


No Evening Service

It is our prayer that you will enjoy this evening celebrating the Christmas season with your family and loved ones. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5:00 p.m.



Upcoming

"Before God enables His people to bring in a harvest, He pours out a spirit of prayer upon them. The surest sign that God is about to send power upon us is a great movement of prayer in our midst." John Piper




The true church lives, moves and has its being in prayer.

**40-50%**

of STUDENTS from GOOD YOUTH GROUPS and FAMILIES WILL DRIFT from GOD and the CHURCH after HIGH SCHOOL.

Those young people who stay the course and flourish in the faith have multiple adult believers who are *intentionally investing* in their lives.

Come join the Children's Ministry Steering Committee on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 -10:30 in Covenant Hall to see how you can invest in our covenant children through prayer. Come and see!



**Launch Date: February 3, 2019**

One generation shall praise Your Works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 23 – December 29

SUNDAY, December 23

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 ..... Fellowship Hall

Kindergarten through Grade 4 ..... Fellowship Hall

Grades 5-12 ..... Fellowship Hall

Adult ..... Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. .... Morning Worship..... Sanctuary

On the second hymn, children in K-4 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade may exit for Children's Church.

MONDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. ....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service..... Sanctuary

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, December 23, 2018



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

Scripture Memory of the Week

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.

— Matthew 2:11

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 by the piano after the service.

Christ Church, Presbyterian

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Current Officers with Class Year

Elders

John Clark (2018)  
Glynn Dyer (2018)  
Charles McClure (2018)  
Mike Boyd (2019)  
John Dunsmore (2019)  
Ken Moody (2020)  
John Norkus (2020)

Deacons

Stephen Dyer (2018)  
Wade Caldwell (2019)  
Ed Russell (2019)  
Jim Avery (2020)  
Derrick Smits (2020)

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are John Dunsmore & Mel Jewett.

Ushers are Stephen Dyer, Charles Kimbrell & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is Wade Caldwell (wearing a red carnation).

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Stephen Dyer.

The Deacon on Duty will be Stephen Dyer, Charles Kimbrell & Ed Russell.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor  
Dr. Stan Pylant, Director of Music; Mrs. Laura Doss, Organist  
Mrs. Fay Deal, Director of Children's Ministries  
Mrs. Shirley McBride, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Scott Doss, AV & Digital Media Director; Mr. Charles Caruso, Lawn Maintenance

# 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 Duet Prelude** – Angels We Have Heard on High..... arr. Page  
Laura Doss, organ; Catharine McClure, piano

• **The Welcome & Announcements**.....The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 118:24  
This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Invocation**

**The Choral Call to Worship**..... arr. Willcocks & Nabholz  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him!  
  
O come! O come! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
Sanctuary Choir and Laura Doss, piano

•† **The Carol of Adoration** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 225)..... IRBY  
Once in Royal David’s City

† **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** (Trinity Hymnal, No. 734)..... 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 Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle** ..... Norkus Family  
The fourth purple candle represents the message of peace with God through Christ that the heavenly host delivered on the night of the Messiah’s birth. “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’” (Luke 2:13–14).

**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, All Ye Faithful..... arr. Dan Forrest  
O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav’n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Sanctuary Choir; Catharine McClure & Laura Doss, pianists

† **The Carol of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 200)..... CAROL  
It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
On the final verse, children in K4–3rd Grade may exit for Children’s Church.

**The New Testament Lesson** ..... Matthew 2:1-12 (page 807)

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon**—RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS ....The Rev. Hendrick

**The Sermon Outline**  
  
I. Angry—Herod the Great  
A.) Capable  
B.) Crafty  
C.) Cruel  
  
II. Anxious—People of Jerusalem  
  
III. Apathy—Scribes and Chief Priests  
  
IV. Adoration—The Magi  
A.) Who are they?  
B.) What, where, when, and how?

**The Carol of Response** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 213)..... GREENSLEEVES  
What Child Is This

† **The Benediction**

**The Organ Postlude** .....Arr. Robert Hobby  
Fanfare on “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Evensong: A Christmas Festival Television Broadcast Schedule for  
**Comcast Channel 12, WOW Channel 168 and WBPL.org:**

December 23 — 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.  
December 24 — 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.  
December 25 — 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

## Announcements

**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 today for the staff gifts and by tomorrow evening, December 24, for the Jews for Jesus gifts.

**Sunday School & Worship Changes** — Please make note of the following changes to our schedule for the Christmas season:  
Tonight: No Evening Worship.  
Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 30: Adult Sunday school gathering the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. while Children & Youth hold class in their respective areas. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** — Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us tomorrow evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we worship our Lord on the eve of His birth. Come and enjoy an Instrumental Ensemble, carols, and God’s Word. This time of celebration will close with the singing of *Silent Night* and candlelight. Nursery provided.

**Year-End Giving** — Always being thankful for how the Lord has provided for each of us throughout 2018, please consider sharing His generosity with Christ Church through an end-of-the-year blessing by Sunday, December 30.

**Missionary Love Gift** — We financially support and have committed to pray for over 25 missionaries who are proclaiming the Good News of the gospel in our stead. It has been our practice as a body of believers to send a financial gift to help and encourage them during this time of year. As we enjoy our families during this Christmas time, may we also remember our missionaries and may we give generously to the Missionary Love Gift. You may place your gift in the offering plate marked “missionary.”

**Children’s Choir Break** — The Children’s Choir will be on break through January 6. During this time, the children will remain in the sanctuary with their parents during evening worship.

**Pray For Me Campaign** — The “Pray For Me Campaign” is a simple way of connecting the generations through the act of prayer. Be watching as Children’s Ministries introduce how "one generation can commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts," Psalm 145:4. Adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, January 6, to learn how to become Prayer Champions for a family and how families can sign up to receive Champions. Our launch date is February 3, please prayerfully consider supporting this meaningful opportunity to connect the generations within the body.

**Community Service** — Our next service opportunity will be January 22, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will be serving in the dining room at the Master’s Table located at 702 Fenwick Street in Augusta. This is a ministry of the Golden Harvest Food Bank reaching those less fortunate with spiritual and physical nourishment. If you are willing and able to serve with us, please contact either Emily Adams (706-627-0784) or Julie Dey (706-294-2436) to reserve your spot.

## 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 how God is using the Nelson family to reach His chosen. Widows are being ministered to and are receiving Christ, and others are receiving Christ and becoming missionaries through the Nelsons’ teachings and witness. Please pray that this would continue in their ministry, as well as around the world.