

The Lord's Day Evening

6:00 p.m.

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. – Ephesians 2:22

- **The Piano Prelude** – This Is My Father's World..... arr. Page Mrs. Cathie McClure, *pianist*

The Words of Welcome & Prayer of Invocation....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 310 (Trinity Hymnal)** – Rejoice, the Lord Is King..... DARWALL

The Evening Prayer

- † **The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation**

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory – Doxology..... arr. Campbell

- † **The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation**

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 17:1–29 (*page 268*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Word of God
People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

The Prayer for Illumination

The SermonThe Rev. Jones
THE DECREE OF GOD DEFEATS THE DESIGNS OF THE WICKED

- † **The Hymn No. 92 (Trinity Hymnal)**..... EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude – French Suite V: *Gavotte* Bach

This Week at Christ Church

Week of January 5 – 11

SUNDAY, January 5

8:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio Broadcast

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery (Birth–23 mos.) Nursery 1

Preschool (24–48 mos.) Nursery 2

K–4 – K–5 Covenant Hall

Grades 1–3 Children's House

Grades 4–5 Children's House

Middle & High School Youth Youth House

Special Education Deacons' Room

College & Career Upper Room

Adult Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary

On the second hymn, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

TUESDAY, January 7

7:00 p.m. The King's Brass Concert Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, January 8

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, January 9

6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study Boyd Home

FRIDAY, January 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Mike Boyd & Mel Jewett.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, John Norkus & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is Wade Caldwell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be George Bowen & McDonald Law.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Becky Saxon, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Evening Organist*;

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Social Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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The Lord's Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. – Revelation 1:5

One True Treasure

The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One. Many ordinary treasures may be denied him, or if he is allowed to have them, the enjoyment of them will be so tempered that they will never be necessary to his happiness. Or if he must see them go, one after one, he will scarcely feel a sense of loss, for having the Source of all things he has in One all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight. Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever.

–A. W. Tozer

The Order of Worship

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained

To avoid distractions during worship, please silence all cell phones and pagers.

Parents of young children are encouraged to take advantage of the nurseries and Cry Room.

- **The Organ Prelude** – We Three Kings of Orient Are arr. Fletcher
Mrs. Laura Doss, *guest organist*

The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to Worship Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of Hosts! Sing and adore Him!

Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house!

The Scriptural Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Pastor: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,

People: And for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.

Pastor: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.

People: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The Prayer of Invocation..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 70 (Family Songs)** KINGS OF ORIENT
We Three Kings of Orient Are

† **The Confession of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

† **The Doxology** (*Trinity Hymnal No. 731*) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Share Your Faith Moment Mr. Wes Knight

The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession The Rev. Jones

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:1-3)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the

Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who

heals all your diseases.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 1:1-6 (*page 448*)

The Response Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

The Offertory Anthem ALBION, arr. Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known.

Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place;

Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;

But favorites of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

† **The Hymn No. 59** (*Family Songs*) BOWERSBURN

You, O Lord, Are Everything

On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament Reading I Timothy 4:6-10 (*page 992*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Rev. Jones

FITNESS RESOLUTION IN THE NEW YEAR

† **The Hymn No. 606** (*Trinity Hymnal*) CAMACHA

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) – Threefold Amen DANISH

(*Trinity Hymnal No. 740*)

The Organ Postlude – *Toccata* on “God Is My Strong Salvation” ... arr. Young

Scripture Memory

How important it is to hide God's Word in our hearts! As we begin the new year, we return to our Navigator Memory System and the topic of Relying on God's Resources. Please take time to memorize and meditate on the following verse: “Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Our hope is that as the Word is preached, as prayers are lifted up, and as hymns and anthems are sung, you will be blessed by the corporate worship of the triune God and will return to worship with us again soon. One of our Elders will be stationed near the piano following the service should you desire to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member here, or how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Officer Elections

Today following Morning Worship there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers to the Session and the Diaconate classes of 2016. A letter was mailed to member homes providing information about each of the candidates. It is both a privilege and responsibility of communing members, upon prayerful consideration of the officer candidates, to participate in the election process, trusting in God's sovereign hand to continue to put godly officers in place. The names of those elected will be announced during Evening Worship.

Evening Worship

Be sure to close this Epiphany Sunday, the first Lord's Day of the new year, with His people in worship! We return to our Old Testament study in 2 Samuel as Pastor Jones preaches the sermon, “The Decree of God Defeats the Designs of the Wicked,” from 2 Samuel 17:1-29.

Communion and Fellowship Luncheon

Next Sunday, January 12, we will observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Morning Worship. All communing members of Christ Church are urged to be present. Following the service we will enjoy our monthly Fellowship Luncheon in Covenant Hall. Fried chicken will be provided for a donation of any amount. Members are asked to bring a generous side dish, salad or dessert to share, and visitors are warmly invited to attend. Please use the response form inserted in today's bulletin to indicate the number of adults and children who will attend. You may alternately respond via the ‘Fellowship Meal Signup’ link on the Welcome page of our church website, www.christchurchpres.org.

The King's Brass Concert

Please join us this Tuesday evening, January 7, at 7:00 for a concert presented by Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass in the sanctuary.

Other Announcements

Children's Evening Program in Recess – The Children's Program is in recess until January 12.

Youth Gathering – The Youth Gathering resumes this week! This Wednesday a snack supper in Covenant Hall at 6:30 will be followed by a time of activities and music, then teaching and prayer led by Lee Self. All young people in sixth grade and above are encouraged to attend for the opportunities of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Women's Bible Study – The Women's Bible Study, focusing on the book of Psalms, recommences this Thursday, January 9, at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Monica and Mike Boyd, 9 Summerville Lane in Augusta. All ladies are encouraged to be a part of this study.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – All men of Christ Church are invited to enjoy a homemade breakfast this Friday at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall. We will continue in the “exploration of the infinite riches of the Godhead” through the reflection on A. W. Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*, before sharing in a time of prayer.

Nehemiah in the New Year – Join us next Sunday, January 12, in Adult Sunday School as we kick off our study of Nehemiah, led by Rick Hammond. The journey through this Old Testament text examines the balance between God's sovereign control of His world and the role of Spirit-led human planning. Be a part of this exploration!

New Adult Bible Study – A second Adult Bible Study (Adult Bible Study: 1 Peter) will begin on Thursday, January 16, and meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at the home of Linda and Warren Jones, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans, this group will enjoy a practical study of 1 Peter, exploring the divine blueprint for understanding and experiencing genuine hope in God's eternal plan and provision, while living in the real world of failure, danger and suffering.

Young Families & Young Couples Small Group Bible Study – All young families and young couples are encouraged to attend this twice-monthly Small Group Bible Study at the home of Natalie and Ora Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. This study will begin on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. and will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. *Childcare will be provided.*

Share Your Faith Workshop – Do you feel comfortable sharing your faith? Do you wish you had a tool that would make it easier? Through the Share Your Faith Workshop, you will learn to use a simple memory tool to share the Good News. Share Your Faith Workshops help you discern where God is working and show you how to join Him in the work. You'll learn how to engage people spiritually and pleasantly. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Church members who register to attend the workshop by *next Sunday, January 12*, will enjoy the reduced registration fee of \$10, which includes all materials and lunch. To register please visit www.christchurchpres.org and visit the ‘Share Your Faith Workshop’ tab. Renew your passion for witnessing and discover ways to cultivate friendships into opportunities to share the Gospel!

Pray for Our Missionaries

Remember these missionaries and organizations designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:

Missionaries in harm's way

AGAPE Ministry, *Augusta, Georgia*

Rick and Betty Aschmann, *Mission to the World (PCA), Bogota*

Dick and Nancy Baggé, *Wycliffe Bible Translators, Kenya*