

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 & Violin Prelude – *Spiegel im Spiegel*.....Pärt
Mrs. Sarah Moore, *pianist*; Natalie Parish, *violinist*

The Opening Words of Scripture Dr. John W. P. Oliver, Missioner

- † The Hymn of Praise (*Family Songs, No. 75*) BENTON HARBOR
What a Wonderful Savior!

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Hymn (*Family Songs, No. 93*) – Higher Ground HIGHER GROUND

The Hymn (*Family Songs, No. 111*)..... I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS
I'd Rather Have Jesus

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

The Piano Offertory – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Ray
Leanora Parish, *pianist*

† The Hymn of Preparation (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 528*) OLIVET
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The New Testament Lesson I Thessalonians 4:1–12 (*page 987*)

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

The Sermon – WE HAVE THIS TESTIMONY Dr. Oliver

† The Hymn (*Family Songs, No. 58*)..... RONDINELLA
Oh, To Be Like Thee

† The Benediction

† The Response (*sung by all*)..... RONDINELLA
Oh, to be like Thee! Oh, to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart!

The Piano Postlude – Nearer, Still Nearer..... arr. Bonam
Nichols Parish, *pianist*

This Week at Christ Church

Week of July 19 – July 25

SUNDAY, July 19

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

5:00 p.m.Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

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

6:00 p.m.Evening Worship Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, July 22

7:00 p.m.Choir Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m.College & Career Summer Bible Study... Townsend Home

FRIDAY, July 24

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 Charles McClure & Ora Parish.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Charles Kimbrell.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norlaus, Ed Russell & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Stan Pylant, *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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What the Church Needs

Men are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men who the Holy Spirit can use – men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not come on machinery but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men – men of prayer.

– Edward McKendree (E. M.) Bounds

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 – The Meek Will Inherit the Land..... Howells

The Choral Call to Worship HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 103:1–2; 21–22

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

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Minister: Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

- † The Hymn of Adoration (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 3*) WARRINGTON

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

† The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration Dr. John W. P. Oliver, Missioner

† **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 Lesson Psalm 19 (*page 456*)

The Response

Minister: The grass withers, and the flower fades,
People: But the word of our God stands forever.

The Prayer of Confession, Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 Response to God’s Grace (*Sung by all*) VILLE DU HAVRE

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedicatation

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

The Offertory Anthem.....Shaw

In Christ’s own flock let love be surely placed,
From Christ’s own flock let concord hate expel:
Of Christ’s own flock let love be so embraced,
As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.
Christ is the author of all unity,
From which proceedeth all felicity (bliss).
O sing unto this glittering glorious King!
O praises bring from every living thing!
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring! Alleluia!

Fran Nabholz, soprano soloist

† **The Hymn of Preparation** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 339*)BLAENWERN

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

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

The New Testament Lesson I Thessalonians 2:17–3:13 (*page 986*)

The Response

Minister: This is the word of God.
People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – TIES OF THE HEARTDr. Oliver

† **The Hymn** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 359*).....DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing..... Young

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.

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

Is there someplace you would rather be this evening than meeting with God’s people in His house? Return this evening for renewal and refreshment in God’s presence through prayer, praise and the proclamation of God’s Word. Dr. John W. P. Oliver will bring the message from I Thessalonians 4:1–12, “We Have This Testimony.” Come and worship!

Foster Care Ministry

James 1:27 – Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

We are called to seek out orphans and widows with a deep concern and clear commitment to care for their physical and spiritual needs. In the state of Georgia, there are 11,000 children in foster care who need to hear Christ’s love revealed through the gospel. There are only 3,000 homes available which means children are often moved far away from their community and school to other parts of the state, siblings are split up and older children are placed in group homes.

At Christ Church, Presbyterian, our Faith Family will be establishing a Volunteer Care Community team who will support a local foster family with specific roles such as providing one meal per month, serving as a child mentor or providing occasional respite care. Psalm 68:6 promises that “God sets the lonely into families.” We are looking for volunteers to join together as we build this ministry that will ground Foster Children in a caring, Christian community.

At the beginning of August, we will schedule a one hour gathering to learn more about the Foster Care ministry. Please contact Dessa Edwards at 706-627-9430, dessa.edwards@gmail.com, or Ora Parish at 706-504-6274, oraandnat@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering or want more information.

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to proclaim Christ by pointing to God’s great provision of salvation in Christ. Let us memorize 1 John 5:13, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life” (Series B: Proclaiming Christ; Topic: Assurance of Salvation).

Other Announcements

Youth Gathering— The Youth will not meet this Wednesday. Make plans to join us again on July 29.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast— “Personal discipline,” says R. Kent Hughes, “is the indispensable key for accomplishing anything in this life.” What is true in every area of life is especially true when it comes to growing in godliness. Yet, discipline in godliness is the exception rather than the rule among Evangelicals today—especially among men. Our desire at Christ Church is that it would be the rule rather than the exception. That is why the men of Christ Church will be discussing Hughes’ powerful book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, each Friday morning at Men’s Prayer Breakfast before engaging in the discipline of prayer. Men, join us this Friday at 7 a.m. in Covenant Hall for fellowship, discussion of “The Discipline of Witness” and a time of prayer followed by good food at Ruth’s Family Restaurant on Washington Road. “God is looking for a few good men!”

Nabholz Reception — On Sunday, July 26, following the evening worship service, we will join in a time of celebration for the Nabholz family’s many years of service here at Christ Church, Presbyterian. Please bring a generous dish on a nice serving platter using the following approach:

A-H: Hot appetizers (e.g. meatballs, little smokies, chicken wings, hot dips)

I-Q: Cold appetizers (e.g. finger sandwiches such as chicken salad, egg salad, pimento cheese, or cucumber; shrimp w/cocktail sauce, fruit or vegetable tray including cold dip)

R-Z: Desserts

Please use the response form inserted in today’s bulletin to indicate the number of adults and children who will attend.

Evening Children’s Program Break— The evening Children’s Program will break for the next three weeks. Therefore, the children will not exit the evening service during this time. This Children’s Program will resume on August 9.

Inquirer’s Class — Are you considering membership at Christ Church, Presbyterian? Or, are you simply interested in knowing more about our church? We are now taking registrations for our next class. This class will explore important questions, such as: What does it mean to be a Christian? What do we believe about God, salvation, the church, baptism and other important matters of faith? Further we will consider practical questions: Why do we worship like that? What is our mission as a church? What does membership involve and why is it important? How can I get involved? If you are interested in becoming a member or simply want to know more about our church, please call the church office (706-210-9090) or sign up at the Welcome Table. Once we know how many are interested in the Inquirer’s Class, we will schedule a class and contact you with the dates and times.

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:

Greg and Julianne Allen, *New Tribes Mission*

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

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

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