

CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

"Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry"



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 10:30AM

*"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."*

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. Restrooms are located in the Parish House to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card (*located in the pew*) and place it in the offering plate. Clipboards containing materials for children are available in the Narthex.

Nursery care is provided next door in the Parish House; however, all children are welcome in our services.

Christ Church is an active and vibrant parish in the heart of Downtown Macon since its founding in 1825. We are a forward-looking parish that values our heritage, liturgy, and outreach to the greater community. To learn more please visit us online via our website at www.christchurchmacon.com. The Parish Office is open from 9a–4p Monday through Thursday. You can reach us by calling (478) 745-0427.

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christ Church welcomes all people and no matter where you are on your faith journey, you have a place here. We hope to see you soon.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Compline

Sunday, October 25
6:30 pm in the Church

All Hallows' Eve Service & Carnival

Wednesday, October 28
5:30 pm in Jones Chapel

The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 1
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

All Souls' Evensong

Sunday, November 1
6:30 pm in the Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

Compline

Sunday, November 8
6:30 pm in the Church

Holy Eucharist & Healing

Every Wednesday
Noon in the Church

Compline

Every Wednesday
8:45 pm on Facebook

THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *Cantilene*

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The People stand.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal, 379

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Hymnal, S 236

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but

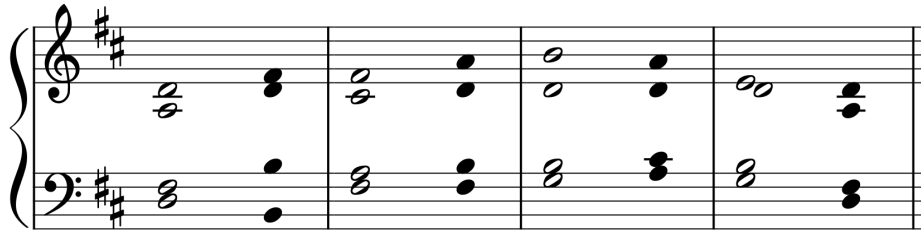
you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Psalm 1



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a/way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the

gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE: Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal, 574

The People remain standing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34–46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Harriette Simmons

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The People kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV

BCP, p. 388

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We

give thanks for your many blessings, especially the marriage of John Clark and Mason McGarrity this weekend. Please add your own prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially those on our Parish Prayer List: Anne, Al, Bailey, Becca, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Christy, Claire, Dennis, Ed, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Ellen, George, Gibson, Gracie Marie, Griffin, Hadley, Helen, Jaime, JB, John, Kristie, Lee, Libby, Lisa, Lowe, Margaret, Matthew, Nancy, Pat, Patricia, Pete, Phil, Pud, Rodney, Sammy, Tommy, Trisha, William, and Wright. We also pray for those serving in the military: Alivia, Austin, Cameron, Donald, Georgia, Joe, Lorraine, Sam, and Theodore. Please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Mary Catherine Johnston and Lisa A. Smith, who died recently, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember this day Frank and Millie Craven, for whom the altar flowers are given in loving memory and to the glory of God.

Silence may be kept

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant will conclude with a suitable Collect.

The People remain kneeling.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The People sit.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We come together as the Body of Christ, we partake in the Body of Christ, to go out into the world to be the Body of Christ. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer for healing, please remain at the rail after receiving Communion with your hands in an attitude of prayer and our prayer ministers will pray with you and anoint you with oil for healing.

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY: “Thy Perfect Love”

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best
And wound my heart in thy love free
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION: For the fruit of all creation

Hymnal, 424

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal, S 127

The People kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BCP, p. 371

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 371

THE GREAT AMEN

BCP, p. 372

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: My flesh is food indeed

Hymnal, S 169

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

During Communion, please observe a holy and respectful silence to allow for private prayer.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal, 505

The People kneel.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 366

THE BLESSING

The People stand.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal, 376

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: *Sortie*

Richard Lloyd (1933–2021)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

CELEBRANT & GOSPELER

The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

PREACHER

The Rev. Harriette Simmons

VERGER

Sandy Duke

FLOWER GUILD

Jennifer Duke

ACOLYTES

Cohen Camp, *crucifer*

Kate Greer, *clergy cross*

Hank Greer, *torch*

Arbour Hair, *torch*

HEALING PRAYER MINISTER

Katy Tosh

USHERS & GREETERS

Liz & Jonathan Hill

Burt & Nancy Wilkerson

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Jed Hill

Elizabeth Schorr

VESTRY WELCOMER

Jed Hill

ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Solomon

Molly Muse

Karen Maurizi

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS

Tim Hoskins

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

GUEST ORGANIST

Alvin Blount

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Parish Office Hours | Monday—Thursday 9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm | Closed Friday

Sunday, October 25: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken) — *Church*
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School — *Parish House*
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School — *Youth Suite*
- 9:30 am Adult Discussion of Sunday's Scriptures — *Great Hall*
- 9:30 am Bishop's Podcast Discussion Group — *Parlor*
- 9:30 am Christ Church Choir — *Church*
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (With music) — *Church*
- Lemonade on the Lawn — *Cloister Garden*
- Church History Tour — *Church*
- 11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*
- 5 pm Sunday Evening Supper — *Great Hall*
- 5:30 pm Alpha Course — *Cloister Room*
- 5:30 pm Adult Bible Study — *Youth Sunday School Room*
- 5:30 pm EYC — *Youth Suite*
- 5:30 pm Knitting Group — *Parlor*
- 5:30 pm Choir School of Macon — *Choir Room*
- 6:30 pm Compline — *Church*

Tuesday, October 27

- 6 pm Alpha Marriage Course — *Great Hall*

Wednesday, October 28

- 9 am Women's Bible Study — *Parlor*
- 10:45 am Wise Women's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
- 12 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing — *Church*
- 5:30 pm All Hallows' Eve Service & Carnival — *Jones Chapel & Great Hall*
- 8:45 pm Compline — *Facebook*

Thursday, October 29

- 7:10 am Men's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
- 6 pm Christ Church Choir — *Choir Room*

Friday, October 30

Parish office is closed

Saturday, October 31

- 11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*

Sunday, November 1: The Feast of All Saints

Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken) — *Church*
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School — *Parish House*
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please send announcements to communications@christchurchmacon.com)

Church History Tour

Russ Henry will be offering a tour of the church focusing on the art and history of Christ Church today following the 10:30 am service. It will begin in the main church building around 12:00.

Memorial Names for All Saints' Day Service

Please submit by the end of the day

Sunday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, the day in which we remember and celebrate all those who have gone before us in faith, especially our own loved ones. If you have lost a loved one since the previous All Saints' Day (November 2, 2025), please send their names to tim@christchurchmacon.com. They will be printed in the bulletin and read aloud during the Eucharistic Prayer. Please submit all names by Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Seasoned Saints Fall Gathering

Tomorrow at 6 pm

The Seasoned Saints are meeting for their fall gathering on October 26 at 6 pm at the home of Jeff and Nancy White. Soup and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, please bring sandwiches to share and BYOB if you would like something alcoholic. Seasoned Saints is a fellowship group for parishioners 60 and up (although there is no hard age limit).

All Hallows' Eve Service & Carnival

Wednesday, October 28 at 5:30 pm

You're invited to celebrate All Hallows' Eve with us on Wednesday, October 28! The service begins at 5:30 pm in Jones Chapel, followed by a costume parade, dinner and carnival games. If you would like to volunteer to help run a carnival game or setup/takedown, email Rachel at rachel@christchurchmacon.com or scan the QR code. **We are also collecting donations of candy to give out as prizes for the carnival games. There is a collection basket in the lobby of the Parish House in front of Christ Church Central or you can drop candy off at the Parish Office.**



All Souls' Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 1 at 6:30 pm

The next Choral Evensong will be held on the evening of Sunday, November 1 beginning at 6:30 pm in the church. This will be a service of solemn remembrance for all the Faithful Departed. There will be a time during the service for people to come forward and light candles for their departed loved ones, if they would like. It will be a time to join together in both grief and thanksgiving for the lives of those who have gone before us.

APOLLO5 in Concert

Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm

The British vocal group APOLLO5 will be in concert at Christ Church in the main church building on Tuesday, November 3 beginning at 7:30 pm. They last visited Christ Church during our Bicentennial year in 2025 and it was a truly captivating show encompassing a wide variety of sacred, secular, and traditional pieces. The concert is free and open to the public.

Young Family Supper Club

Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm

Sarah and Samuel Adams are hosting our Fall Young Family Supper Club Saturday, November 14 beginning 5 pm. This is an opportunity for our young families and families with children to get to know one another and spend some time in fellowship. Kids are welcome! RSVP using the QR code on the right.



Writers Needed for Advent Devotional Book

This Advent, we will be putting together our third annual book of daily Advent devotions written by members of Christ Church. This year we have selected a variety of Scripture readings that explore the themes of the Advent season. At the sign up list, you can see what days are available, which scripture was chosen for each day, and an example verse from each day's passage. We are looking for short devotions on the scripture of the day of between 300-500 words. Scan the QR code to be taken to the sign up list. Advent is fast approaching, so please sign up by October 25 and submit your devotion by November 15.



All Hallows' Eve

SERVICE & CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 28 @ 5:30 pm



service in Jones Chapel followed by
hotdog supper, costume parade
& carnival games

All Souls' Evensong

***Sunday, November 1
6:30pm***



WALNUT
STREET
— Music —



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER



WEEKEND LUNCH

AT CHRIST CHURCH



The Weekend Lunch program has served the needs of downtown Macon since the mid-1990s. What started as an opportunity to help feed the homeless, hungry, and less fortunate in a safe and enjoyable environment has since grown into a program that delivers far more than a meal to our community.

In addition to providing meals, we also offered clothing, warm jackets, school supplies, shoes, water bottles in hot weather, containers of food to local ministries as well as family meals for special occasions and always prayers for and with our guests.

As a volunteer, your time and talents are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please email hal@weekendlunch.org or visit www.weekendlunch.org.

VESTRY

Jed Hill, *Senior Warden*
Rob Wilkin, *Junior Warden*
Steve Welsh, *Treasurer*
Chris Hair, *Clerk*

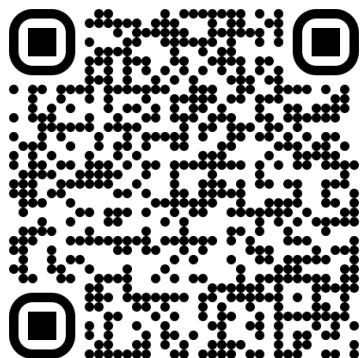
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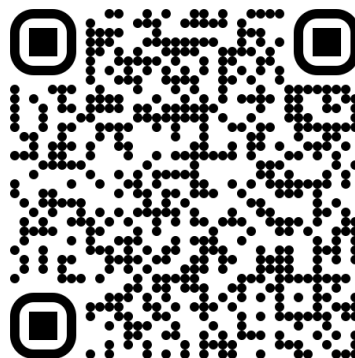
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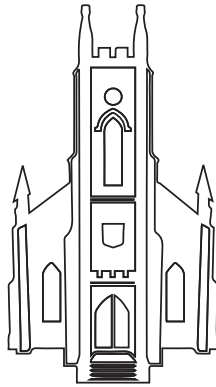
The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop*
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop of Atlanta*
The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*
The Rev. Harriette J. Simmons, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Dr. John F. McCard, *Priest Associate*
Hope Westervelt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Rachel Horkan, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Jonathan A. Poe, *Director of Music & Liturgy*
Lacey Chaney, *Associate for Children's Music*
Nidia Svare, *Parish Administrator*
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Laurel Eady, *Parish Bookkeeper*
Hal Brickle, *Director of Weekend Lunch Ministry*
Robert Hubbard, *Sexton*
Markisha Carter, *Assistant Sexton*

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