

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 Psalm 119:89-93

Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast. By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants. If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

- † The Hymn of Praise – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 179*) THINE THE GLORY
Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

The Prayer of Invocation

- † The Hymn – Standing on the Promises (*Family Songs, No. 81*).....PROMISES

The Hymn – Holy Bible, Book Divine (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 137*).....ALETTA

The Evening Prayer Billy Hatcher, Ruling Elder

The Offering & the Offertory

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

- † The Hymn of Preparation – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 146*)BREAD OF LIFE
Break Thou the Bread of Life

The Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (*page 559*)

The Response

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

The SermonRev. Richard Hammond, guest

SHORT CUTS TO THE WRONG PLACES

- † The Hymn of Response – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 94*) FOUNDATION
How Firm a Foundation

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of January 1– January 7

SUNDAY, January 1

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 – 3rd Grade may exit for Catechism.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, January 6

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

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 John Dunsmore & John Clark.

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

The Deacon on Duty is Stephen Dyer.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be John Edwards.

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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Room Enough in His Heart

The proper study of God's elect is God; the proper study of a Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.

– J. I. Packer

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 – Faith of our Fathers.....arr. Burkhardt

The Choral Call to Worship arr. Mark Nabholz

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool; what is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest? All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word."

- † The Hymn of Adoration – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 32*).....FAITHFULNESS
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- † 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 New Testament Reading Colossians 2:1-15 (*Page 983*)

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 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing...NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Offering & the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem – There Is Faint Music..... Dan Forrest

There is faint music in the night and pale wings fanned by silver flight.
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.

A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies to hush her baby's sleepy sighs.

Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space.
Her heart is filled with blinding joy for God's own Son, her baby boy!

Sanctuary Choir and Laura Doss, *piano*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 598*)CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
On the final verse, children in K4 – 3rd Grade may exit for Catechism.

The Old Testament ReadingEcclesiastes 1:1-18 (*Page 553*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – TRYING TO GRASP THE WINDThe Rev. Hammond, *guest*

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 523*).....WAKEFIELD

My Hope Is in the Lord

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – *Toccata* on God Is our Strong Salvation..... arr. Young

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 Worship

We welcome you to begin 2017 in the fellowship of Christ and return for evening worship, joining us in closing this holy day in the presence of our Holy Father. The Rev. Rick Hammond will share the message, "Short Cuts to the Wrong Places," from Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.

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.

Youth Bonfire at the Church – All youth are invited to join us on Friday, January 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. for a bonfire fellowship. You are encouraged to bring your friends for this fun-filled time in the Lord. For more information, please contact Chris Nabholz at youth@christchurchpres.org.

Home Bible Studies Schedule

TUESDAYS

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans..... W. Jones Home
January 3 706-447-2546; 503 Thompkins Lane

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

Scripture Memory Review

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God Who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Missionary Prayer

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

Paul and Laura Chinchon, *African Bible Colleges, Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia*

Praise for God's hand extending through their students and into the villages of Malawi. Fedelis, a former student two years ago, now runs his own church, helping students complete school and enter college. Fedelis has 200+ kids enrolled in school, and another 40 enrolled in college.