

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 – Draw Me Nearer Doane, arr. Vandall
Mrs. Sue Moncrief and Mr. Mark Dickens
- The Opening Words of Scripture The Rev. J. Josiah Jones
- † The Hymn of Praise (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 305*) LENNOX
Arise, My Soul, Arise
- † The Prayer of Invocation
- The Hymn (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 655*) HIDING IN THEE
O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I
- The Evening Prayer The Rev. Jones
- The Anthem – Witness Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bolks
The Augusta Youth Chorale
Mark Nabholz, *director*; Cathie McClure, *accompanist*
- The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication
(*Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.*)
- The Offertory Anthem Forrest
Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.
Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.
Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.
Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.
- † The Hymn of Preparation (*Family Songs, No. 29*) ENDURING LOVE
When Trials Come
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.
- The New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:32–12:2 (*page 1008*)
- The Response Leader: This is the Word of God. People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.
- The Sermon The Rev. Rick Hammond, *pulpit guest*
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
- † The Hymn of Response (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 691*) VILLE DU HAVRE
It Is Well with My Soul
- † The Benediction
- The Piano Postlude Wyeth, arr. Larkin
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Mrs. Sue Moncrief

This Week at Christ Church

Week of April 26 – May 2

SUNDAY, April 26

8:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and www.wgac.com Broadcasts

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery (Birth–23 mos.) Nursery 1

Preschool (24–48 mos.) Nursery 2

K–4 – K–5 Children's House

Grades 1–2 Children's House

Grades 3–4 Children's House

Grades 5–6 Youth House

Grades 7–8 Youth House

Grades 9–12 Youth House

Special Education Deacons' Room

Young Adults Upper Room

Young Families Church Office

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. Augusta Youth Chorale Rehearsal Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Sunday 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.

WEDNESDAY, April 29

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, May 2

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 Ken Moody & Ora Parish.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Charles Kimbrell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Glynn Dyer & Mark Walters.

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

The Deacon on Duty will be John Norkus.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Organist*

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Christ Church, Presbyterian The Lord's Day, April 26, 2015

The Reason for Our Existence

The call to holiness was the first given to Adam and Eve. This was the original assignment of the human race. We were created in the image of God. To be God's image meant, among other things, that we were made to mirror and reflect God's character. We were created to shine forth to the world the holiness of God. This was the chief end of man, the very reason for our existence.

– R. C. Sproul

The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

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

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

The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

- The Organ Prelude – Christ Is Risen Bach
- The Choral Call to Worship PARK STREET
Bless, O my soul, the living God! Call home Thy thoughts that rove abroad;
Let all the powers within me join in work and worship so divine!
- The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 12:3–6
Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
People: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.
Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

- † The Hymn of Adoration (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 100*) NICAEA
Holy, Holy, Holy!

- † The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

† **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 Gloria Patri** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 734*).....MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

The Old Testament LessonLeviticus 19:1–4, 11–18; 20:26 (*pages 97; 99*)

The Response.....Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways

like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own

hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those

things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we

ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy

upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,

and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

The Individual Confession of Sin (*silently*)

The Assurance of Pardon..... Psalm 130:3–4

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You

there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*using debts and debtors*)

The Response to God’s Grace (*Sung by all*).....NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem Swedish Folk Melody, arr. Bock

O let your soul now be filled with gladness, your heart redeemed, rejoice indeed!

O may the thought banish all your sadness, that in His blood you have been freed,

That God’s unfailing love is yours, that you the only Son were given,

That by His death He has opened heaven, that you are ransomed as you are.

If you seem empty of any feeling, rejoice, you are His ransomed bride!

If those you cherish seem not to love you, and dark assails from every side;

Still yours the promise, come what may, in loss and triumph, in laughter, crying;

In want and riches, in living, dying, that you are purchased as you are.

It is a good, every good transcending, that Christ has died for you and me!

It is a gladness that has no ending, therein God’s wondrous love to see!

Praise be to Him, the spotless Lamb, Who through the desert my soul is leading

To that fair city of joy exceeding, for which He bought me as I am!

O let your soul be filled with gladness!

Kay Lovingood, soprano soloist

† **The Hymn of Preparation** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 131*)..... TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Children of the Heavenly Father

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

The New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 1:14–16 (*page 1014*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – LIVING AS CHILDREN OF A HOLY FATHER...The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** (*Family Songs, No. 17*) HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY

Holy, Mighty, Worthy

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – In the Cross of Christ I Glory..... Cherwein

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God’s Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord’s Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please talk with our pastor or an elder standing by him in the narthex after the service.

Evening Worship

Close this Lord’s Day worshipping with God’s people in the beauty of holiness. We gather to focus our hearts and minds afresh on the God of glory and grace through prayer, praise, anthems and the reading and preaching of God’s Word. We are delighted to have the Augusta Youth Chorale singing in worship and the Rev. Rick Hammond preaching God’s Word. Let us worship this evening in anticipation of God’s crowning blessing upon this Lord’s Day!

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to proclaim Christ by pointing to our great need for the Savior. Let us memorize Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Series B: Proclaiming Christ; Topic: All Have Sinned).

2015 Graduates

If you have a student graduating from high school or college this spring, please notify the church office no later than Tuesday, April 28. 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.

Other Announcements

Youth Gathering— The Youth will meet this Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. under the leadership of Lee Self. Snack supper and fellowship will begin at 6:30, followed by a time of singing, praying and teaching. Come fellowship and grow with us this Wednesday night.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast— Prayer is absolutely critical for the life of faith and the life of the church. Men of Christ Church, join us in seeking the face and favor of our great God for ourselves, our families, our church, our nation and the world. We begin at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall with food and fellowship followed by a time of devotion and prayer. Hungry to see God move? Join us this Friday, as we lay hold of the throne of grace.

Fellowship Luncheon— On Sunday, May 3, following the morning worship 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 or respond via the ‘Fellowship Meal Sign-up’ link on the Welcome page of our church website, www.christchurchpres.org.

Trail Life Schedule Change— The Trail Life troop will not meet this Monday, April 27. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, May 4.

Understanding the Times: “A Nation in Need of Prayer”— Rev. David Roberts will be speaking on behalf of a long-standing Lakemont prayer group (since 1978) on Thursday, May 7th (Our National Day of Prayer), at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Lakemont PCA Church located at 1000 Bluebird Road in Augusta. All are welcome! “I looked for a man among them who would stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land. . .” Ezekiel 22:30.

Church Workday— Our next church workday will be Saturday, May 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Please make plans to join us in being good stewards of our blessings from God.

Trail Life USA Flag Collection & Retirement Ceremony— The US Flag Code states: The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning [United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1, Section 8, Respect for flag].

If you have a flag which is no longer fitting for display, please give it to a member of the Trail Life Troop GA-2215 or deposit in the box in the Fellowship Hall. The troop will perform a fitting ceremony to retire these flags at our May 18 troop meeting.

Vacation Bible School— VBS Folders are available at the Welcome Table. Please take one and catch the excitement as The King is Coming! Thank you to all who have already volunteered. However, there are still vacancies in the following areas: nursery workers and craft assistants, as well as grill masters for our picnic on Friday, June 26, after our closing program. Also, VBS letters with meeting dates have been mailed. Please be in prayer for all planning and preparation to be led of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

Unnamed for security, *Greenhouse in Paris, France*

Institute for Creation Research (ICR)

Steve and Sherri Letchford, SIM, *Kenya*

Jay and Nancy Matsinger, *Mission to the World (PCA), France*