

The New Testament Lesson ..... 1 John 4:1-6 (page 1023)

**The Response**

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

**The Prayer for Illumination**

The Sermon – TOO CLEVER TO BELIEVE.. Rev. Richard Hammond, *guest*

† **The Hymn of Response – America the Beautiful.....MATERNA**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
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And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

† **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude – Eternal Father, Strong to Save.....Melita

**Missionary Prayer**

Please remember these missionaries designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:  
AGAPE Ministry, Augusta, Georgia  
Pray for their efforts to reach inner city children and their families with the gospel of Christ.

**This Week at Christ Church**  
Week of July 2 – July 8

**SUNDAY, July 2**  
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. .... Evening Worship..... Sanctuary  
7:15 p.m..... Independence Day Celebration ..... Church Campus  
**FRIDAY, July 7**  
6:30 a.m..... Men's Prayer..... Church Office

*The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day.*



**Christ Church, Presbyterian**  
**The Lord's Day, July 2, 2017**

Pardon, I beseech Thee, my sins, remove them from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept me through the merits of Thy son Jesus Christ. Bless my family, kindred, friends, and country, be our God and guide this day and forever for His sake, Who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

– George Washington  
from his prayer journal *The Daily Sacrifice*

**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 – America the Beautiful** ..... arr. David Ritter  
Desiree Wiggill, *flute*; Stan Pylant, *violin*; and Laura Doss, *piano*

**The Choral Call to Worship** ..... Barlowe, arr. Pylant  
Blessed the Nation  
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord;  
Blessed the land where He reigns.  
Blessed the people who trust in His Word,  
And worship His glorious name.  
Sanctuary Choir and Piano

• **The Words of Welcome & Announcements** ..... Ora Parish, Ruling Elder

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 86:8-10  
There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

† **The Prayer of Invocation**

• † **The Hymn of Adoration – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 710) .....NATIONAL HYMN**  
God of Our Fathers

**Assisting in the Services**

*Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Glynn Dyer & John Clark.  
Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Chris Lammie, Ed Russell & Derrick Smits.  
The Deacon on Duty is Charles Kimbrell.  
Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Mike Boyd & John Dunsmore.  
Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, Richard Deal, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell & John Edwards.  
The Deacon on Duty will be John Norkus.*

**Staff**

The Rev. Richard Hammond, *Guest 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 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 Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

#### 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 Psalter**.....Psalm 85:1-13 (*page 493*)

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

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,  
**People: But the word of our God stands forever.**

#### The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

**The Offertory Anthem – America the Beautiful** ..... arr. Beryl Red

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† **The Hymn of Preparation –** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 630*).....MELITA

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

**The Old Testament Lesson**.....Jeremiah 29:1-11 (*page 656*)

#### The Response

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### The Prayer for Illumination

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

SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

† **The Hymn of Response –** Blessed the Nation (*insert*).....CARMEL

#### † The Benediction

**The Postlude –** Praise to the Lord .....arr. Young

*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 an elder standing in the narthex after the service.

### Evening Worship

The twentieth century produced unprecedented advances in technology, education, information, medicine, and science. The world became much smaller, the population much greater and our perspectives much narrower. Brutal rulers like Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot came to the stage; the world endured two world wars and endless conflicts around the globe. America and her citizens experienced a massive cultural explosion leaving communities, families, and churches stunned. We are clearly on the brink of ethical and moral chaos. While freedom erodes with alarming consequence, we still have more resources and more freedom than any other nation in the world. Biblical Christianity has truth, power, and motive for moving forward aggressively for Kingdom purposes. As we celebrate God's common and special grace upon us, we gather this evening to be challenged to this calling.

### Other Announcements

**Independence Day Celebration with Ice Cream Social** – Following the Sunday Evening Worship service today, we will celebrate Independence Day with a time of fellowship, ice cream, and fun on the grounds of Christ Church! Bring a gallon of your favorite homemade or store-bought ice cream. We will have an inflatable obstacle course for the children to enjoy. We look forward to celebrating Independence Day with you!

**Children's Program Break** – Children's Choir will be on break through the month of July, and children will remain in evening worship with their families. Rehearsals will resume in mid-August.

## 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 –** God of Our Fathers..... arr. Rocherolle  
Mrs. Laura Doss

**The Words of Welcome & the Opening Scripture** ..... Psalm 148:11-14

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord!

- † **The Hymn of Praise –** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 713*) ..... ST. ANNE  
Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

- † **The Prayer of Invocation**

- † **The Hymn –** Be Thou My Vision (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 642*) .....SLANE

- † **The Hymn –** My Country 'Tis of Thee (*Family Songs, No. 110*) .....AMERICA

**The Evening Prayer** ..... Ora Parish, Ruling Elder

**The Offering & the Offertory** ..... 'Tis of Thee, arr. Berry  
America the Beautiful / My Country

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† **The Hymn of Preparation –** We Utter Our Cry ..... LYONS

We utter our cry: that peace may prevail,  
That earth will survive, and faith must not fail.  
We pray with our life for the world in our care,  
For people diminished by doubt and despair.

We cry from the fright of our daily scene  
For strength to say "No" to all that is mean:  
Designs bearing chaos, extinction of life,  
All energy wasted on weapons of death.

Creator of life, come, share out, we pray,  
Your Spirit on earth, revealing the Way  
To leaders conferring 'round tables for peace,  
That they may from bias and guile be released.

Whatever the ill or pressure we face,  
Lord, hearten and heal, give insight and grace  
To think and make peace with each heart-beat and breath,  
Choose Christ before Caesar and life before death!