

## 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 – Jesus, My Friend..... arr. Phillip Keveren  
Mrs. Sue Moncrief

**The Opening Scripture & Prayer of Invocation**..... Psalm 141:1-2  
O Lord, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You!  
Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as  
the evening sacrifice!

- † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 119) ..... FOREST GREEN  
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

- † The Hymn – Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (Trinity Hymnal, No. 701).....ADA

The College Student Reports

The Evening Prayer.....Ruling Elder Billy Hatcher

The Offering & the Offertory.....Phoebe Knapp, arr. Phillip Keveren  
Blessed Assurance  
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 611) .....WALK WITH ME  
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament Lesson ..... 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 (page 384)

The Response

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

The Sermon ..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor  
WILL YOU SERVE YOUR FATHER'S GOD?

- † The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 475)..... INVITATION  
Come to the Savior Now

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

### Missionary Prayer

Please remember this missionary organization designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:

Institute for Creation Research (ICR)

Pray for the remaining funding needed to complete The ICR Discovery Center for Science and Earth History, as well as their event, "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis," to be held in Denton, TX, during August and September.

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of August 7 – August 13

### SUNDAY, August 7

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..... Audio/Visual 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.

12:15 p.m. ....Good News Club Meeting..... Diaconate Room

12:30 p.m. .... Fellowship Meal ..... Covenant Hall

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

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

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

### MONDAY, August 8

6:30 p.m. ....Session Prayer & Meeting..... Church Office

### WEDNESDAY, August 10

6:30 p.m. .... Student Gathering ..... Covenant Hall

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

### FRIDAY, August 12

6:30 a.m. .... Men's Prayer..... Church Office

### SATURDAY, August 13

8:30 a.m. .... Elders' Retreat ..... Hatcher Farm House

### Note:

Our Secretary, Shirley McBride, will be on vacation this week. Scott Doss has graciously agreed to fill in for Shirley on Tuesday morning and all day Wednesday and Thursday.

### Assisting in the Services

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

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

The Deacon on Duty is Ed Russell.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Barry Smith.

### Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

Dr. Stan Pylant, Director of Music; Mrs. Laura Doss, 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, August 7, 2016

### Struggling Christian

Dear struggling Christian, if our gaze is always within, assurance will remain fleeting. No doubt, we need to examine our lives and test the fruit, but true assurance, lasting assurance, secure assurance comes from looking to Christ and our union with Him. We want to see evidence of Christ's grace in our lives, but we realize these evidences not by seeking after them, but by gaining a greater grasp on Christ.

– Jason Helopoulos

## 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 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee ..... arr. Young

The Choral Call to Worship ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord!

Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... Psalm 95:1-3

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God,

People: And a great King above all gods.

- † The Hymn of Adoration – (Family Songs, No. 108) .....CORONATION  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- † The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration ..... 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 Doxology** .....OLD HUNDREDTH

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** ..... Luke 18:9-14 (page 877)

**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** – I Lay My Sins on Jesus ..... AURELIA

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains  
White in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

**The Offering & the Prayer of Dedication**

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

**The Offertory Anthem** – The Heavens are Telling..... Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens are telling the glory of God. They thunder forth the name of the Lord.  
The earth and God, they thunder forth the name of the Lord.

The earth and oceans their voices are lending: Receive, O man, their holy word.  
Who spreads uncountable stars on the darkness? Who bids the sun cast off her shrouds?

From whom did this all arise? Give Him honor!  
The Lord calls, "On Me you shall rely. On Me alone you shall rely."  
Sanctuary Choir

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 520).....GERMANY

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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

**The Epistle Lesson** ..... Romans 8:33-34 (page 945)

**The Response**

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

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** – CASE CLOSED IN THE COURT OF HEAVEN ..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** – (Family Songs, No. 7).....THRONE ROOM  
Before the Throne of God Above

† **The Benediction**

**The Organ Postlude** – Fugue in G Major ..... Heron

## 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.

## College Night at Christ Church—Evening Worship

During this evening worship service we have the opportunity to hear from two of our college students who soon return to their campuses for their sophomore years: Maddie Bailey, who is studying Secondary Education with an emphasis on English at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, and David Dyer, who is studying Christian Studies with an emphasis on biblical languages at Charleston Southern University in Charleston, South Carolina. Hear what God is doing in these students' lives, how we as a church family can pray for them, and a

## Youth Director Moving

The session was informed this week that our Director of Youth, Landon Gray, will be pursuing an advanced degree and to work part-time in college ministry in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We are thankful for Landon and Andrea’s work here and for their love of our youth. Landon has advanced outreach and discipleship in our youth ministry, and he and Andrea will be missed. Please share your appreciation for Landon’s ministry here at Christ Church, Presbyterian during their remaining time in Evans, GA, through August 21.

## Scripture Memory

Romans 8:35-37

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

## Other Announcements

**Good News Club** – School year is about to get started! The Lord needs eight or more ministry workers for Good News Club (GNC) at River Ridge Elementary School. For the last seven years God has blessed and allowed Christ Church, Presbyterian to minister to students in this public school. The children always look forward to participating. Home schoolers are welcome. A training conference for all volunteers will be Saturday August 20 from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. for new volunteers or 8:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m. for those returning. We will have a brief meeting after the morning worship service today in the Deacon’s room for those interested. If you are willing to commit, please contact Jane Bowen at 706-738-1816 or via email to glbowen1@knology.net. “But Jesus said, ‘Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’” MT 19:14 (KJV)

**Fellowship Luncheon** – Today, following the morning worship service, we will enjoy our monthly Fellowship Luncheon in Covenant Hall. Fried chicken will be provided for a donation of any amount. Members are bringing generous side dishes, salads or desserts to share, and visitors are warmly invited to attend.

**Symposium on Religious Persecution** – We are living in days of challenge and opportunity. While our extended family of brothers and sisters throughout the world is enduring great violence, social and economic pressure and daily harassment, we here in America are beginning to see signs of these circumstances heading quickly in our direction. We must embrace our present situation with the sure knowledge that we are here by divine appointment. The crisis before us requires serious thought and preparation. The church is being called to faithful witness in a society that is increasingly hostile to Christian truth and values.

The ability to clearly articulate God's truth and the values flowing from Scripture is required if we expect to continue to have a seat at the table. It is unlikely that we will be willing or able to stand for the faith if we do not understand God's truth and incorporate its power into daily living. While we are citizens of another world, we are salt and light in the present one. Should God not choose to reverse the present course, our generation and those to follow will experience pressures totally unfamiliar to most of us. We do not have to be free or comfortable to be faithful.

In places like China, Iraq, Syria, African villages, Indonesian marketplaces, and Pakistani neighborhoods, believers are tortured and murdered every day. This is not our experience. Persecution in American will come initially in other forms. It is important to understand how this happens, what it looks like and how to brace for the fallout. God is leading us to places we have not been before, but He is not taking us to places where His grace cannot keep us and His Spirit cannot powerfully use us.

Please join us each Lord's Day in Covenant Hall at 9:45 a.m. The symposium on religious persecution will continue each week through September 4 for all post-high school adults.

**The Augusta Youth Choral** – The AYC's eighth season begins in September. Auditions will be held during the month of August. Do you happen to know someone who might like to sing in a choral setting with wonderful opportunities to enjoy new friends and share their gifts with others? If so, have them check out our new website for information: [www.augustayouthchorale.org](http://www.augustayouthchorale.org), or contact Stan Pylant at 706-210-9090 or via email to [music@christchurchpres.org](mailto:music@christchurchpres.org).

**Church Workday** – At Christ Church we have been richly blessed by God with beautiful facilities, and it is our desire to be good stewards of the gifts we have been given. Please join us on Saturday, August 20, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, for our church workday as we labor side-by-side, beautifying the church property, making minor repairs to our buildings, and enjoying fellowship together.

**Upcoming Inquirer's Class** – Are you considering membership at Christ Church, Presbyterian? Or, do you simply want to know more about our church? Don't miss the upcoming Inquirer's Class that will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday: 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. until noon). This class will explore important questions, such as: What does it mean to be a Christian? What do we believe about God, salvation, the church, baptism and other important matters of faith? Further, we will consider practical questions: Why do we worship like that? What is our mission as a church? What does membership involve and why is it important? How can I get involved? If you are interested in being a part of this class, please call the church office (706-210-9090) or sign up at the Welcome Table. Childcare will be provided.

**Grounded Foster Care Ministry Need** – We have an immediate opening on one of our Care Communities for a volunteer to bring a meal once a month to a local foster family. If you are interested and able to meet this need, please contact Dessa Edwards at 706-627-9430 or via email to [desa.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:desa.edwards@gmail.com).