

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** Kocher/Bach, arr. Reimer
For the Beauty of the Earth/Musette from *English Suite No. 3*
Mrs. Sue Moncrief

The Opening Words of Scripture John 10:27-30 (page 897)

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – Blessed Assurance (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 693*) ASSURANCE

† **The Prayer of Invocation**

- † **The Hymn** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 676*) BLOTT EN DAG
Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

The Hymn – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 629*) WHAT A FRIEND
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Evening Prayer The Rev. Jones

The Offering & the Piano Offertory Mendelssohn
Andante sostenuto, Opus 72, No. 2
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 634*) SWEET HOUR
Sweet Hour of Prayer
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament Lesson Genesis 28:10-22; 32:22-32 (page 22; 27)

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

The Sermon – WRESTLING IN PRAYER The Rev. Jones

- † **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 481*) LEMMEL
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

† **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude – I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Page

This Week at Christ Church

Week of August 23 – August 29

SUNDAY, August 23

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. 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 Hatcher Home

MONDAY, August 24

7:00 p.m. Trail Life Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, August 26

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Sanctuary

FRIDAY, August 28

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

6:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class Covenant Hall

SATURDAY, August 29

9:00 a.m. Inquirer's Class Upper Room/Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. AYC Retreat Covenant Hall

2:00 p.m. Drop-In Baby Shower Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

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

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

The Deacon on Duty is Barry Smith.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Will Creus, Mark Goodell, William Jewett & Barry Smith.

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

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

Mr. Landon Gray, *Director of Student Ministries*

Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*

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

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Christ Church, Presbyterian The Lord's Day, August 23, 2015

What Makes a Church Great?

If a church is going to be a great church, biblically speaking, it will not be primarily because of the people on the platform on Sunday morning. It will be because of the relationships formed in the pew and continued on Monday morning. It will be because there is a group of people who care for one another and love one another based on their commonality in Christ.

– Tony Evans

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 Prelude** – Jesus Is All Medley arr. James Christine Crookall, *cello*; Alicia Markyna, *flute*; Stan Pylant, *violin*

The Choral Call to Worship Brahms, arr. Bock

We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,

For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;

Now let us learn how to return

The gift of love once given:

O let us share each joy and care,

And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 89:5-6, 14-16

Pastor: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord,

Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

People: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?

Pastor: Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne;

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

Pastor: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk,

O Lord, in the light of Your face,

People: Who exult in Your name all the day

and in Your righteousness are exalted.

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 342*) REGENT SQUARE
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

† **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 Doxology**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 First New Testament Lesson.....1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (page 953)

The ResponseIsaiah 40:8

Pastor: 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*) MOODY

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedicatation

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

The Offertory Anthem – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms arr. Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – Christ Be My Leader (*insert*).....SLANE

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

The Second New Testament LessonActs 2:42-47 (page 911)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE CHURCH JESUS GROWS..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** – Living Stones (*insert*) ST. ANNE

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – Toccata Weaver

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

Do you struggle sometimes with the question, “What is the point of prayer?” God already knows what we need, and He loves us and wants to provide our needs. So, why pray? And if we should pray, “How are we to go about it?” These are two major questions that Christians often have. This evening in worship we consider two fascinating accounts in the life of Jacob (Genesis 28:10-22 and 32:22-32) that show us both the why and how of “Wrestling in Prayer” with the God Who has sovereignly purposed and graciously promised to bless His people. Gather with us this evening, that we might close this Lord’s Day together, enjoying the blessings of worship!

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to rely on Christ by pointing to the magnificent resources available to all believers. Let us memorize 1 Corinthians 2:12, “Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God” (Series C: Reliance on God’s Resources; Topic: His Spirit).

Officer Nominations

Nominations are being received from the congregation for church officers through today. Separate forms are available on the Welcome Table for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Please complete nomination forms and give them to an usher or church officer. Required training and examinations will be scheduled following the nominating period. Pray that the Lord of the church will bless us with the gifts we need for faithful service in the years to come.

Other Announcements

Youth Gathering — The next Youth Gathering to welcome our new Youth Director, Landon Gray and his wife Andrea, will be this evening at 7:30 in the home of Billy and Debra Hatcher located at 1067 Peninsula Crossing in Evans.

Day of Prayer and Fasting — August 26 at 7 p.m. The Savannah River Presbytery, of which Christ Church, Presbyterian (CC,P) is a part, has called for a day of prayer and fasting regarding the Supreme Court’s unbiblical redefinition of marriage and the many possible negative implications for the church and our nation. “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:24). In response, Westminster Presbyterian Church is hosting a prayer service for PCA churches in the Augusta area on August 26, at 7 p.m. (4303 Wheeler Road, Augusta). Out of concern for the glory of God, the good of the church and our nation, the Session of Christ Church strongly encourages the members of CC,P to unite in seeking God’s face through prayer and fasting on August 26th and participating in this prayer service. “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

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 this Friday at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall with good 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.

Baby Shower Drop-In — All the ladies of Christ Church are invited to a drop-in baby shower this Saturday, August 29, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Join us for double the fun as we gather to welcome new little girls to the Caldwell and Novak families! Both mothers are registered at Buy Buy Baby. Questions? Call Linda Jones at 706-231-3758.

Choir Call — Interested in sharing your musical gifts? Contact Stan Pylant, our new Music Director. “I would love to hear from you. Now is a great time to join the choir as we begin rehearsing music for worship and for special upcoming celebrations. Children’s Choirs will meet tonight and the Augusta Youth Chorale is currently auditioning for new members. Contact me if you have something to share about the music ministry” (music@christchurchpres.org).

Missions Committee Helpful Reminder — The missionaries we support are investing their lives in God’s kingdom work here and abroad. They spend hours writing ministry update letters which are printed and placed on a table just inside the front Sanctuary door. Please consider picking up a free copy of these letters and praying for their ongoing needs to the glory of God.

Young Family Small Group Bible Study — All young families are invited and welcome to join us on Thursday, September 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a fellowship dinner followed by a study of David Platt’s book, *Counter Culture*, at 6:45. The study will meet in the home of Jenn and Josiah Jones located at 1062 Conn Drive in Evans.

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:

Oliver Bible and Mission Foundation, *Matthews, NC*
Clay and Darlene Quarterman, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*
Charles Rector, *Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia*
Trail Life USA