

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 & Piano Prelude** – A Christmas Gloria.....arr. Van der Pol
Mr. Mark Dickens, *organist*; Mrs. Catharine McClure, *pianist*

The Opening Scripture John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – Light the Light, the Fire of Life (*insert*) IL EST NÉ

The Children's Choir Jay Althouse

Long ago and far away, in a manger bed of hay,
Christ was born on Christmas day. Hear the angels sing.
Now we celebrate the birth of Jesus who came down to earth.
Let us sing with joy and mirth this, our Christmas song.

Christmas is a time for sharing, time for caring.
Steeple bells are gently ringing, children singing. Ding, dong.

.....Jill Gallina

On a starlit night, 'neath a sky so bright, the angels sing carols of love
Of a baby asleep in a manger bed, sent from Heaven above.
Sleep, O tiny precious one. Sleep, God's chosen Son.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

The Installation of Elders

The Evening Prayer Ruling Elder, McDonald Law

The Offering & the Offertory – In the Bleak Midwinter.....Holst, arr. Berry
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Family Songs, No. 124).....SCHULER
Make Me a Blessing

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

The Old Testament Lesson..... Exodus 20:13 (page 61)

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

The Sermon – THE SANCTITY OF LIFE..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

- † **The Hymn of Response** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 261).....WONDROUS LOVE
What Wondrous Love Is This

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude – O Come, All Ye Faithful..... Wade, arr. Lopez

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 6 – December 12

SUNDAY, December 6

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/Covenant Hall
Grades 7-8.....Covenant Hall
Grades 9-12.....Covenant Hall
Special Education.....Deacons' Room
Young Adults.....Covenant Hall
Young Families.....Covenant Hall
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.

4:15 p.m.AYC: Christmas Dessert Concert.....Sanctuary

5:00 p.m.Sunday Prayer Meeting.....Youth House

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

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7:30 p.m.Student Gathering.....Townsend Home

MONDAY, December 7

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

TUESDAY, December 8

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

WEDNESDAY, December 9

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 10

6:45 p.m.Women's Bible Study.....Folley Home

SATURDAY, December 12

9:30 a.m.Christmas Music Rehearsal.....Sanctuary

9:30 a.m.Trail Life Trip: Fort Jackson Nat'l. CemeteryChurch Campus

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Gene Gojda & Mel Jewett.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, Hamilton McDaniel & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is Will Crews.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, Richard Deal, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell & Mark Walters.

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*

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The Second Sunday of Advent

The Most Profound Miracle

It is by far the most amazing miracle in the whole Bible – far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join Himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe.

– Wayne Grudem

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 Prelude** – Away In a Mangerarr. Marvin Brian Moore, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, *trombone*; Kay Lovingood, *tuba*

The Choral Call to WorshipBAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your hope, peace, joy, love, reflected in me.

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 43:3–4

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

People: Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

People: And I will praise You ..., O God, my God.

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** – Arise, Your Light Is Come (*insert*) FESTAL SONG

† **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 Ordination & Installation of Deacons

The Gospel LessonJohn 1:1-5 (page 886)

The Response

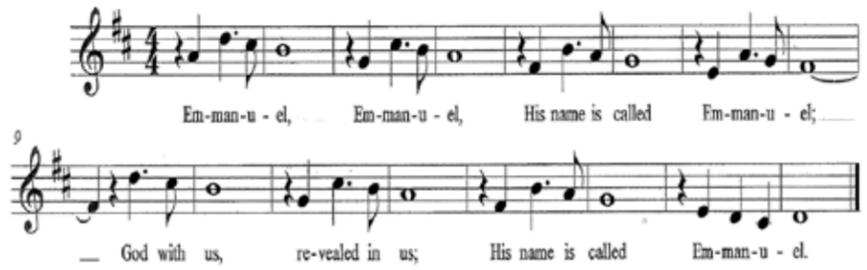
Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ. People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Prayer of Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication

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 – The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth,
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word, the God, was with God.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word, the God, was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

He came to His own, and His own received Him not.
He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 398).....LUX PRIMA

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:1-7 (page 573)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE DAWN OF LIGHT AND LIFE The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 201).....ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

† **The Benediction**

The Brass Postlude – Angel Carols.....arr. 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.

Morning Missionary Guest

It was a pleasure to have Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, of Operation Mobilization, share their testimony during the Sunday School hour of how God is at work in Italy. The Guadagnos have served 15 years sharing Christ with those in Italy through summer sports and English camps, as well as outreach to local communities.

Advent Wreath

The second purple candle, known as the “Bethlehem Candle,” reminds us that God in Christ appeared to men in the most humble manner. Bethlehem was a small town in the territory of the least powerful of all the tribes of Israel. “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

Evening Worship

We invite you to return with us this evening, as we conclude this Lord’s Day in the house of God with the people of God. As part of our worship, the newly elected elders will be installed, the children’s choir will be lifting their voices in praise, and following a time of hearty congregational prayer and praise, we will give our attention to God’s Word for a message entitled, “The Sanctity of Life,” an exposition of the sixth commandment. Let us come and worship!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a means of grace instituted by our Lord to commemorate His death and to communion with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament during evening worship next Sunday, December 13. The Leaders of Christ Church strongly encourage Christ Church, Presbyterian members to make plans and preparation to be present and partake of this wonderful means of grace.

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to follow Christ as His disciple. Let us memorize Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Series D: Being Christ’s Disciple; Topic: Put Christ First).

Other Announcements

AYC Christmas Dessert Concert – This afternoon at 4:15, the Augusta Youth Chorale will present a Christmas Dessert Concert and receive a love offering 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.

Student News – Tonight following Evening Worship the Youth of Christ Church will gather for a time of fellowship at the home of Jenny and Don Townsend located at 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans.

Please join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., as we continue our three-week Christmas story and its powerful application to our lives.

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 we join together on Wednesday evenings. We begin 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).**

Women’s Evening Bible Study – Ladies, you are invited to join us for a special time of fellowship and study of God’s Word this Thursday, December 10, at 6:45 p.m. We will meet this week in the home of Martha Folley located at 2703 Downing Street in Augusta. Please call Martha with any questions at 706-733-8985.

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 have not yet had the opportunity to pledge and would like to do so, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office by Sunday, December 13. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacon’s tables at the back of the sanctuary.

Christmas Missionary Love-Gift – As our church members celebrate the Christmas season, we 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. If you were unable to attend our recent dinner and would like to participate, you may contribute to this offering by designating on your check placed in the offering plate until December 13.

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.

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
- Charles Rector, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia
- Trail Life USA
- Paul Volpitto, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia