

The Evening Service, six o'clock

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

- The Piano Prelude – There Is a Fountain..... arr. Nix
Mr. Mark Dickens, pianist

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

- † The Hymn No. 82 (Family Songs) – Victory in Jesus HARTFORD

The Evening Prayer

- † The Hymn No. 29 (Family Songs) – When Trials Come..... ENDURING LOVE

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory – Grace Greater than Our Sin arr. Wolaver

- † The Hymn No. 126 (Family Songs) – Speak, Lord, in the Stillness QUIETUDE
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament Reading2 Samuel 21:15–22 (page 274)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – VICTORY OVER THE FIERCEST OF FOES.....The Rev. Jones

- † The Hymn No. 15 (Family Songs) – Faith Is the Victory SANKEY

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God..... arr. Tornquist

This Week at Christ Church

Week of March 2 – March 8

SUNDAY, March 2

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.

4:30 p.m. The Erskine College Choraleers Concert..... Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

On the third hymn, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

TUESDAY, March 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study..... Lammie Home

6:30 p.m. Everyday Evangelism (Ev2) Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 5

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering..... Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, March 6

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Genesis Moncrief Home

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: 1 Peter..... W. Jones Home

FRIDAY, March 7

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

4:30 p.m. College & Career Overnight Retreat Lake

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Glynn Dyer & Charles McClure.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Barry Smith.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Gene Gojda & Ken Moody.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lamier Adams, Richard Deal, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

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, March 2, 2014

The Father's Pruning Knife

We are called, as part of the abiding process, to submit to the pruning knife of God in the providences by which He cuts away all disloyalty and sometimes all that is unimportant.... The Father prunes the branches of the true vine in order that they may yield more fruit. Of course, there often seems to be an apparent randomness in His cutting, but there is never a wasted stroke – every cut is necessary for us to “bear more fruit” (John 15:2). In Christ, we are safe under the Father's pruning knife.

–Sinclair Ferguson

The Morning Service, 11 o'clock

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

† 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 – All My Hope on God Is Foundedarr. Callahan

Mrs. Laura Doss, guest organist

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

The Scriptural Call to WorshipHebrews 12:22–24, 28–29

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

- † The Hymn No. 94 (Trinity Hymnal) FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

† **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 HUNDREDETH

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 Sacrament of Baptism.... Covenant children of John and Dessa Edwards
Noah Patrick Edwards, Lukas Jaxon Edwards and Hayes Henry Edwards

The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession..... The Rev. Jones

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 2:13-14)

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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..... Isaiah 5:1-7 (*page 569*)

The Response.....Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and 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..... Bass

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,

From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged; hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;

To them who seek Thee Thou art good, to them who find Thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;

Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright:

Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

† **The Hymn No. 499** (*Trinity Hymnal*) – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me.... TOPLADY
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament Reading.....John 15:1-8 (*page 901*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Rev. Jones

THE FULFILLED AND FRUITFUL LIFE

† **The Hymn No. 644** (*Trinity Hymnal*)ST. LEONARDS

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) – Threefold AmenDANISH
(*Trinity Hymnal No. 740*)

The Organ Postlude – *Allegro Moderato* Young

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
with thanksgiving for Adelynn Liana Jones by Dr. and Mrs. John W. P. Oliver.*

Scripture Memory

We pause to review the verses from Scripture that we have been committing to memory in recent weeks. Be encouraged as you recall and meditate on this verse: “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10; Navigator topic: Relying on God's Resources).

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.

Erskine College Choraleers in Concert

All are welcome this afternoon at 4:30 to the concert in the sanctuary presented by the Erskine College Choraleers along with the Augusta Youth Chorale. Take this opportunity to invite someone to join you for this concert and Evening Worship.

Evening Worship

Come, enjoy refreshment in God's presence, as we gather with His people in worship this evening at 6:00. Pastor Jones will deliver the sermon, “Victory over the Fiercest of Foes,” from 2 Samuel 21:15-22.

Communion and Fellowship Luncheon

Next Sunday, March 9, 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.*

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Janet and Michael Ladun on the death of his mother, Ruth Ladun, on February 22 in Augusta.

I am the resurrection and the life. – John 11:25

Welcome New Members

Receiving new members into the fellowship of Christ Church, Presbyterian is an occasion for encouragement to the entire body. It is with great thanksgiving to God that the Session welcomes into communing membership Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards (Dessa), 3773 Murray Road, Martinez, GA 30907.

Other Announcements

Women's Morning Bible Study – This women's study of Sinclair Ferguson's *Let's Study Philippians* resumes this Tuesday, March 4, and will meet every other week from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Erin Lammie's home, 618 Spring Creek Lane in Martinez. **Childcare is available upon request, and newcomers are most welcome to join the study.** Discussion will resume with Study 7 questions on page 129, which cover chapters 13 and 14. Books may be obtained and questions about the study answered by contacting Sheila Self at 252-622-8097.

Everyday Evangelism – Everyday Evangelism (Ev2) teams continue to gather each Tuesday evening at 6:30 through mid-March for preparatory devotions, classroom instruction and boots-on-the-ground training. Please include these teams in your daily prayers, asking that God will grant open doors and open hearts to the message of the Gospel and give them clarity, compassion and confidence as they share this glorious news of the free gift of eternal life with people in the Augusta area.

Youth Gathering – The Youth will meet this Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Snack supper and fellowship will begin at 6:30, followed by a time of singing, praying and teaching. Over the next several weeks, we will be learning about the Christian mind, focusing this week on part two of the important question, “How are we to think like Christ?” Come fellowship and grow with us this Wednesday night.

Adult Bible Study: Genesis – This Adult Bible Study meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Moncrief home, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta. All adults are invited to join the group this Thursday as they enjoy fellowship, food and a faith-strengthening study of the historical book of origins, Genesis.

Adult Bible Study: 1 Peter – This Adult Bible study meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Warren Jones home, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans. Adults of Christ Church are invited to enjoy this 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Men of Christ Church, come join around the breakfast table this Friday at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall, enjoy fellowship and food, rich discussion of Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*, and conclude by lifting hearts together in a time of prayer.

College & Career Class Retreat – The College and Career class will gather for an overnight retreat at the lake property on Friday, March 7. Guest speaker, Brent Garrard, Pastor of In Focus Church, will speak at 7:00 that evening on “Blurred Lines – Refocusing on Purity.” Please contact Jenny Townsend if interested in attending, to coordinate carpools, or for more information (706-836-1751).

Opportunity for Bread Bakers – As part of Everyday Evangelism (Ev2), teams will be visiting guests of Christ Church. What better way to present the Bread of Life than by sharing a loaf of homemade bread? Regular visitation will continue after the Ev2 teams complete this term, so ladies, please join in the effort to have bread available for these visits. Contact Linda Jones at 706-447-2546 (warrenjones0101@comcast.net) or Anne Bowen at 706-294-5071 (abowen@reagan.com) to sign up.

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:

Bob and Andrea Burnham, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

Louis and Anne Carter, *SIM, Kenya and Papua New Guinea*

Child Evangelism Fellowship, *Augusta, Georgia*

Paul and Laura Chinchin, *African Bible Colleges, Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia*