

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 PreludeMrs. Catharine McClure

The Opening Scripture St. Matthew 2:19-23

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

- † The Hymn of Praise – (Family Songs, No. 13) MY SAVIOR'S LOVE
I Stand Amazed in the Presence

The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn – (Family Songs, No. 70) KINGS OF ORIENT
We Three Kings of Orient Are

- † The Hymn – As with Gladness Men of Old (Trinity Hymnal, No. 226)DIX

The Testimony

The Evening Prayer

The Offering & the Offertory Prayer

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

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 601) PILOT
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

The New Testament Lesson.....Philippians 1:12-26 (page 980)

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

The SermonDr. John W. P. Oliver, Missioner
ANTICIPATION PLUS ANXIETY

- † The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 600).....HE LEADETH ME
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of January 3 – January 9

SUNDAY, January 3

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 FamiliesCovenant 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

MONDAY, January 4

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

TUESDAY, January 5

7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Church Office

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

WEDNESDAY, January 6

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, January 7

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

FRIDAY, January 8

6:00 p.m. Parent/Student Trivia Night Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are John Dunsmore & Ken Moody.
Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, Hamilton McDaniel & Ed Russell.
The Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Mike Boyd & McDonald Law.
Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norkus, John Norkus & Mark Walters.
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*

Christ Church, Presbyterian

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America
4201 Southern Pines Drive, Evans, GA 30809
Phone (706) 210-9090 • Facsimile (706) 364-9086
www.ChristChurchPres.org



Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, January 3, 2016

Epiphany Sunday

The benefits [the Lord's Supper] confers, are spiritual, not physical. Its effects must be looked for in our inward man. It was intended to remind us, by the visible, tangible emblems of bread and wine, that the offering of Christ's body and blood for us on the cross, is the only atonement for sin, and the life of a believer's soul. It was meant to help our poor weak faith to closer fellowship with our crucified Savior, and to assist us in spiritually feeding on Christ's body and blood. It is an ordinance for redeemed sinners, and not for unfallen angels. By receiving it we publicly declare our sense of guilt, and need of a Savior – our trust in Jesus, and our love to Him – our desire to live upon Him, and our hope to live with Him. Using it in this spirit, we shall find our repentance deepened, our faith increased, our hope brightened, and our love enlarged – our besetting sins weakened, and our graces strengthened. It will draw us nearer to Christ.

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 – How Lovely Shines the Morning StarPeeters

The Choral Call to WorshipYOUNG

Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-2

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Pastor: I will praise the Lord all my life;

People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

- † The Hymn of Adoration – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 219)CANONBURY
All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

- † The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration Dr. John W. P. Oliver, Missioner

† **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 HUNDREDDTH

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 Gospel Lesson St. Matthew 2:1-12 (page 807)

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

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 – (sung by all) 19th c. American Melody

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem – Be Thou My Vision..... Dan Forest

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my True Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart.
High King of my heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler, be my vision Lord.

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 225).....IRBY

Once in Royal David's City

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

The Old Testament Lesson Psalm 2 (page 448)

The Gloria Patri (page 735 in the Trinity Hymnal, spoken)..... GREATOREX

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE WISE KISS THE SON..... Dr. Oliver

† **The Communion Hymn** (Trinity Hymnal, No. 233) I DO BELIEVE

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

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** (Trinity Hymnal, No. 206) MORNING STAR

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

† **The Benediction**

The Response – Joy to the World! The Lord is Come (sung by all) ANTIOCH

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

The Organ Postlude – God Be with You Till We Meet Again Ashdown

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 Service

On this first Lord's Day evening of the New Year of Grace, set a good pattern of Lord's Day observance by returning for the evening service. Dr. Oliver will address a timely matter through the lens of Holy Scripture, a matter that has drawn beloved Wheaton College into controversy nationally. During Testimony Time, Dr. Chris Homeyer, who served a number of years as a missionary doctor under TEAM at their Oasis Hospital in the United Arab Emirates, will speak briefly. Ask the Lord to crown the Lord's Day with the Spirit's manifest presence.

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 morning worship today.

Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to follow Christ as His disciple. Let us memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (Series D: Being Christ’s Disciple; Topic: Be Steadfast).

Other Announcements

Adult Sunday School Classes — We are excited about the upcoming start of our new Adult Sunday School curriculum. We will conclude our sign up for new classes today. 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.

Adult Bible Study, Evans — The Adult Bible Study, Evans will meet Tuesday, January 5, 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 Hebrews 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).**

Adult Bible Study, Augusta — The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will meet Thursday, January 7, 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. The text of this week’s lesson is John 14:15-31 and it is titled “It is Better That Another Comes”. Please phone the Moncrief’s at 706-737-5953 with any questions

Student News — Mark your calendars! On Friday, January 8, 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.

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.

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:

Karl and Debbie Dortzbach, *Mission to the World (PCA), Kenya*

Chris and Cary Drinkard, *Campus Outreach, Manila, Philippines*

Glenn and Sharlene Grubb, *Wycliffe Bible Translators/Mission to the World (PCA)*

Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, *Operation Mobilization, Italy*