

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 – To God Be the Glory..... Doane, arr. Scriveyner
Mrs. Sue Moncrief

- The Opening Words of Scripture 2 Corinthians 2:14

- † The Hymn of Praise – Victory in Jesus (*Family Songs, No. 82*) HARTFORD

- † The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn – O Church Arise (*insert*)..... O CHURCH ARISE

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

- The Evening Prayer The Rev. Jones

- The Offering & the Offertory SOUTHERN FOLK MELODY, arr. Smith
Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (*Family Songs, No. 7*).....THRONE ROOM
Before the Throne of God Above
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

- The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:8–16 (*page 59*)

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

- The Sermon The Rev. Jones
A HAND UPON THE THRONE:
HOW GOD'S PEOPLE ACCESS GOD'S POWER

- † The Hymn of Response – Lift High the Cross (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 263*).... CRUCIFER

- † The Benediction

- The Piano Postlude – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven, arr. Berry

This Week at Christ Church

Week of September 13 – September 19

SUNDAY, September 13

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

9:45 a.m.Promotion SundaySunday School

Nursery I (Birth–23 mos.).....Nursery 1

Nursery II (24–47 mos.).....Nursery 2

Preschool (4 years old).....Covenant Hall

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 WorshipSanctuary

On the second hymn, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

12:30 p.m.Fellowship MealCovenant Hall

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

6:00 p.m.Evening WorshipSanctuary

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

MONDAY, September 14

7:00 p.m.Session Meeting.....Church Office

7:00 p.m.Trail LifeCovenant Hall

TUESDAY, September 15

7:00 p.m.Adult Bible Study, Evans.....W. Jones Home

WEDNESDAY, September 16

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

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

8:15 p.m.Brass EnsembleSanctuary

THURSDAY, September 17

6:00 p.m.Young Family Bible Study.....J. Jones Home

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

FRIDAY, September 18

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 Lanier Adams, Richard Deal, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty is Will Crews.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Wade Caldwell.

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, September 13, 2015

So Simple yet So Profound

The Gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.

– Charles Hodge

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 – Prelude in G Major Bach

- The Choral Call to Worship Andrews
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

- The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 55:6–7
Pastor: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;
People: **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**
Pastor: Let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
People: **And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

- † The Hymn of Adoration (*Family Songs, No. 1*) IN CHRIST ALONE
In Christ Alone

- † 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 Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 18:25b–32 (*page 705*)

The ResponseIsaiah 40:8
Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,
People: But the Word of our God stands forever.

The Corporate Confession of Sin
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

The Individual Confession of Sin (*silently*)

The Assurance of Pardon2 Corinthians 5:17
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

The Prayer of 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*) TOPLADY
Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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

The Offertory Anthem – He Lifted Me.....Hayes
In loving-kindness Jesus came,
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Through grace He lifted me.
Chorus: From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me;
From shades of night to plains of light,
Oh, praise His Name, He lifted me!
He called me long before I heard,
Before my sinful heart was stirred,
But when I took Him at His word,
Forgiv’n, He lifted me. *Chorus*
His brow was pierced with many a thorn,
His hands by cruel nails were torn,
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,
In love He lifted me. *Chorus*
Now on a higher plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know ’tis well;
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me. *Chorus*
Melanie Buckner, *soloist*

† **The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 141)** GERMANY
God in the Gospel of His Son
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament Lesson1 Peter 2:22–25 (*page 1015*)

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – HOW PEOPLE CHANGE.....The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response – All I Have Is Christ** (*insert*)KAUFLIN

† **The Benediction**
The Organ Postlude – Crown Him with Many Crowns..... Young

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

When you look at the massive changes that are happening in our world – some for the better, but many, from a Christian perspective, for the worse – a Christian can feel helpless. In a spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of people, how can Christians possibly advance the cause of Christ when those who oppose it seem to have amassed the most powerful weapons of cultural influence? Are not God’s people powerless? Whatever it may seem like, Moses shows us in Exodus 17:8–16 that God’s people have access to far greater weapons and greater power than any that are earthly. We consider this encouraging and emboldening truth in a message entitled “A Hand upon the Throne: How God’s People Access God’s Power.” Join us this evening in worship!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

We will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the morning worship on September 20. We strongly encourage all communing members of Christ Church to make every effort to be present for this important part of our Christian life together.

Apologetics Conference – September 26 & 27

Islam: A Growing Challenge, A Great Opportunity!

Be sure to join us for this year’s conference. Dr. James N. Anderson, Assoc. Professor of Theology & Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC, will equip us to understand the faith and practice of Islam, and how we can share the truth and love of Christ with those of the Muslim faith. Dinner and Session 1 will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, followed by Sessions 2 through 4 during Sunday school hour and worship on Sunday, September 27.

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 Lamentations 3:22–23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness” (Series C: Reliance on God’s Resources; Topic: His Faithfulness).

Other Announcements

Fellowship Luncheon — Today, 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 are bringing a generous side dish, salad or dessert to share, and visitors are warmly invited to attend.

Adult Bible Study, Evans — The Adult Bible Study, Evans will resume this Tuesday, September 15, in the home of Linda and Warren Jones located at 503 Thompkins Lane. Fellowship and refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a study on Hebrews at 7:30. Please phone the Jones’ at 706–447–2546 with any questions.

Student Gathering — Students, join us for the study entitled, *For the Life of the World*, this Wednesday at 6:30. This is a 7–part series where we will explore the deeper meaning of our salvation and what it means to be “in the world, not of it.” Also, please be sure to get a Student Ministry Blueprint and fill out a Student Information Form which are on the Visitor’s table.

Adult Bible Study, Augusta — The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will restart this Thursday, September 17, in the home of Sue and Ron Moncrief located at 2910 Mayfair Road. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30. Please phone the Moncrief’s at 706–737–5953 with any questions.

Young Family Small Group Bible Study — All young families are invited and welcome to join us this 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.

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.

Ladies Daytime Bible Study — A new ladies daytime Bible study will meet every other Tuesday from 10:00–11:30 at the home of Jenn Jones, 1062 Conn Drive in Evans. The study of Ecclesiastes: “Sense and Relevance” will begin Tuesday, September 22, and will be led by Sheila Self. Please call Sheila at 252–622–8097 with any questions. We hope you can join us!

Thank You

Dear Christ Church Family,

As we settle into our new neighborhood, schools and responsibilities here in Mississippi, we want to thank you for the beautiful, meaningful farewell reception held on our behalf a few short weeks ago. What a treasure trove of memories we carry with us into this new place of work and worship! Thank you for your kindness, generosity and partnership in ministry for many years.

And it is [our] prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. – Philippians 1:9–11.

In the bonds of Christ,

*The Nabholz Family
102 Winding Hills Drive
Clinton, MS 39056*

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:

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

Louis and Anne Carter, *SIM, Kenya and Papua New Guinea*

Child Evangelism Fellowship, *Augusta, Georgia*

Paul and Laura Chinchon, *African Bible Colleges, Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia*