

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 – What Child Is This?arr. Marilyn Ham
Mrs. Sue Moncrief
- The Words of Welcome & the Opening Scripture Psalm 117 (page 511)
- † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 198) TRURO
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
- † The Prayer of Invocation
- † The Hymn – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 194)..... VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- The Hymn – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 221)..... ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- The Evening Prayer Mel Jewett, Ruling Elder
- The Offering & the Offertory – Coventry Carol..... arr. Tom Fettke
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)
- † The Hymn of Preparation – (Family Songs, No. 20) FREU DICH SEHR
Comfort, Comfort
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.
- The New Testament Lesson..... Luke 2; Matthew 2 (pages 857, 808)
- The Response
Pastor: This is the Word of Christ. People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
- The Prayer for Illumination
- The Sermon The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor–Elect
RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS: SHEPHERDS & MAGI
Evening Worship Outline
- III. Shepherds – Public Proclamation (Luke 2)
A.) Trust (v. 9-11)
1.) Angels Appearing
2.) Glory of God (v. 9)
3.) Proclamation (v. 10-11)
4.) Heavenly Host (v. 13)
B.) Verify (v. 12)
1.) The Sign (v. 11)
2.) See Him (v. 16)
C.) Proclaim (v. 17-18)
- 2 Takeaways
1.) Trust and verify
2.) Shepherds remained shepherds, and became heralds
- IV. Magi – Proper Devotion (Mt. 2:1-12)
A.) They Sought the Savior
1.) Through Questions (v. 2)
2.) Through Travel
B.) They Worshipped the Savior (v. 11)
- † The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 215)..... JUNGST
While by the Sheep We Watched at Night
- † The Benediction
- The Piano Postlude Felix Mendelssohn, arr. David C. Glover
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 3 – December 9

SUNDAY, December 3

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.

4:15 p.m. AYC Christmas Dessert Concert 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.

7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Townsend Home

MONDAY, December 4

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

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

TUESDAY, December 5

7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting..... Church Office

WEDNESDAY, December 6

6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, December 8

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

SATURDAY, December 9

6:00 p.m. Trail Life: The Winter Sky Church Campus

*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 McDonald Law & Ken Moody.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Chris Lammie, Ed Russell & Derrick Smits.

The Deacon on Duty is Ed Russell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be George Bowen & Charles McClure.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Richard Deal, John Edwards, William Jewett & Charles Kimbrell.

The Deacon on Duty will be John Edwards.

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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Christ Church, Presbyterian The Lord's Day, December 3, 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

– Psalm 117

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, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Lau

- The Welcome, Announcements & Invocation..... Mel Jewett, Ruling Elder

The Choral Call to Worship William Walter, arr. Stan Pylant

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 148:1–6

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon;

Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you

waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He com-

manded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He

made a decree which shall not pass away.

- † The Hymn of Adoration – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196)..... HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

† **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 Ordination & Installation of Officers

† **The Doxology** (731 in the Trinity Hymnal) OLD HUNDREDTH
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**Isaiah 9:2–7 (page 573)

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 – O Come, Emmanuel..... arr. Alice Parker

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer,
And cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Sanctuary Choir

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 193) PICARDY
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
On the final verse, children in K4 – 3rd Grade may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament LessonMatthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38 (page 807, 855)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon.....The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor–Elect
RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS: JOSEPH & MARY

Morning Worship Outline

I. Joseph – Personal Obligation (Matthew 1:18–25)

- A.) Direction (v. 20)
- B.) Information
 - a.) The Father of This Child (v. 20)
 - b.) The Name of the Child? (v. 20)
 - c.) The Purpose of the Child? (v. 21)

II. Mary – Private Meditation (Luke 1:26ff)

Takeaways

- 1.) The good news sounds like bad news first
- 2.) Emotion leads to motion

† **The Hymn of Response** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 219) CANONBURY
All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

† **The Benediction**

† **The Organ Postlude** – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come ...Friedrich Zachau

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

Christmas is upon us. Isn't it wonderful to note the change in people this time of year. . . eagerly, and exhaustively, preparing for the day Christians celebrate their Savior's birth, December 25? What about the change in Joseph and Mary, and the shepherds and Magi at the announcement of Emmanuel? Each one of these changed in some way: thought processes, rituals, actions, and job responsibilities. Isn't that God's purpose when He extends the "Good News" to unbelievers . . . to get a *positive* response? Join us this evening as the Rev. Robbie Hendrick expounds on this subject with a message entitled, "Responding to the Good News: Shepherds and Magi," from the second chapters of Matthew and Luke.

Advent Wreath

The word “advent” means “coming.” At Christ Church we observe Advent as a reminder that we live between the times: after Christ’s first coming as the Child of Bethlehem, and looking forward to His second coming as the King of Glory. The first purple candle, known as “The Prophet’s Candle,” signifies the hope of the coming Messiah seen in the prophecies of the Old Testament. “Hear now, O house of David! ...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:13–14).

Other Announcements

AYC Christmas Dessert Concert – Everyone is cordially invited to join us for the Augusta Youth Chorale's annual Christmas Dessert Concert this afternoon at 4:15. Although this concert is free, there will be an opportunity to support their endeavor through a special offering. Immediately after the concert, everyone is invited to 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. Today, following the evening service, we will hold our tacky sweater and white elephant gift exchange in the home of Jenny and Don Townsend located at 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

Evensong Setup – Arranging the Sanctuary for Evensong begins Sunday evening, December 10, after worship with removing pews and positioning the risers and sound board. Monday evening, December 11, we will continue to hopefully finish with the setup. We can use your help!

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.

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 placing your donation in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17, so these gifts may be presented before Christmas.

Christmas Missionary Love–Gifts – Christ Church members celebrate the Christmas season each year with donations toward a monetary Christmas gift to our missionaries who are serving in the field, as an extra remembrance of their work for the Gospel. If you were unable to attend our recent dinner and would like to make a contribution, please mark your donation "Missionary Love–Gift" and place it in the offering plate by December 17.

Robbie & Tammy Hendrick – As a way of helping Robbie and Tammy learn the Christ Church family, everyone is asked to send Christmas cards, complete with pictures, to their current address of 207 Carlisle Way, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

Home Bible Studies Schedule

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

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans..... Jones Home
December 12.....706–231–3758, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans

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

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, *English Language Institute, China*
Praise for Kellie receiving a good pathology report after the removal of a small tumor recently and for our family finding housing in Nanjing. Please pray for the small group studies to continue being successful. During a recent overview of the Word, hearts were changed with one becoming saved and others desiring to learn more.