium	by Adolph Hesse

The Collect:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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



Psalm: 112:1-10

BCP 735

¹ **Hallelujah!**
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his com-mandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; ***
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ **Wealth and riches will be in their house, ***
and their righteousness will last for ever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ***
the righteous are merciful and full of com-passion.
⁵ **It is good for them to be generous in lending ***
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ **For they will never be shaken; ***
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-membrance.
⁷ **They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; ***
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, ***
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
⁹ **They have given freely to the poor, ***
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry;**
they will gnash their teeth and pine a-way; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.
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:

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually

discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

Gospel: **Matthew 5:13-20**
¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Serving this Week – February 8

Eucharistic Ministers: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Stefani Carroll,
Lectors: Gloria Corker, Stefani Carroll, Ruth Holland
Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
Altar Guild: Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright
Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers
Greeter: Rita Watters
Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Paula Ramey

Calendar of Upcoming Events

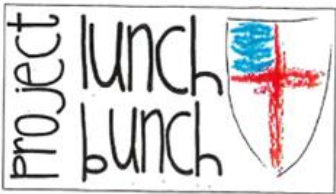
February 17 6p - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 18 Noon & 6p - Ash Wednesday

February 25 6p Eucharist - Lenten Dinner/Discussion



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.



An outreach Mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta

just show up on Saturday.

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



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

Grace Café

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 5 7p Gathering Night – Yarn Night, crocheting hearts for Valentine’s Day

February 12 7p Dinner – Asian Night

February 19 7p Gathering Night – Karaoke

February 26 7p Dinner – Baked potato bar

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found is located on the counter in the kitchen area. Please check and see if any of the found items belong to you. Items not claimed by February 15 will be donated.

Youth Events for 2026

Youth Weekly Compline

Where: Zoom

When: Every Wednesday evening @ 9p

Who: 6 – 12 grade youth



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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

More Information: contact coordinator 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

Molly Stevenson, Sr. Warden

Mike Tanner, Jr. Warden

Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant

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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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