

## 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 - Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne..... arr. Forrest  
Mrs. Laura Doss

### The Opening Scripture ..... 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- † The Hymn of Praise - (Family Songs, No. 54) .....HYMN TO JOY  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn - (Trinity Hymnal, No. 381).....HOLY MANNA  
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

### The Hymn - Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Trinity Hymnal, No. 359).....DENNIS

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

### The Offering & the Offertory - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.... arr. Hayes (Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † The Hymn of Preparation - (Family Songs, No. 39) .....ST. PETER  
In Christ There Is No East or West

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

### The New Testament Lesson ..... Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 977)

### The Response

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

### The Sermon .....Rev. Richard Hammond, guest CELEBRATING UNITY IN GOD'S CHURCH

- † The Hymn of Response - (Trinity Hymnal, No. 353) .....ST. THOMAS  
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

### † The Benediction

### The Piano Postlude - Before the Throne of God Above ..... Bancroft

### Missionary Prayer

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

Rick and Betty Aschmann, *Mission to the World (PCA), Bogota*

Pray for God to reveal Himself at the Imbabura Quichua Bible studies and for the necessary resources to complete the Bible revision project, as well as their work in the field.

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of November 27 - December 3

### SUNDAY, November 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

K4-5 ..... 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.....Assigned Locations

11:00 a.m. ....Morning Worship..... Sanctuary

*On the final verse of the second hymn, children in K4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade may exit for Catechism.*

4:30 p.m. ....AYC Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

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

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

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

### MONDAY, November 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

6:15 p.m. ....Brass Ensemble Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

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

### FRIDAY, December 2

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

### SATURDAY, December 3

5:00 p.m. ....Christmas Missionary Love-Gift Dinner... Covenant Hall

*Please see the Home Bible Study Schedule following Other Announcements  
for upcoming opportunities to study God's Word.*

### Assisting in the Services

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

*Ushers are Lanier Adams, Jim Avery, Stephen Dyer, William Jewett & John Norkus.*

*The Deacon on Duty is Will Crews.*

*Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be John Clark & 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 Wade Caldwell.*

### Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*; Mrs. Laura Doss, *Organist*

Mr. Chris Nabholz, *Interim 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, November 27, 2016

### The First Sunday of Advent

### The Motive of the Heart

It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular; it is why he does it. The motive is everything. Let a man sanctify the Lord God in his heart and he can thereafter do no common act. All he does is good and acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For such a man, living itself will be sacramental and the whole world a sanctuary. His whole life will be a priestly ministration.

— A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

### 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 Prelude - O Love that Will Not Let Me Go..... arr. Mark Hayes  
Dave Hill, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, *trombone*;  
Kay Lovingood, *tuba*; Laura Doss, *piano*

### The Choral Call to Worship ..... DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,

He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,

Of the things that are, that have been,

And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

Sanctuary Choir

### The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life

forevermore.

- † The Hymn of Adoration - (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196).....HYFRYDOL  
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- † The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration ..... Rev. Richard Hammond, *guest*

† **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 Testamen Lesson** .....Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 595)

**The Response** .....Isaiah 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** – Have Thine Own Way, Lord! .....HOLY DESIRE

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

### The Offering & the Prayer of Dedication

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

**The Offertory Anthem** – Sing to the Lord of Harvest ... Steurlein, arr. Bacon

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise:

By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;

Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring,

The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing:

God fills them with His fullness all things with large increase;

He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty, and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,

The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save:

Your hearts lay down before Him, when at His feet you fall,

And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love, a song of love.

Sanctuary Choir; CC,P Brass; and Laura Doss, *piano*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 347).....AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

On the final verse, children in K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade may exit for Catechism.

**The New Testament Lesson** ..... 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (page 959)

### The Response

Pastor: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.**

### The Prayer for Illumination

**The Sermon** .....The Rev. Hammond, *guest*

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN GOD'S CHURCH

† **The Hymn of Response** – We Are God's People (Trinity Hymnal, No. 355) .. SYMPHONY

### † The Benediction

**The Postlude** – Lead On, O King Eternal.....Smart, arr. Moore

CC,P Brass and Laura Doss, *organ*

*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.

## Advent Wreath

The word “advent” means “coming.” At Christ Church we observe Advent as a reminder that we live between the times: after Christ’s first coming as the Child of Bethlehem, and looking forward to His second coming as the King of Glory. The first purple candle, known as “The Prophet’s Candle,” signifies the hope of the coming Messiah seen in the prophecies of the Old Testament. “Hear now, O house of David! ...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:13-14).

## Evening Worship

Join us as we conclude this Lord’s Day with another celebration of God’s Church–Unity. As we, the church, represent the body of Christ, let us unite in worship and learn to follow the head, Christ, whole-heartedly, which is God’s natural, intended order of life. The Rev. Rick Hammond will lead our evening worship with the message, "Celebrating Unity in God’s Church," taken from Ephesians 4:1-16.

## Christmas Missionary Love-Gift Dinner

Make plans to join us for our Christmas fellowship this Saturday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Each year, Christ Church members celebrate the Christmas season and contribute toward a monetary Christmas gift to our missionaries who are serving in the field, as an extra remembrance of their work for the Gospel. The diaconate will be providing a variety of cooked meats including beef brisket, turkey, and smoked pork. All attendees are asked to provide a generous side dish, salad or dessert on a serving platter to share. During the Christmas fellowship dinner, there will be an opportunity to contribute your monetary gift to the Gospel work of our missionaries. Please RSVP by completing the form inserted in today’s bulletin or by visiting [www.christchurchpres.org](http://www.christchurchpres.org).

## Other Announcements

**Augusta Youth Chorale Christmas Dessert Concert** – Mark your calendar today so that you do not miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delightful and inspiring time in the Lord as the AYC performs a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 4:15 p.m. Afterward, everyone is invited to gather in Covenant Hall to enjoy delicious, free desserts prepared by the chorale. This concert is free. A special offering will be accepted.

**Youth Tacky Sweater Gathering** – After the evening service on Sunday, December 4, the youth are invited to the Townsends’ home, located at 1538 River Island Pkwy in Evans, for a Tacky Sweater Party. We will be enjoying festive food and showing off your Grandma’s tacky sweater. Please bring a White Elephant gift for the gift exchange!

**Grounded Foster Care** – There will be an informational meeting regarding Grounded, the foster family ministry of Christ Church, on Saturday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall. There are many opportunities available with various commitment levels. A representative from Columbia County’s Department of Family and Children’s Services will be there to answer questions about becoming a foster family. Contact Dessa Edwards for more information at 706-627-9430 or [dessa.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:dessa.edwards@gmail.com).

**Children's Christmas Party** – Let's celebrate Jesus' birth! Join us on Sunday, December 11, during Sunday school for the best birthday party ever. There will be snacks, games, gifts, and fun for everyone.

**Youth Pancake Study Break** – Please join us on Wednesday, December 14, for an ultimate study break from those terrible exams! We will meet in the Youth House at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy games and food! There will be plenty of snacks, games, and of course plenty of pancakes for all! This is a perfect opportunity to bring your study group friends and hang out without worrying about your studies! In the words of Mark Twain, “Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.”

**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 2017. If you were unable to attend last week, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacons' tables at the back of the sanctuary.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one for a very small contribution, please contact Yvonne Clark at 706-738-5020 or the Church Secretary Shirley McBride at 706-210-9090 or by email to [secretary@christchurchpres.org](mailto:secretary@christchurchpres.org).

**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.

## Home Bible Studies Schedule

### TUESDAYS

7:00 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study, Augusta..... Moncrief Home  
November 29 706-737-5953; 2910 Mayfair Road

7:00 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study, Evans..... W. Jones Home  
December 6 706-447-2546; 503 Thompkins Lane

10:00 a.m. .... Women's Daytime Bible Study .....J. Jones Home  
December 13 252-622-8097; 1062 Conn Drive, Evans

### THURSDAYS

6:00 p.m. .... Young Couples Connect .....Parish Home  
December 1 706-504-6274; 609 Woodwalk Lane, Martinez

## Scripture Memory

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.