

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 & Trumpet Prelude** – I Wonder as I Wanderarr. Ledgerwood
Mrs. Sarah Moore, *pianist*; Mr. Brian Moore, *trumpeter*

The Opening Scripture Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 224*) GO TELL IT
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

The Hymn – I'd Rather Have Jesus (*Family Songs, No. 111*)....I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

The Student Testimonies

The Evening Prayer

The Offering & the Offertory

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

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Family Songs, No. 3*) RATHBUN
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (*page 962*)

The Response

Minister: This is the Word of God.
Congregation: **Thanks be to Thee, O God.**

The Sermon The Rev. Rick Hammond, guest THE ONLY GOAL WORTH EVERYTHING

- † **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 642*).....SLANE
Be Thou My Vision

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano & Trumpet Postlude – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing..... arr. Foster

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 27 – January 2

SUNDAY, December 27

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-5Children's House

Grades 1-2Children's House

Grades 3-4Children's House

Grades 5-6Youth House

Grades 7-8Youth House

Grades 9-12Youth House

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.

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

Church Office Schedule:

8:00 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
(December 29, 30 & 31)
and closed Friday, January 1.

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Charles Bowen & Charles McClure.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Barry Smith.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

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, December 27, 2015

Resolved

Resolved, to improve every opportunity, when I am in the best and happiest frame of mind, to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in Him, and consecrate myself wholly to Him; that from this I may have assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.

– Jonathan Edwards

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** – Carols for Quiet StopsTraditional

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 29:1–2

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 203*).....MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- † **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 Old Testament Lesson..... Isaiah 60:1-3 (*page 619*)

The ResponseIsaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

People: But the Word of our God stands forever.

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 Response to God’s Grace – There Is a Redeemer (*sung by all*)..... GREEN

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 303*)..... LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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

The New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:15-16 (*page 978*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – REDEEM THE TIME..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 585*) HENDON

Take My Life and Let It Be

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Pachelbel

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.

Student Night at Evening Worship

On the evening of the final Lord’s Day of 2015, we look forward to Student Night at Evening Worship. We will have the opportunity to hear what God is doing in the lives of some of our college students as well as hear an encouraging and challenging message from the Rev. Rick Hammond on “The Only Goal Worth Everything,” from 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. We warmly invite you to join us tonight. Come and worship!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Make plans to start the new year in the house of God with a special communion service lead by Dr. John W. P. Oliver during the morning worship on January 3, 2016. The pastor and session of Christ Church strongly encourage 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 Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Series D: Being Christ’s Disciple; Topic: Separate From the World).

Other Announcements

Student News — Mark your calendars! On January 8, 2016, we will hold our first ever Parent/Student Trivia Night beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and fun, along with a delicious dinner. RSVP with Landon Gray by email to youth@christchurchpres.org by Wednesday, January 6.

Adult Sunday School Classes — We are excited about the upcoming start of our new Adult Sunday School curriculum. We will begin sign up for classes today, December 27, and conclude on January 3. Classes will begin on January 10, 2016. Four courses of Unit 1 will be offered: "God's View of Marriage," "The Parables of Jesus," "The Existence of God" and "Development of the Canon." Please make it a priority to begin the new year by being a part of this opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

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.

Year-end Giving — Please remember that, in order for gifts to be credited to fiscal year 2015, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2015.

Church Office Holiday Schedule — The Church Office will be open Tuesday through Thursday (December 29-31) from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2016.

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:

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

Cheryl Crocker, Mission to the World (PCA)