

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 Harp PreludeMs. Vonda Darr, *guest*
- The Opening Scripture 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8
For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn of Praise – (*Trinity Hymnal, No 197*) THIRSTING
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

- † The Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*universal)

- The Doxology.....OLD HUNDRETH

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 Evening Prayer

The Offering & the Harp Offertory

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

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 221*)..ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Old Testament Lesson..... Exodus 20:14 (*page 61*)

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

The Sermon The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor
SEXUAL ETHICS: PRUDISH, PAGAN OR PURE?

- † The Communion Hymn – (*insert*).....GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured (*vs. 1-2*)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – *Please partake as you are served.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

- † The Parting Hymn – (*insert*)..... GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured (*vs. 3-4*)

- † The Benediction

The Piano Duet Postlude Handel, arr. Larry Shackley
And the Glory of the Lord (*from The Messiah*)
Mrs. Sue Moncrief and Mrs. Sarah Moore

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 13 – December 19

SUNDAY, December 13

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..... Covenant Hall

Young Families Covenant Hall

Adult..... Covenant Hall

10:15 a.m.Children's Christmas Party Children's House

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.

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

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

MONDAY, December 14

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting Church Office

TUESDAY, December 15

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

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

WEDNESDAY, December 16

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

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

8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 19

9:00 a.m.Choir Rehearsal: Christmas Music.....Sanctuary

Assisting in the Services

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

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

The Deacon on Duty is Wade Caldwell.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

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

Mr. Landon Gray, *Director of Student Ministries*

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The Third Sunday of Advent

Ringing Bells Point to Sounding Trumpet

The immense step from the Babe at Bethlehem to the living, reigning triumphant Lord Jesus, returning to earth for His own people – that is the glorious truth proclaimed throughout Scripture. As the bells ring out the joys of Christmas, may we also be alert for the final trumpet that will announce His return, when we shall always be with Him.

– Allen Redpath

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 Harp Prelude Ms. Vonda Darr, *guest*

The Choral Call to WorshipRandy Edwards

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

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

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-2, 4

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

- † The Hymn of Adoration – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 195*).....ANTIOCH
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

- † The Prayer of Invocation & AdorationThe 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 LessonMatthew 19:13–15 (*page 824*)

The Response

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.....Delylah Jane Avery
Covenant Child of Jim and Baylee Avery

The Response to God’s Grace – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 189, sung by all*)JESUS LOVES ME
Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

The Congregational Prayer

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

The Offertory Anthem – The First Nowell..... arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: No–well, no–well, no–well, no–well! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*
Mr. Mark Dickens, *organist*; Ms. Vonda Darr, *harpist*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 216*)..... W ZLOBIE LEZY
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1–10 (*page 575*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Rev. Jones
THE SHOOT THAT SECURES A GLORIOUS FUTURE

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*insert*)AR HYD Y NOS
View the Present Through the Promise

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – Fantasy on Two Well Known Christmas Carols West

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 rose candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, is called the “Shepherds’ Candle.” It reminds us that the angels announced the most glorious news of the birth of the Savior to simple shepherds outside of Bethlehem. Upon hearing the message, these shepherds departed immediately to find Mary, Joseph and the newborn baby. “When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger” (Luke 2:15–16).

Evening Worship

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!” is the gracious invitation of our God through the psalmist (Psalm 34:8a). The corporate worship of the Triune God is one of the primary ways by which He gives us a fuller, richer taste and sight of the sweetness and splendor of His love and grace. Thus, we gather with joyful expectation in evening worship for hearty singing, prayer, Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 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 commune with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament during evening worship today. 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.

Evensong

Join us for our annual Festival of Christmas involving our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, The Augusta Youth Chorale and Orchestra on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. Along with this special music in worship, The Rev. Jones will deliver a message from Hebrews 1:1–4 entitled, "What's the Big Deal about a Little Baby?" Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this special time of worship and honor dedicated to our Savior — Jesus Christ!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Our Savior is born! Be sure to join us on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord on the eve of His birth. There will be heartfelt music involving a string ensemble, a children's message by Landon Gray, Director of Student Ministries, and a homily by the Rev. Jones declaring the awesome love and wonder of God's pure grace.

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to follow Christ as His disciple. Let us memorize Luke 9:23, “And He said to all, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Series D: Being Christ’s Disciple; Topic: Put Christ First).

Other Announcements

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 be placed in the offering plate today. 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, today is the final day that you may contribute to this offering by designating on your check placed in the offering plate.

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

Make plans to join us for our Christmas party on Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Andrea and Landon Gray located at 739 Bradford Lane in Evans. Come, enjoy a time of fellowship one with another! There will be holiday games and you are encouraged to wear a tacky Christmas sweater.

On Wednesday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m., we will have a touch football game at Patriots Park located at 5445 Columbia Road in Grovetown. Everyone is encouraged to come and play — not just the youth! Let me know soon if you can make it so that I can organize teams. Contact Landon by phone at 423–605–9321 or via email to youth@christchurchpres.org.

Ladies Daytime Bible Study — Ladies, join us for a daytime Bible study Tuesday, December 15, 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 15, in the home of Linda and Warren Jones located at 503 Thompkins Lane. Christmas fellowship dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by a white–elephant gift exchange. Please phone the Jones' at 706–447–2546 with any questions.

Midweek Gathering — As we enjoy the Christmas season, there will be no midweek gatherings through the last weeks of December. We will resume this time of fellowship and prayer on January 6, 2016.

Children's Choir — The Children's Choir will be taking a break through the rest of December. Therefore, children in 4K through 5th grade will remain in the Sanctuary during the evening service. We will resume our choir practices on January 10, 2016.

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:

Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher, *Mission to the World (PCA), South Africa*

Missionaries in harm's way are not listed.

AGAPE Ministry, *Augusta, Georgia*

Alliance Defending Freedom, *Scottsdale, Arizona*