

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 Organ Prelude – All Glory Be to Thee, Most High..... Bach
Mr. Mark Dickens

The Greeting & Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 53) LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Evening PrayerThe Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

The Offering & the Offertory

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

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 154) ARLINGTON
Thou Art the Way

The New Testament Lesson.....Selected Readings from 1 Corinthians (page 952)

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

The Sermon – THE GOSPEL FOR MUSLIMS..... Dr. James Anderson, guest

- † The Hymn of Response – Lamb of Glory (Family Songs, No. 118) LAMB OF GLORY

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – Praise The Lord with Drums and Cymbals... Karg-Elert

This Week at Christ Church

Week of September 27 – October 3

SUNDAY, September 27

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

9:45 a.m. Apologetics Conference..... Sunday 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 Upper Room

Adult..... Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m.Morning Worship: Apologetics Conference..... Sanctuary

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

4:30 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship: Apologetics Conference Sanctuary

MONDAY, September 28

7:00 p.m. Trail Life Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 30

5:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering Covenant Hall

6:30 p.m. Student Gathering..... Youth House

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

8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Sanctuary

THURSDAY, October 1

6:00 p.m..... Young Family/Young Couples Bible StudyJ. Jones Home

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

SATURDAY, October 3

7:30 a.m. Student Hiking: Tallulah Falls Church Campus

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Charles Bowen & Ken Moody.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Ed Russell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord’s Day will be George Bowen & Mel Jewett.

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Barry Smith.

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*

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The Lord’s Day, September 27, 2015

A Practical Measure of Mercy Apprehended

The only real, practical measure of my apprehension for the goodness and mercy of God to me is the extent to which I am, in turn, prepared to show goodness and mercy to others.

– Phillip Keller

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 & Organ Prelude – Lift High the Cross.....Hamlin
Brian Moore, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Denton Adkinson, *trombone*; Kay Lovingood, *tuba*

The Choral Call to WorshipAndrews

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 WorshipJohn 4:23–24

Pastor: The hour is coming, and is now here,

when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,

People: **For the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.**

Pastor: God is spirit,

People: **And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

- † The Hymn of Adoration (Trinity Hymnal, No. 38)..... ST. DENIO
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† 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 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 Welcome

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem – We Believe..... Forrest

We believe in God Supreme, ever present, never seen;

God Most High, who reigns above; Father nigh, Whose name is love.

We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation’s source and end.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ – God’s own Son, our sacrifice;

Very God, yet virgin born; sinless, yet for sinners torn.

We whom Jesus died to win know He lives to come again.

We adore the Spirit free – author of our unity.

Giver of the sacred Word, wellspring of the second birth.

We whom He indwells and fills, yield our hearts and minds and wills.

We, the church, affirm our faith in the Triune God of grace;

Kingdoms fall and ages change; faithful, changeless, God remains!

One in Christ, we lift one voice! We believe, and we rejoice!

Brian Moore, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Denton Adkinson, *trombone*; Kay Lovingood, *tuba*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – Depth of Mercy (*Family Songs*, No. 5)... DEPTH OF MERCY

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

The Old Testament LessonSelected Readings from Jonah (*page 774*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – SHOULD I NOT PITY NINEVEH?... Dr. James Anderson, *guest*

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Family Songs*, No. 130)DIM OND JESU

Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

† **The Benediction**

The Brass & Organ Postlude – Rejoice, The Lord Is King Schram

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

Be sure to return this evening for worship and the final session of the Apologetics Conference. Dr. James Anderson will be delivering the message, “The Gospel for Muslims,” using selected reading from 1 Corinthians. Dr. Anderson is Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, and an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Dr. Anderson came to RTS from Edinburgh, Scotland, and specializes in philosophical theology, religious epistemology and Christian apologetics. He is the author of *Paradox in Christian Theology* (Wipf & Stock, 2007) and *What’s Your Worldview?* (Crossway, 2014), winner of *World Magazine’s* 2014 Book of the Year Award in Popular Theology. Before studying philosophy, Dr. Anderson also earned a Ph.D. in Computer Simulation from the University of Edinburgh. He is a member of the Society of Christian Philosophers, the British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, and the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Prior to joining RTS Charlotte, Dr. Anderson served as an assistant pastor at the historic Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh where he engaged in regular preaching, teaching and pastoral ministry. He is active now in service at Ballantyne Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He is married to Catriona, and they have three children.

Apologetics Conference – Session’s 2, 3 & 4 Today

Islam: A Growing Challenge, A Great Opportunity!

According to a recent report by the Pew Research Center, Islam is the fastest growing major religion in the world today, and if current trends continue, it will overtake Christianity as the largest world religion soon after 2050. On average, a new mosque opens every week in the United States. For Christians who take the Great Commission seriously, this is a time of great challenge and a time of great opportunity. Out of a desire to fulfill our Lord’s calling with regard to our Muslim friends and neighbors, the focus of this year’s apologetics conference is on equipping God’s people to understand the faith and practice of Islam accurately, answer the claims of Islam effectively and most importantly, share the truth and love of Christ winsomely.

Join us throughout this Lord’s day as Dr. James Anderson, our conference speaker, will explain what Muslims believe about God, Jesus, the Bible and the Qur’an, and give practical advice on how to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to Muslims. There are invite cards available on the table in the Narthex for you to share with friends and family.

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 Isaiah 26:3, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee” (Series C: Reliance on God’s Resources; Topic: His Peace).

Other Announcements

Children’s Choir — The Children’s Choir will not meet this evening to allow everyone the opportunity to attend the Apologetics Conference. We will resume the following week on October 4.

Midweek Gathering — Acts 2:42, The Fellowship of the Believers, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers....” Join us this week at 5:30 p.m. for a Snack Supper followed at 6:15 with a time of Prayer for Adults and activities for Children & Students of all ages. This week’s menu includes chicken kabobs, rice, vegetable medley, salad and dessert prepared by Enrique Romero’s Brown Bag catering.

Student News — 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.

Students will be going on a hiking trip to Tallulah Falls State Park on Saturday, October 3rd, leaving from the church around 7:30 a.m. If you wish to join us, please contact Landon Gray, Director of Student Ministries, by this Wednesday, September 30, so that we can arrange transportation. You will also need to complete an emergency information form prior to departure. (423-605-9321 or youth@christchurchpres.org)

Young Family/Young Couples Small Group Bible Study — All young families & couples are invited and welcome to join us on Thursday, October 1, starting at 6:00 p.m. with a fellowship dinner followed by a study on “Beginnings” from Genesis 1 by Missionary Bruce Wannamacher, at 6:45. The study will meet in the home of Jenn and Josiah Jones located at 1062 Conn Drive in Evans.

Adult Bible Study, Augusta— The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will meet Thursday, October 1, in the home of Sue and Ron Moncrief located at 2910 Mayfair Road. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the video teaching series, *Lessons from the Upper Room*, by Sinclair Ferguson at 7:30. This week’s lesson is *Do for Others What Has Been Done for You*. Please phone the Moncrief’s at 706-737-5953 with any questions.

Bread Breakers Ministry — This is a ministry of coordinated dinners for the purpose of enjoying fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ in a small setting, usually six to eight people. Plans are being made for the dinners to begin in mid-October through early-November! Those interested in hosting or participating should sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Table by Sunday, October 4.

Foster Care Ministry — On Sunday, October 4, at 4:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall, we will be hosting a training meeting for the volunteers of the Foster Care Ministry. If you have any questions prior to the training meeting, please contact Dessa Edwards at 706-627-9430 or dessa.edwards@gmail.com.

Fellowship Luncheon — On Sunday, October 11, 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 feel free to RSVP online at christchurchpres.org.

Missionary Guests Cary & Chris Drinkard — Chris and Cary, who are with Campus Outreach, will share an update regarding the work being done in the Philippines and far east on Sunday, October 11, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Make plans today to join us for this special

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:

Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, *Operation Mobilization, Italy*

Heritage Academy, *Augusta, Georgia*

Tim and Lana Higginbotham, *NAIM, Vancouver, Canada*

Unnamed for security, *Greenhouse in Paris, France*