

*The Poinsettias*  
are given

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF

Matthew Clark by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark and Jason Clark.  
Our parents by Bill & Anne Alston.  
Our parents, Al & Jane Rihl and George and Delores Van Deventer, by Bob and Jordy Rihl.  
Bates Folley by Martha Folley.  
Tony Nunziato and Micah Nunziato by the Nunziato family.  
Our loving parents, Barbara & Cecil Hagood and Virginia & Don Townsend  
by Don & Jenny Townsend.  
Kimberly Anne Pierce by Joanne Pierce and family.  
Our parents by Tom & Frances Loughran.  
Frank Borek by Marilyn Brickel.  
William Daniel Burroughs by Joe & Julie Dey.  
Jean Owen Brown by Joe & Julie Dey.  
Our parents by Don & Pat Lewis.  
Betty Crim Fleming by Linda Fleming and Ken & Cathy Moody.  
Parents and grandparents, Mildred & Kenneth Norkus, Mary & Roger Rossman, and  
close friend Patricia Johnson by the John Norkus family.  
Donald & Ernestine Law by McDonald & Ilona Law.  
My parents, William & Eleanor Anderson, by Lynn Black.  
Our parents by the McClure family.  
Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Mauldin, Sr., by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Brown, Carol Mauldin, and their families.  
Mr. W. S. Mauldin, Jr., by Carol Mauldin, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Brown, and their families.  
Mrs. Rebecca "Beckie" Evans, by her children and grandchildren.  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Heintz by John & Diane Dunsmore.  
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Dunsmore, Sr., by John & Diane Dunsmore.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN HONOR OF

Joey Johnson by his wife, Margaret.  
Warren Jones by Joey & Margaret Johnson.  
John & Yvonne Clark by Joey & Margaret Johnson.  
Mr. & Mrs. Alton J. Lovingood's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Dr. & Mrs. John W. P. Oliver.  
Our children and their spouses, and our grandchildren by Don & Jenny Townsend.  
Rick & Stathia Hammond by Dick & Dottie Geiselman.  
Our children, George Jr., Guy, and their families by Mr. & Mrs. George Bowen.  
Our grandchildren, Bennett, Carter, & Liam by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Boyd.  
Rev. & Mrs. Richard Hammond by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Boyd.  
Rick & Stathia Hammond by Anne Bowen.  
Mama by her children (the Dosses).  
My great grandmother, Lucille B. Weidman, by Avery Weidman.  
And with grateful thanks to Debra Hatcher, Natalie Parish, and Barbara Volpitto by Jordy Rihl.  
Our parents and children by the Russell's.  
Ed Evans by his grandchildren.  
Talmadge & Annette Miles by Michael & Janet Ladun.  
Joseph & Ruth Ladun by Michael & Janet Ladun.

**This Week at Christ Church**  
Week of December 17 – December 23

**SUNDAY, December 17**

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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade may exit for Catechism.*

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

6:00 p.m. .... Evensong: A Christmas Festival ..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. .... Cookies & Fellowship..... Townsend Home

**MONDAY, December 18**

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

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

**FRIDAY, December 22**

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.*



**Christ Church, Presbyterian**  
**The Lord's Day, December 17, 2017**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth**

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest Thy Virgin Birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, Thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The promised fruit to man displayed.

From God the Father He proceeds,  
To God the Father back He speeds;  
His course He runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

O equal to Thy Father, Thou!  
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

– St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> Century, A. D.

**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 – Silent Night..... arr. Hobby**

• **The Welcome, Announcements & Invocation... Dr. J. W. P. Oliver, Missioner**

**The Choral Call to Worship ..... French Carol, arr. Stan Pylant**  
Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Light the Light, the Fire of Life, let the candle reveal His glory,  
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.  
Light the candle of His birth, Advent's promise now fulfilling,  
Light the candle of His birth, light the light of Christmas Eve.  
Light the Light, the Fire of Life, let the candle reveal His glory,  
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Sanctuary Choir

**Assisting in the Services**

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are John Clark & Billy Hatcher.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, William Jewett & Andrew Norkus.

The Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be John Dunsmore & Ora Parish.

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

**Staff**

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor-Elect*

Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*; Mrs. Laura Doss, *Organist*

Mr. Chris Nabholz, *Interim Director of Student Ministries*

Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*

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**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Romans 15:8-13

Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.” And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” And again: “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 218*) ..... REGENT SQUARE Angels, from the Realms of Glory

† **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** ..... St. John 1:1-18 (*page 886*)

**The Response**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**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** – The Glory of the Father ..... Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

Sanctuary Choir

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 203*) ..... MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*On the final verse, children in K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade may exit for Catechism.*

**The New Testament Lesson** ..... Galatians 4:1-7 (*page 974*)

**The Response**

Pastor: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** – THE TIMELINESS OF THE TIMELESS GOD ..... Dr. Oliver

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 233*) ..... TRADITIONAL ENGLISH MELODY

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

† **The Benediction**

† **The Organ Postlude** – How Brightly Shines the Morning Star ..... Pachelbel

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of nine wonderful years of marriage to Stephen Dyer, by Allyn Dyer; "I have found the one whom my soul loves," Song of Solomon 3:4.*

**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**

Join us this evening as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through *Evensong: A Christmas Festival*. This will be a time of musical splendor by our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra, congregational carols, and Dr. John W. P. Oliver, *Missioner in Residence*, will deliver the homily, entitled "A Salvation Name," from St. Matthew 1:18-25. Invite your family and friends to come and honor our Savior in worship one with another. 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.

**Advent Wreath**

The rose candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, is called the “Shepherds’ Candle.” It reminds us that the angels announced the most glorious news of the birth of the Savior to simple shepherds outside of Bethlehem. Upon hearing the message, these shepherds departed immediately to find Mary, Joseph and the newborn baby. “When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger” (Luke 2:15-16).

**Christian Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. Richard Turner on the passing of his believing wife, Mary Lou, on Wednesday, December 13.

*I am the resurrection and the life. – John 11:25*

**Other Announcements**

**Church Staff Christmas Gifts** – As the Lord has provided Christ Church a wonderful staff, we would like to express our love and appreciation with a tangible Christmas love gift. This year, the Session has included Rick Hammond in the staff offering for his faithful support through preaching God’s Word. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you contribute and place it in the offering plate today marked "Staff Appreciation Gift" so that the gifts can 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 the end of the year.

**Jews for Jesus Gifts** – Special donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for the Jews for Jesus evangelism ministry. Please contribute as God directs by placing your donation in the offering plate by the end of December, marked "Jews for Jesus."

**Children's Program** – Beginning this evening, the children will remain in the Sanctuary as the Children’s Program will be on break until Sunday, January 7, 2018.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Join us in worship next 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.

**Stewardship Pledge Cards** – Last Sunday, we had the opportunity to lay before the Lord our financial commitments to the work of Christ Church for 2018. If you were unable to attend last week, please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give in support of His work through Christ Church and either place your card in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office by the end of December. Our Deacons have additional pledge cards for your use.

**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  
January 2 .....706-737-5953, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta

7:00 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study, Evans..... Jones Home  
January 9 .....706-231-3758, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans

**THURSDAY**

6:45 p.m. .... Women's Evening Bible Study..... Boyd Home  
January 11..... 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:

Doug and Amy Nunziato, *Mission Aviation Training Academy, Arlington, WA*  
Praise that the Gospel is spreading much farther and at a much faster pace through the equipping and training of evangelical Christian pilots. Praise that a former Summer Camp attendee, Ella, plans to begin Flight Instructor training immediately. She began flight training in 2015, earning her Private Pilot certificate in January 2016, and her Instrument Rating that August. Praise also for substantial donations that have allowed the purchase of the training facility. This will enable good stewardship of resources used by this ministry to prepare and train students to accomplish God's will for their lives.