

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**..... Lowell Mason, arr. John Kraus
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Mrs. Sue Moncrief

The Words of Welcome & the Opening Scripture Psalm 84:10-12

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – (Family Songs, No. 87) THINE THE GLORY
Hallelujah! Thine the Glory
Mike Boyd, directing

• † The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn** – (Family Songs, No. 49)..... POWER IN THE BLOOD
There Is Power In the Blood

The Hymn – Grace Greater than Our Sin (Family Songs, No. 25)..... MOODY

The Evening PrayerMike Boyd, Ruling Elder

The Offering & the Offertory John B. Dykes, arr. Marilyn Ham Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Family Songs, No. 95) WYCLIFF
All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament LessonPsalm 122 (page 517)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Rev. Richard Hammond, guest THE DEAREST PLACE ON EARTH

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

† The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of March 19 – March 25

SUNDAY, March 19

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.

4:00 p.m.AYC Away for ConcertMeet at 1st Bapt., Aug.

5:00 p.m. Grounded: Foster Care Information Meeting .. Covenant Hall

5:00 p.m.Prayer Meeting..... Youth House

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

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

7:15 p.m..... Youth Gathering..... Youth House

MONDAY, March 20

7:00 p.m.American Heritage Girls.....Children's House

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

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

7:00 p.m.Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, March 24

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.*

*Our church office will be open Monday through Thursday next week (March 20 – 23);
which is due to our secretary's travel plans.*

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Mel Jewett & Ora Parish.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Will Crews, Whit Foster, William Jewett & Andrew Norkus.

The Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Gene Gojda & Billy Hatcher.

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

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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The Lord's Day, March 19, 2017

The Apostolic Church

When we confess that the church is apostolic, we are confessing that the churches to which we belong today stand in direct continuity to the church we see in the book of Acts. It is not the formal structure of the church that endures, nor do we need to trace an unbroken line of popes from Peter down to the present day. But it does mean that the Gospel Jesus gave to His apostles is the same Gospel we preach today.

– Kim Riddlebarger

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 Words of Welcome & Announcements**The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

The Prelude – Morning Has Broken..... Gaelic Melody; arr. Powell
Alicia Markyna, *flute*; Stan Pylant, *violin*; and Laura Doss, *organ*

The Choral Call to Worship Brahms; arr. Bock
We Are God's People

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our Cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to WorshipPsalm 117:1-2

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

People: Praise the LORD!

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

† The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

† **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**LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia!

The First Gospel Lesson Luke 18:15-17 (page 877)

The Sacrament of Holy BaptismOlson Blake Avery
Covenant Child of Baylee & Jim Avery
William Hunt Holton
Covenant Child of Liz & Hunt Holton

† **The Response to God's Grace** – Jesus Loves Me, This I Know..... JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Pastoral 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 and the Prayer of Dedication
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

The Offertory Anthem – More Love to TheeBob Burroughs

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee!
More love to Thee, to Thee, more love to Thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee.
Alicia Markyna, *flute*, and Laura Doss, *piano*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 521)SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The Second Gospel LessonMatthew 16:13-20 (page 822)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jones, Pastor
THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH, PT. 1

† **The Hymn of Response** – In Christ Alone (Family Songs, No. 1) IN CHRIST ALONE

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Emily and Lanier Adams' 45th wedding anniversary, by their children and grandchildren.

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

Charles Spurgeon referred to the Church as "the dearest place on earth". With all her flaws, her weaknesses, her failures, the Church remains, as Jesus promised, His witness, His flock, His Bride.

No Christian can ignore or neglect the Church without suffering severe spiritual consequences. As tempting as it may be to withdraw, run, or fade into the corners when things do not go our way, when our feelings are hurt, when our spiritual family lets us down, Jesus relentlessly calls us to full engagement, deep commitment and unwavering love for the community of faith. Psalm 122 sets the pace and defines the agenda for this relationship. Join us this evening to examine this powerful text.

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 necessary resources to complete the Discovery Center and for their ability to continue to demonstrate how science confirms the Bible.

Other Announcements

Grounded Foster Care Ministry – If you have a heart for foster children, along with an interest to get involved and help nurture these children in Christ, please make plans to join us for an informational meeting this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. You will gain information on assisting current foster families in our community. For more information, please contact Dessa Edwards at 706-627-9430 or via an e-mail to dessa.edwards@gmail.com.

Youth Gathering – All Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us in the Youth House following evening worship today for a time of fellowship. Food will be provided—come ready to eat!

The Little Mermaid at Westminster – One of our own students, Rachel Goodell, will be in *The Little Mermaid* production at Westminster Schools of Augusta March 23-25 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The youth and families are invited to attend this Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, children ten and under are \$5.

Jones Family Farewell Reception – We invite you to join us for a time of reflection, celebration, and farewell for the Jones family on Sunday, March 26, in Covenant Hall following the evening worship service. So that there is a variety of food, we ask that those whose last name begins with A-M bring a generous plate of hors d'oeuvres, tea sandwiches, or vegetable/fruit tray and those whose last name begins with N-Z bring a dessert. Please use the RSVP slip in today's bulletin or visit www.christchurchpres.org to indicate the number of those attending from your family.

Vacation Bible School: Volunteer Request – We still have many volunteer openings and need you to please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to participate with sharing Jesus with children in our church and community. There are volunteer forms on the Welcome Table located in the Narthex along with prayer guides for our upcoming VBS: June 12-16. Please place your completed form in the "VBS" basket also located on the Welcome Table. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fay Deal at 803-278-1176 or via an e-mail to runningdeal@gmail.com.

Home Bible Studies Schedule

TUESDAYS

10:00 a.m. Women's Daytime Bible StudyJ. Jones Home
March 21 706-218-6062; 1062 Conn Drive, Evans

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans..... W. Jones Home
March 21 706-447-2546; 503 Thompkins Lane

6:00 p.m. Young Couples Connect & Young Families Parish Home
March 21 706-504-6274; 609 Woodwalk Lane, Martinez

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta..... Moncrief Home
March 28 706-737-5953; 2910 Mayfair Road

THURSDAYS

6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study.....Martha Folley
March 23 706-829-6890, 2703 Downing Street, Augusta