

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. Sue Moncrief

The Words of Welcome & the Opening ScripturePsalm 78:1-4

Give ear, O my people, to My teaching; incline your ears to the words of My mouth! I will open My mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 5*).....STUTT GART
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

- † **The Prayer of Invocation**

- † **The Hymn** – (*Family Songs, No. 18*)PARK STREET
Bless, O My Soul! the Living God!

The Hymn – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 25*) WAVERTON
O Light That Knew No Dawn

The Evening Prayer Charles McClure, Ruling Elder

The Offering & the Offertory

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

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Family Songs, No. 123*)..... REST
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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

The New Testament Lesson.....James 4:1-12 (*page 1012*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The SermonThe Rev. Richard Hammond, *guest*

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Expositions of the Book of James

"Wisdom for the Church"

- † **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 490*)SOUTHWELL
Out of the Deep I Call

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude

Missionary Prayer

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

Unnamed for security, *Mission to the World (PCA), France*

Please pray for our partnership with Faith Community Church in Prague, as well as for continued monetary support for our service to continue according to God's will. Also, Praise God that Nancy is able to gradually reduce doses of anti-rejection medications. Please pray for continued good health.

This Week at Christ Church

Week of November 26 – December 2

SUNDAY, November 26

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 Covenant Hall

Grades 1-2 Children's House

Grades 3-5 Children's House

Grades 6-12 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.

4:30 p.m.Augusta Youth Chorale 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 27

6:45 p.m.American Heritage Girls.....Children's House

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

TUESDAY, November 28

10:30 a.m. Community Service: Master's Table...702 Fenwick St., Aug.

WEDNESDAY, November 29

6:15 p.m.Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, December 1

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

SATURDAY, December 2

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice: Evensong Sanctuary

6:00 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 & Gene Gojda.

Ushers are Jim Avery, Stephen Dyer, Andrew Norkus & John Norkus.

The Deacon on Duty is Chris Lammie.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be McDonald Law & Ken Moody.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Chris Lammie, Ed Russell & Derrick Smits.

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

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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Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

– Proverbs 3:13-15

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 – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee arr. Davis

- **The Welcome, Announcements & Invocation**....Charles McClure, Ruling Elder

The Choral Call to Worship – Give ThanksHenry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (*Repeat*)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord had done for us. (*Repeat*)

Give thanks!

Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to WorshipPsalm 147:7-11

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 103*)..... GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
Holy God, We Praise Your Name

† **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** (731 in the Trinity Hymnal) OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

• **The Old Testament Lesson**Proverbs 5:1-14 (page 530)

The Response..... Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

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 Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem – Comfort, Comfort arr. John Ferguson

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.

Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.

To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,

Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!

Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,

And all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

Sanctuary Choir; Kay Lovingood, *director*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 37).....FEDERAL STREET

All That I Am I Owe to Thee

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† **The Hymn of Response** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 644)..... ST. LEONARDS

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

† **The Benediction**

† **The Organ Postlude** – The God of Abraham Praisearr. Burkhardt

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

To be intelligent, smart, academically inclined is not the same as wisdom. Wisdom suggests maturity, experience, and balance. The Bible describes two kinds of wisdom: the wisdom of God and the wisdom of this world. As citizens of this earthly kingdom we are constantly exposed to the opinions, theories, and philosophies of men. The source of false wisdom is the devil himself who is a divider, a deceiver, and a destroyer. This powerful enemy works in individuals, in ministries, and in the church of God to damage Christ's reputation. That we can be his instruments is especially sobering. Join us this evening as we examine James 4:1-12 to be reminded and prepared to resist any occasion to be used in his plan.

Christmas Missionary Love–Gift Dinner

Make plans to join us for our Christmas fellowship this Saturday, December 2, at 5:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Christ Church members celebrate the Christmas season and contribute toward a monetary Christmas gift to our missionaries, who are serving in the field, each year as an extra remembrance of their work for the Gospel. The catered meal will include roast beef, baked potatoes with topping, broccoli casserole, Green Jacket salad, rolls, and dessert. During the Christmas fellowship dinner, there will be an opportunity to contribute your monetary gift to the Gospel work of our missionaries. Please use the response form inserted in this bulletin to indicate the number of adults and children who will attend or feel free to RSVP online at christchurchpres.org.

Other Announcements

Adult Sunday School – Today, registration for the Adult Sunday School Unit 11 classes will be taking place in the narthex. Please take a moment to register for the class of your choice: Biblical Studies (Genesis 1-11) or Biblical Theology (Jesus in the Old Testament). Classes begin Sunday, December 3, at 9:45 a.m.

Community Service Opportunity – We will be serving in the dining room at the Master's Table located at 702 Fenwick Street in Augusta on Tuesday, November 28, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity to serve the Lord locally, please contact either Emily Adams (706-627-0784) or Julie Dey (706-294-2436).

AYC Christmas Dessert Concert – Everyone is cordially invited to join us for the Augusta Youth Chorale's annual Christmas Dessert Concert on Sunday, December 3, at 4:15 p.m. Although this concert is free, there will be an opportunity to support their endeavor through a special offering. Immediately after the concert, please join us in Covenant Hall where wonderful free desserts will be enjoyed.

Youth Gathering – All Youth in grades 6 through 12, make plans today and join us for our holiday gathering as we celebrate our Savior's birth with Christian fellowship and fun. On Sunday, December 3, following the evening service we will hold our tacky sweater and white elephant gift exchange. The location has yet to be determined.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary – If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form inserted in today’s bulletin and place it in the offering plate, along with payment, no later than Sunday, December 10. The cost of each plant is \$20. Additional forms may be obtained from the ushers.

Evensong: A Christmas Festival – A delightful celebration of our Savior's birth. Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for a lovely evening to enjoy the musical splendor of our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra, congregational carols, and a Homily by Dr. John W. P. Oliver as we worship Jesus through *Evensong: A Christmas Festival* on Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Join us in worship on Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. to honor the birth of our Savior through Scripture, congregational carols, a string ensemble, and sharing from the Word of the Lord. We encourage you to invite your family and friends for this special time of worship, adoration, and celebration.

Home Bible Studies Schedule

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans..... Jones Home
November 28706-231-3758, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta..... Moncrief Home
December 5.....706-737-5953, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta

THURSDAY

6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study..... Boyd Home
December 14.....706-736-4373, 9 Summerville Lane in Augusta