

# The Poinsettias

are given

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Sarah Carolyn Walters by her parents Mark & Susan Walters and her sister Rachel

Our parents, Al & Jane Rihl and George & Delores Van Deventer by Bob & Jordy Rihl

Louis Bates Folley, Jr., by Martha Folley

Myrtle Ellington by Tom & Beth Hedden

Our son Matthew by John & Yvonne Clark

Rev. Bill Ryans by his wife Carol

William Daniel Burroughs by his family

Jean Owen Brown by Julie Dey

Our parents by the McClure family

Our parents Barbara & Cecil Hagood and Virginia & Don Townsend by Don & Jenny Townsend

Anthony P. Nunziato and Micah A. Nunziato by Thelma Nunziato

Our parents by Anne & Bill Alston

Parents and grandparents, Mildred & Kenneth Norkus, Mary & Roger Rossman and close family friend Patricia Johnson by the Norkus family

John & Dorothy Dunsmore by John & Diane Dunsmore

Charles & Ethel Heintz by John & Diane Dunsmore

My father Dean Ray Miller by Gloria Gill

Regina Rakar on the first anniversary of her passing by her sister Susan LaFrance

Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bowen, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. James Smalley by Mr. & Mrs. George Bowen

Winifred Faour and Emma Jewett by Mel & Charlotte Jewett

Loved ones by Marita S. Myers

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Mauldin, Sr., and Mr. W. S. Mauldin, Jr., by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Brown, Mrs. Carol Mauldin and their families

My parents, Reed & Janet Hutchison, by Anne Bowen

Patrick Ian Lammie by Chris & Erin Lammie

John C. Weidman, Jr., by John & Mary Weidman, III

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF

Dale McPherson by Cherry McPherson

Jason Clark by Cherry McPherson

Josiah & Jenn Jones by Lee & Nancy Parks

John, Yvonne, & Jason Clark by J. Josiah & Jennifer Jones

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher by J. Josiah & Jennifer Jones

Our mothers, Rita Wannemacher and Lazetta Mapes, by Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher

Rev. & Mrs. Josiah Jones and family by Dottie & Dick Geiselman

Our Sunday hero Cayden Jones by Joey & Margaret Johnson

My husband Joey Johnson by his wife, Margaret

Our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren by Jenny & Don Townsend

Our parents, Don & Jenny Townsend and John & Nancy Lammie, by Chris & Erin Lammie

Our grandchildren, Bennett, Carter, & Liam by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Boyd

# This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 18 – December 24

## SUNDAY, December 18

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.*

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

6:00 p.m. .... Evensong: A Festival Gloria ..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. .... Gathering at the Townsends ..... Townsends Home

## MONDAY, December 19

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

## FRIDAY, December 23

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

## SATURDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship ..... Sanctuary

*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 Gene Gojda & Billy Hatcher.*

*Ushers are Will Boyd, Will Crews, Whit Foster, William Jewett & Barry Smith.*

*The Deacon on Duty is Barry Smith.*

*Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Mel Jewett & Ora Parish.*

*Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, Jim Avery, Stephen Dyer, William Jewett & John Norkus.*

*The Deacon on Duty will be Stephen Dyer.*

### 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, December 18, 2016

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### No Incurable Cases

Hospitals discharge many cases as incurable. But there are no incurable cases under the Gospel.

– J.C. Ryle

## 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 Come, All Ye Faithful ..... arr. Dan Marvin  
Brian Moore, Dave Hill, and Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, and Denton Adkinson, *trombone*; Kay Lovingood, *tuba*, Laura Doss, *organ*

- **The Welcome**

**The Choral Call to Worship** – Arise, Your Light Is Come....Walter, arr. Pylant

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Sanctuary Choir

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Isaiah 40:3-5

**Pastor:** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People:** Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**Pastor:** And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

**People:** And all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

- † **The Carol of Adoration** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 214*)..... GLORIA  
Angels We Have Heard on High

- † **The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration** .....Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

† **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 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 Epistle Lesson** .....2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6 (*Page 965*)

**The Response** .....Isaiah 40:8

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

**The Congregational & Dedicatory 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**

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

**The Offertory Anthem** – O Come, All Ye Faithful.....arr. Dan Forrest

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sanctuary Choir; Catharine McClure and Laura Doss, *piano*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 213*).....GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This

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

**The Gospel Lesson** .....Mark 3:7–21 (*page 838*)

**The Response**

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

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** – THE CHRISTMAS SECRET .....The Rev. Jones, Pastor

† **The Communion Hymn** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 460*).....AMAZING GRACE  
Amazing Grace! (*vs. 1–3*)

**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 Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 460*).....AMAZING GRACE  
Amazing Grace! (*vs. 4–6*)

† **The Benediction**

**The Postlude** – Joy to the World ..... arr. Tim Zimmerman  
CC,P Brass and Laura Doss, *organ*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of our eight years of marriage by Allyn and Stephen Dyer.*

## 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 third purple candle, the last to be lit in the outer circle of the wreath, is known as “The Angels’ Candle.” It represents the message of peace with God through Christ that the heavenly host delivered on the night of the Messiah’s birth. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:13–14).

## 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.

## Evensong: A Festival Gloria

We warmly invite you for a special time of worship this evening celebrating the unspeakable gift of God's Son. The service will be filled with congregational carols and Christmas anthems sung by our Sanctuary Choir, Children’s Choir, and The Augusta Youth Chorale, all accompanied by Orchestra. Worship will culminate with a message from our pastor entitled, "Beholding His Glory." Invite your family and friends and join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate our Savior's birth together!

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Savior is born! You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., for a candlelight service as we worship and celebrate our Savior and Lord on the eve of His birth. There will be heartfelt music involving a string ensemble, special music, a children's message, and a homily by the Rev. Jones from Luke's Christmas narrative entitled, "Prepare Him Room."

## Christmas Day

Join us for morning worship on Sunday, December 25, beginning at 11:00 a.m. We will worship and celebrate our Savior together as a church. There will be no evening activities so that families may enjoy one another in the love of Christ.

## Other Announcements

**Children's Evening Program** – The children's evening program will be on break until Sunday, January 8. Your children should remain in the Sanctuary during evening worship beginning tonight.

**Gathering at the Townsends** – After Evensong tonight, all are invited to continue savoring the holiness of the season. Bring a plate of something to share and join us at 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans.

**Church Staff Christmas and Jews for Jesus Gifts** – Special donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff and for the Jews for Jesus evangelism ministry. Please contribute as God directs by today, Sunday, December 18, and place your donation in the offering plate so that these gifts may be presented before Christmas.

## Home Bible Studies Schedule

### TUESDAYS

7:00 p.m..... Adult Bible Study, Evans Christmas Dinner... W. Jones Home  
December 20 706-447-2546; 503 Thompkins Lane

10:00 a.m. .... Women's Daytime Bible Study .....J. Jones Home  
January 10, 2017 252-622-8097; 1062 Conn Drive, Evans

7:00 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study, Augusta..... Moncrief Home  
January 10, 2017 706-737-5953; 2910 Mayfair Road

### THURSDAYS

6:45 p.m. .... Women's Evening Bible Study..... Boyd Home  
January 12, 2017 706-736-0004; 9 Summerville Lane, Augusta

6:00 p.m. .... Young Couples Connect .....Parish Home  
January 19, 2017 706-504-6274; 609 Woodwalk Lane, Martinez

## Missionary Prayer

Please remember this missionary organization 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*

Praise for Louis' ability to teach surgical procedures around the world helping to enhance the lives of children and their families. Please pray for strength and stamina for future travel and training.

## Scripture Memory Review

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.