

# 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 – How Deep the Father’s Love ..... arr. Koerts  
Mrs. Sarah Moore

**The Opening Scripture** ..... Psalm 121:1-2  
I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

- † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 198) .....TRURO  
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

**The Prayer of Invocation**

- † The Hymn – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Trinity Hymnal, No. 193) .. PICARDY

**The Hymn – The Ten Commandments**.....Genevan Psalter

1. My soul, re - call with rev-'rent won - der how God a - mid the fire and  
2. I am the Lord, your God and Sov - reign, who out of bond - age set you  
3. Ho - nor your Fa - ther and your mo - ther; o - bey the Lord your God's com -  
4. Teach us, Lord God, to love your pre - cepts, the good com - mand - ments of your

smoke pro - claimed his ho - ly law with thun - der from Si - nai's moun - tain when he spoke:  
free, who saved you from the land of E - gypt. Then serve no oth - er gods but me.  
mand, that you may dwell se - cure and pros - per with length of days u - pon the land.  
law. Give us the grace to keep your stat - utes with thank - ful - ness and pro - per awe.

**The Evening Prayer** ..... Ruling Elder, Ora Parish

**The Offering & the Offertory – Faith of Our Fathers** .....arr. Alexander  
Leanora Parish, piano  
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (insert)..... NETTLETON  
Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

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

**The Old Testament Lesson**..... Exodus 20:12 (page 61)

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

**The Sermon – A COMMAND WITH A PROMISE...**The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

- † The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 131) ....TRADITIONAL SWEDISH MELODY  
Children of the Heavenly Father

- † The Benediction

**The Piano Postlude**

# This Week at Christ Church

Week of November 29 – December 5

## SUNDAY, November 29

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

9:45 a.m. ....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 ..... Sanctuary

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

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

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

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

On the final verse of the fourth hymn, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children’s Program.

## MONDAY, November 30

7:00 p.m. ....Trail Life..... Covenant Hall

## TUESDAY, December 1

10:00 a.m. ....Ladies Bible Study ..... J. Jones Home

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, December 2

6:00 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, December 3

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

## SATURDAY, December 5

5:00 p.m. ....Christmas Missionary Love–Gift Dinner .....Covenant Hall

### Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Glynn Dyer & McDonald Law.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Barry Smith.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord’s Day will be Gene Gojda & 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 Will Crews.

### 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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## The Lord’s Day, November 29, 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

### The Exclusive Claim of Christianity

The exclusive claim of Christianity about Christ is not centered on our belief that Jesus was right about God. It is centered on our claim that God was fully present in Christ to reconcile the world to Himself (2 Cor. 5:18). It is the theological claim about Jesus (that He is God) that makes the spiritual claims of Jesus potent. Jesus’ words are right because those words are God’s words (Jn. 14:10b). Jesus’ “way” is not superior because it promotes a higher ethic or because it champions values that resonate with our spiritual sensitivities. Jesus’ way is true because in Him we find God drawing us to Himself.

– Gary Burge

### 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 – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying .....J. S. Bach

**The Choral Call to Worship** .....BAUGH

Born for us, to die for us, and to save us from our sins,  
Came the King of Kings from above,  
To fill our hearts for evermore  
With hope, peace, joy, and love, hope, peace, joy, and love.

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** .....Hebrews 4:14-16

Pastor: Since then we have a great high priest, Who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

People: That we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

- † The Hymn of Adoration (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196) ..... HYFRYDOL  
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- † 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 Gloria Patri** (page 735 in the Trinity Hymnal)..... GREATOREX

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, Amen.

**The Gospel Lesson** ..... Matthew 1:18-23 (page 807)

**The Response**

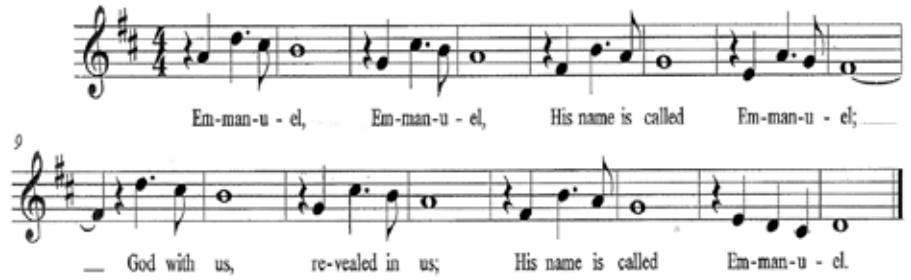
Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ. People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**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** - Emmanuel (sung by all) .....Bob McGee



**The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication**

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

**The Offertory Anthem** - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming... Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior  
When half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load

† **The Hymn of Preparation** - (Trinity Hymnal, No. 194) .....VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

**The Old Testament Lesson** ..... Isaiah 7:10-17; 8:9-10 (page 572)

**The Response**

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

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** - A SURE SIGN OF SALVATION.....The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** - (Trinity Hymnal, No. 305).....LENOX

Arise, My Soul, Arise

† **The Benediction**

**The Brass Postlude** - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... Carter

### 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.

### Advent Wreath

The word "advent" means "coming." At Christ Church we observe Advent as a reminder that we live between the times: after Christ's first coming as the Child of Bethlehem, and looking forward to His second coming as the King of Glory. The first purple candle, known as "The Prophet's Candle," signifies the hope of the coming Messiah seen in the prophecies of the Old Testament. "Hear now, O house of David! ...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:13-14).

### Evening Worship

The most important thing in all the world is our relationship with the living God. Hence, the first four commands are devoted to this most central issue. Yet, our relationship with God necessarily shapes our relationships with fellow creatures made in His image. We begin to consider how this is so with respect to one of our most important human relationships in a message titled, "A Command with Promise." We invite you to join us this evening in worship, that we might know the Sabbath blessing of which the psalmist speaks: "They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God" (Psalm 92:13).

## Christmas Missionary Love-Gift Dinner

Make plans to join us for our Christmas fellowship on Saturday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Christ Church members celebrate the Christmas season and donate toward a monetary Christmas gift to our missionaries, who are serving in the field, each year as an extra remembrance of their work for the Gospel. You may contribute to this offering at this Christmas fellowship, or by designating on your check placed in the offering plate until December 13. Please use the inserted response form to indicate your family's attendance or feel free to RSVP online at christchurchpres.org.

### Scripture Memory

To help review (catch up) on hiding God's Word in your heart, we will review the past 12 verses. Below are the next set of three:

**Philippians 4:19**

And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Hebrews 2:18**

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Psalms 119:9, 11**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your Word. I have stored up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

### Other Announcements

**Ladies Daytime Bible Study** — Ladies, join us for a daytime Bible study Tuesday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 at the home of Jenn Jones located at 1062 Conn Drive in Evans. This study of Ecclesiastes: "Sense and Relevance" is being led by Sheila Self. Please call Sheila at 252-622-8097 with any questions. We hope you can join us!

**Adult Bible Study, Evans** — The Adult Bible Study, Evans will meet Tuesday, December 1, 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 2 Peter at 7:30. Please phone the Jones' at 706-447-2546 with any questions.

**Midweek Gathering** — Following the biblical pattern, we devote ourselves to "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42) and look with expectation to see God move mightily as join together on Wednesday evenings. This invaluable time of teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer begins with a meal served from 6 to 7. At 6:45 the pastor joins the choir for a time of prayer and then meets with the rest of the congregation in the Upper Room for a devotion in Acts and prayer from 7 to 8 p.m. **If you would like for us to intercede on your behalf, please submit your prayer request(s) to the church office by noon on Wednesdays (706-210-9090 or email to secretary@christchurchpres.org).**

**Student News** — Please join us this Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m., as we begin our three-week Christmas story and its powerful application to our lives.

**Adult Bible Study, Augusta** — The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will meet Friday, December 4, in the home of Ruth Ann and Carl Fliermans located at 3 Century Oaks. A Christmas Potluck Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a devotion. The video teaching series, *Lessons from the Upper Room*, by Sinclair Ferguson will resume on Thursday, January 7. Please phone the Moncrief's at 706-737-5953 or the Fliermans at 706-738-8259 with any questions.

**AYC Dessert Concert** — Sunday, December 6 at 4:15 p.m., The Augusta Youth Chorale will present a Christmas Dessert Concert and will receive offerings at the door (suggested \$8 per person). The concert will be a very worshipful and varied celebration. Then afterward, one can enjoy superb desserts. The offering is to help defray expenses and raise funds for upcoming AYC activities.

**Pledge Cards** — The Session and Diaconate would like to thank all in the congregation who have given pledges toward the kingdom work of Christ Church, Presbyterian for the fiscal year 2016. If you were unable to attend last week, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacon's tables at the back of the sanctuary.

### 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:

Kurt and Pat Nelson, *East-West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba*

Doug and Amy Nunziato, *World Team, Spain*

Oliver Bible and Mission Foundation, *Matthews, NC*

Clay and Darlene Quarterman, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*