

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 – Prelude in C Major.....Bach
Luke Frain

The Opening Words of Scripture.....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones

- † The Hymn of Praise (*Family Songs, No. 125*)MY REDEEMER
I Will Sing of My Redeemer

† The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn (*Family Songs, No. 49*)..... POWER IN THE BLOOD
There Is Power in the Blood

The Hymn (*Family Songs, No. 78*) – His Robes for Mine.....HIS ROBES FOR MINE

The Evening Prayer.....The Rev. Jones

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem..... arr. Fettke/Grassi

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;

Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

Refrain: You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.

You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;

Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, worthy of all this and added to these

Almighty Father, Maker and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,

Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end. *Refrain.*

- † The Hymn of Preparation (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 478*)...I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
I Love to Tell the Story

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

The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 13:1-16 (*page 55*)

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

The Sermon – MARKED BY REDEMPTION..... The Rev. Jones

- † The Hymn of Response (*Family Songs, No. 32*) O TO SEE THE DAWN
The Power of the Cross

† The Benediction

The Piano Postlude Mrs. Catharine McClure

This Week at Christ Church

Week of May 17 – May 23

SUNDAY, May 17

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 RehearsalSanctuary

5:00 p.m. Sunday Prayer Meeting.....Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

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

7:30 p.m.Youth Gathering..... Parish Home

MONDAY, May 18

7:00 p.m. Trail Life: USA Flag Retirement Ceremony .. Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 20

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:15 p.m.Brass Ensemble Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, May 21

6:00 p.m. Young Families Bible Study..... Parish Home

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta.....Moncrief Home

FRIDAY, May 22

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 George Bowen & Billy Hatcher.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Will Crews, Mark Goodell, William Jewett & Barry Smith.

The Deacon on Duty is Wade Caldwell.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norkus, 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*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Organist*

Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*

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

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Ascension Sunday

A Mark of Genuine Growth in Holiness

One of the first marks of genuine growth in holiness in individuals and in churches is earnest love for fellow Christians.

– Wayne Grudem

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 Brass & Piano Prelude – Fairest Lord Jesus.....Schram
Brian Moore, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, *trombone*;
Kay Lovingood, *tuba*; Addison Whitney, *horn*; Mark Dickens, *piano*

The Choral Call to WorshipALCESTER

Christ, our Head, gone up on high, be Thou in Thy Spirit nigh:

Advocate with God, give ear to Thy people's earnest prayer.

One the Father is with Thee; knit us in like unity;

Make us, O uniting Son, One, as Thou and He are one!

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 68:18-19, 34-35

Pastor: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train
and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious,
that the Lord God may dwell there.

People: Blessed be the Lord, Who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Pastor: Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel,
and Whose power is in the skies.

People: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—
He is the One Who gives power and strength to His people.
Blessed be God!

- † The Hymn of Adoration (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 289*).....LASST UNS ERFREUEN
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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

† **The Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. 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 Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another, that we have sinned against You by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.

The Individual Confession of Sin

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

The Response to God’s Grace (*Sung by all*)WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem.....Holst, arr. Mays

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today,
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number, and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who love Your favor may serve You as our King.
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still;
To marvel at Your beauty, and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Amen.

† **The Hymn of Preparation** (*Family Songs, No. 53*)..... BREATH OF GOD

O Breath of God

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

The New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 1:22-25 (*page 1014*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon - A HOLY LOVE.....The Rev. Jones

† **The Communion Hymn** (*Family Songs, No. 99*) FATHER’S LOVE

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – *Please partake as you are served.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

† **The Parting Hymn** (*Family Songs, No. 130*)DIM OND JESU

Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude - Finale, Organ Symphony No. 1 Vierne

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

Return this evening with God’s people, as we focus through prayer, praise and the preaching of God’s Word on that great act of Redemption whereby the Lord has brought us freedom that we might be His—wonderfully, joyfully, eternally His! Let us worship and live as those “Marked by Redemption.”

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 Hebrews 9:27, “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Series B: Proclaiming Christ; Topic: Sin’s Penalty).

Other Announcements

Youth Gatherings – Tonight following Evening Worship the Youth of Christ Church will gather for a time of fellowship at the home of Natalie and Ora Parish located at 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. The Youth will also 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.

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 tomorrow’s, May 18, troop meeting.

Young Families Bible Study – All young families are invited and welcome to join us on Thursday, May 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a fellowship dinner followed by a study of David Platt’s book, *Counter Culture*, at 6:45. This study meets in the home of Natalie and Ora Parish located at 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. Feel free to phone the Parish’s at 252-267-2793 should you have questions.

Adult Bible Study, Augusta – The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will meet Thursday, May 21, in the home of Sue and Ron Moncrief located at 2910 Mayfair Road. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a study on “The Patriarchs of Genesis” at 7:30. Please phone the Moncrief’s at 706-737-5953 with any questions.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Men of Christ Church, join us for good food, fellowship, devotion and time in prayer this Friday, May 22, at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall. For our devotion, we are discussing R. Kent Hughes’ powerful book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man* (We have extra copies!), in which we are both challenged and encouraged as men of God. This week we give focus to the incredibly important subject of “The Discipline of Church.” Join us as we explore this vital subject—and approach the throne of grace for help.

Nursery Workers Needed – Several opportunities to serve our babies and toddlers have become available and your time to participate has arrived. Please prayerfully consider if this might be the place God is calling you to serve Him. Contact Fay Deal if you would like to be a part of these worthy ministries: 803-278-1176 or runningdeal@gmail.com.

Adult Bible Study, Evans – We have completed our study for the summer and will resume in the fall. For the participants of this study, there will be a covered dish dinner on Friday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Linda and Warren Jones located at 503 Thompkins Lane. Please phone the Jones’ at 706-447-2546 with any questions.

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:

Missionaries in harm’s way are not listed.

AGAPE Ministry, *Augusta, Georgia*

Alliance Defending Freedom, *Scottsdale, Arizona*

Greg and Julianne Allen, *New Tribes Mission*