

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 Trumpet & Piano Prelude – Cross Suite**arr. Driscoll
Brian Moore, trumpet; Sarah Moore, pianist

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

- † **The Hymn No. 276 (Trinity Hymnal)** CHRIST AROSE
Up from the Grave He Arose

The Evening Prayer

- † **The Hymn No. 38 (Family Songs) – He Lives**..... ACKLEY

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory – He Hideth My Soul arr. Berry

- † **The Hymn No. 53 (Family Songs) – O Breath of God**..... BREATH OF GOD
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 24:1–25 (page 277)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – WRATH WRAPPED IN MERCY The Rev. Jones

- † **The Hymn No. 7 (Family Songs)**..... THRONE ROOM
Before the Throne of God Above

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of April 27 – May 3

SUNDAY, April 27

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.

12:30 p.m. Trail Life USA Organizational Meeting Covenant Hall

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.

7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering McGraw Home

7:30 p.m. College & Career Fellowship Townsend Home

TUESDAY, April 29

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

WEDNESDAY, April 30

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, May 1

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

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

Sanctuary reserved 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 2

Sanctuary reserved 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 3

7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Covenant Hall

Sanctuary reserved 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Assisting in the Services

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

Ushers are Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norkus, John Norkus & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty is Will Crews.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, John Norkus & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty will be Will Crews.

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, April 27, 2014

God's Highest Purpose

If it is right for man to have the glory of God as his goal, can it be wrong for God to have the same goal? If man can have no higher purpose than God's glory, how can God? If it is wrong for man to seek a lesser end than this, it would be wrong for God, too. The reason it cannot be right for man to live for himself, as if he were God, is because he is not God. However, it cannot be wrong for God to seek His own glory, simply because He is God. Those who insist that God should not seek His glory in all things are really asking that He cease to be God. And there is no greater blasphemy than to will God out of existence.

–J. I. Packer

The Morning Service, eleven 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 Brass & Organ Prelude – O Worship the King**...Haydn, arr. Evanovich
Mel Jewett, Brian Moore, trumpets; Michael Boyd, Mark Goodell, trombones;
Kay Lovingood, tuba; Laura Lowe, organist
The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to Worship ST. MAGNUS, arr. Ferguson

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;

A royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords belongs to Him by right;

The King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's Eternal Light.

The Scriptural Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:28–29

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;**

Pastor: Bring an offering and come before Him!

People: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

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

- † **The Hymn No. 296 (Trinity Hymnal)** CORONATION
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 32:1-2)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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 42:1-12 (*page 602*)

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 Lovelace

God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear?

In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:

Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I'll stand;

What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;

His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate;

His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase;

Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

† **The Hymn No. 59** (*Trinity Hymnal*) DUKE STREET

Forever Settled in the Heavens

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

The New Testament Reading John 17:1-5 (*page 903*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – A REVEALING PRAYER..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 165** (*Trinity Hymnal*) LYONS

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

† **The Benediction**

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

(Trinity Hymnal No. 740)

The Brass & Organ Postlude Beethoven, arr. Frackenspohl

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Scripture Memory

If we are to wield the Sword in battle, we must wear it in our daily lives. Let us together, then, put on the Sword of the Spirit by memorizing and meditating upon this week's Navigator verse: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45; Navigator topic: Be Christ's Disciple).

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.

Evening Worship

Come, gather again with God's people for evening worship, as we lift our hearts and voices in prayer and praise, and listen attentively to God's life-transforming Word. Pastor Jones concludes the series in Samuel with a message from 2 Samuel 24, "Wrath Wrapped in Mercy."

Communion and Fellowship Luncheon

Next Sunday, May 4, 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 Stathia and Rick Hammond on the death of his sister, Kathy Guiliani, on April 22 in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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

Other Announcements

Trail Life Troop 2215 – Following this morning's worship service, an organizational meeting will be held in Covenant Hall to present the Trail Life USA program to interested members, parents and youth. Lunch will be served (\$2 per person; \$10 maximum per family).

College & Career Fellowship – Young adults in the College & Career phase of life are invited to the home of Jenny and Don Townsend, 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans, this evening following the worship service. Please bring a yummy snack to share!

Youth Gathering – Tonight following Evening Worship the Youth of Christ Church will gather for a time of fellowship at the home of Nikki and Greg McGraw, 4376 Lake Idylwilde Drive in Evans. The Youth will also 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. We continue learning about the Christian mind. Come fellowship and grow with us this Wednesday night.

Women's Morning Bible Study – This women's study of Sinclair Ferguson's *Let's Study Philippians* meets this Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Erin Lammie's home, 618 Spring Creek Lane in Martinez. Childcare is available upon request.

Adult Bible Study: Genesis – This study will focus on chapters 6 and 7 of Genesis this Thursday evening, and newcomers are always welcome to attend! This group will meet May 1, 15 and 29 before recessing for the summer. Join them this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Moncrief home, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta.

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 – This Saturday, May 3, is the first Saturday of the month, which means the Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet at 7:45 that morning. What a blessing from the Lord for men to be able to enjoy fellowship around the breakfast table, a brief devotional and time of prayer together! Men, make plans to be a part of this time.

Augusta Care Pregnancy Center Walk-for-Life – This year's CPC Walk-for-Life will be held next Saturday, May 3. Those desiring to walk as part of the group from Christ Church are encouraged to contact Linda Jones at 706-447-2546.

Ministry for at-risk Women – MTW short-term missionary Katherine Long, involved in mercy ministry in Europe with women and children at risk due to human trafficking, will share about this work at the home of Jenny Townsend, 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Ladies, take this opportunity to learn more about the gravity of this issue, both internationally and here in Augusta, by attending. Please let Jenny know you will attend by contacting her at donjentownsend@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School – Time to begin registering children, grandchildren, and any other children in your life for our Faith Expedition June 16-20! A registration form is included in today's bulletin and more are on the Welcome Table next to the VBS basket. Please use one form per child and place in the basket. It is not too late to sign up to be a part of the fun. Helpers are still needed. Contact Fay Deal at 803-278-1176 or runningdeal@gmail.com.

2014 Graduates

If you have a student graduating from high school or college this spring, please notify the church office no later than Tuesday, April 29. Please call the office at 706-210-9090 or send an email to secretary@christchurchpres.org, providing the student's full name, school and degree earned.

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:

Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, *Operation Mobilization, Italy*

Grace Cornelison, *Malawi, East Africa*

Will Nabholz, *Taloban, the Philippine Islands*

John Self, *Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Seoul, South Korea*