

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 String Ensemble & Piano Prelude** – Away In a Manger *with* Angels We Have Heard on High, and Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Joshua Doss, Noah Doss, Natalie Parish, Gloria Smits, and Sophia Smits, *violins*;
Stan Pylant, *viola*; Joseph Doss, *cello*; and Laura Doss, *piano*

The Words of Welcome & the Opening Scripture Psalm 65:1-4
Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; and to You the vow shall be performed. O You Who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, You will provide atonement for them. Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple.

- † **The Hymn of Praise** – Arise, Your Light Is Come..... FESTAL SONG
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

- † **The Prayer of Invocation**

The Hymn – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 197*).....THIRSTING
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Hymn – There's a Song in the Air (*Family Songs, No. 69*)CHRISTMAS SONG

The Evening Prayer Billy Hatcher, Ruling Elder

The Offering & the Offertory – *Jesu Noel*Bach, arr. Sprunger
Mrs. Catharine McClure, *piano*; and Mrs. Laura Doss, *organ*
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

- † **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 599*)..... SHEPHERD
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The New Testament Lesson.....James 5:1-6 (*page 1013*)

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*
FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD
Expositions of the Book of James
"Defining Terms"

- † **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 671*)..... MEDITATION
Forever Trusting in the Lord

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano & Organ Duet Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 10 – December 16

SUNDAY, December 10

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.

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

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

7:00 p.m. Evensong Setup.....Sanctuary

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

MONDAY, December 11

6:00 p.m. Evensong Setup.....Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.Session Prayer & Meeting.....Church Office

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

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

WEDNESDAY, December 13

7:00 p.m.Choir Rehearsal.....Sanctuary

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

FRIDAY, December 15

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

SATURDAY, December 16

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

*Please see the Home Bible Study Schedule following Other Announcements
for upcoming opportunities to study God's Word.*

The Church Office will be open Monday through Thursday this week due to the Session meeting.

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are George Bowen & Charles McClure.

Ushers are Richard Deal, John Edwards, William Jewett & Charles Kimbrell.

The Deacon on Duty is John Edwards.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, William Jewett & Andrew Norkus.

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

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 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

– James 4:14

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 Brass & Organ Prelude – Christmas Fantasy..... arr. Joel Raney
Brian Moore & Mel Jewett, *trumpets*; Mike Boyd, *trombone*;
Kay Lovingood, *tuba*; and Laura Doss, *organ*

- **The Welcome, Announcements & Invocation**... Billy Hatcher, Ruling Elder

The Choral Call to WorshipWilliam Walter, arr. Stan Pylant
Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.
Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

• † **The Hymn of Adoration – The First Nowell**.....THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell, the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel

For all to see there was a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Chorus*

And by the light of that same star the wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Chorus*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought. *Chorus*

† **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 (735 in the Trinity Hymnal)**..... GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

• **The Gospel Lesson**..... Matthew 6:24–34 (*page 811*)

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 – And the Glory of the Lord..... G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and all flesh shall see it together.
Sanctuary Choir

† **The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 201)** ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

On the final verse, children in K4 – 3rd Grade may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament LessonJames 4:13–17 (*page 1013*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

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

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"Playing God"

† **The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 593)**.....SURSUM CORDA

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

† **The Benediction**

† **The Brass & Organ Postlude – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**..... arr. Joel Raney

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

There is a vast but critical difference between the language of heaven and the language of earth. Our human perceptions and values define our terminology and the believer who seeks to live for and represent Christ must define words and ideas with the perspective of heaven. This evening we consider this crucial task in James 5. Please join us.

Advent Wreath

The second purple candle, known as the “Bethlehem Candle,” reminds us that God in Christ appeared to men in the most humble manner. Bethlehem was a small town in the territory of the least powerful of all the tribes of Israel. “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

Stewardship Sunday

At the conclusion of Morning Worship today, we will have the opportunity to lay before the Lord our financial commitments to the work of Christ Church. A letter was sent to member households that included a pledge card. Your financial pledge assists the Session and Diaconate in planning the church ministry budget for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give in support of His work through Christ Church. Our Deacons have additional pledge cards for your use.

Other Announcements

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 this bulletin and place it in the offering plate, along with payment today. The cost of each plant is \$20. Additional forms may be obtained from the Welcome Table. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, and you are encouraged to take your flower(s) home afterward to enjoy on Christmas day.

Evensong Setup – Arranging the Sanctuary for Evensong begins this evening 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!

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. Childcare will be provided. After this evening of worship, Jenny and Don Townsend invite you to bring a plate of cookies to share, and to continue this worship through fellowship in their home located at 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans.

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. Childcare will be provided.

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, Evans..... Jones Home
December 12.....706–231–3758, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta..... Moncrief Home
December 19.....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

Missionary Prayer

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

Kurt and Pat Nelson, *East–West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba*
Praise for Kurt’s recent mission trip to Cuba where 252 people responded in faith to trust in the finished work of Jesus. Another praise for Pat’s health. Her shoulder miraculously "unfroze" in October and she has been maintaining a healthy weight without a feeding tube. Continue to pray for their ministry to be directed by the Holy Spirit and for their resources to be provided.