

The Lord's Day Evening

6:00 p.m.

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. – Ephesians 2:22

- **The Piano Prelude**Mrs. Rachel Manthei Cornell, pianist

The Words of Welcome & Prayer of Invocation....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 87 (Family Songs)**.....REVIVE US AGAIN
Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

The Evening Prayer

- † **The Hymn No. 71 (Family Songs) – The Love of God**..... LOVE OF GOD

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory

- † **The Hymn No. 44 (Family Songs) – Open My Eyes**..... OPEN MY EYES
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:1–24 (page 1022)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew Judd, *pulpit guest*
YOUR LOVE PUT TO THE TEST

- † **The Hymn No. 597 (Trinity Hymnal)**..... GIFT OF LOVE
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 1 – 7

SUNDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio Broadcast

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery (Birth–23 mos.)..... Nursery 1

Preschool (24–48 mos.)..... Nursery 2

K–4 – K–5 Covenant Hall

Grades 1–3 Children's House

Grades 4–5 Children's House

Middle & High School Youth Youth House

Special Education..... Deacons' Room

College & Career Upper Room

Adult..... Covenant Hall

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

On the second hymn, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

4:30 p.m. Augusta Youth Chorale Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

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

7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering..... Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 4

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering..... Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

FRIDAY, December 6

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study..... Moncrief Home

SATURDAY, December 7

7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast..... Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Dinner Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

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

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, John Norkus & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*; Mrs. Laura Lowe, *Morning Organist*;

Mrs. Becky Saxon, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Evening Organist*;

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Social Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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The Lord's Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. – Revelation 1:5

A Most Becoming Humility

Little becomes Jesus' followers more than humility. Christian zeal divorced from transparent humility sounds hollow, even pathetic.

–D. A. Carson

The Order of Worship

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained

To avoid distractions during worship, please silence all cell phones and pagers.

Parents of young children are encouraged to take advantage of the nurseries and Cry Room.

- **The Organ Prelude** – O Come, O Come Emmanuel Wood

Mrs. Laura Lowe, *organist*

The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to WorshipWACHET AUF, Bach

“Watch, awake for night is flying,” the watchmen on the heights are crying,

“Awake, Jerusalem, at last!”

Midnight hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing;

She wakes, she rises from her gloom.

“The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!

And for His marriage feast prepare, for ye must go to meet Him there.”

“Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hail, Hosanna!

The joyful call we answer all, and follow to the nuptial hall.”

The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 66:1–2

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 194 (Trinity Hymnal)** VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† **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** (*Trinity Hymnal* No. 731).....OLD HUNDREDDTH

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 Conference of Elder Emeritus StatusMr. Eugene G. Gojda, Sr.

The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.....The Rev. Jones

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 1:18)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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 Old Testament Reading.....Leviticus 14:10–20 (*page 92*)

The Response.....Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem (Isaiah 40:4–5)Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;

And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.

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.

† **The Hymn No. 398** (*Trinity Hymnal*)LUX PRIMA
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

The New Testament Reading.....John 13:1–17 (*page 900*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – LOWLY SERVICE OF THE SON The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 119** (*Family Songs*)MARGARET
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) – Threefold AmenDANISH
(*Trinity Hymnal* No. 740)

The Organ Postlude – *Magnificat* on the First Tone, Verse 2..... Pachelbel

Scripture Memory

We encourage you this week to memorize and meditate on Philippians 4:4: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Our hope is that as the Word is preached, as prayers are lifted up, and as hymns and anthems are sung, you will be blessed by the corporate worship of the triune God and will return to worship with us again soon. One of our Elders will be stationed near the piano following the service should you desire to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member here, or how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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*).

Evening Pulpit Guest

We welcome to the pulpit this evening The Rev. Matthew Judd. Mr. Judd is pastor of Memorial Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY. Prior to being called into the ministry he labored for seven years in the architecture/construction management field after studying at Carnegie Mellon and Colorado State Universities. He and his wife, Becky, have six children. Becky is the daughter of Christ Church members John and Cheryl Manthei.

Evening Worship

What could be better than closing the Lord’s Day in His house with His people gathered around His Word? This evening at 6:00, The Rev. Matthew Judd preaches the sermon, “Your Love Put to the Test,” from 1 John 3:16–19.

Communion

Next Sunday, December 8, we will observe the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during Morning Worship. All communing members of Christ Church are urged to be present.

Christmas Festival Service

Make plans to attend – and invite friends to join you – for this year’s Christmas Festival Service on Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. The Christ Church Choir, accompanied by members of the Lyra Vivace Chamber Orchestra, will present “Christmas at Christ Church,” featuring the beautiful “Magnificat” of Franz Schubert and carols old and new by Dan Forrest, Mack Wilberg and John Rutter. Pastor Jones will deliver the sermon that evening.

Christmas Eve Family Service

You are warmly welcomed to join us on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Family Service. Music will be provided by the organ and choir, and Pastor Jones will deliver the sermon.

Other Announcements

Youth Gatherings – Tonight following Evening Worship the Youth of Christ Church will gather for a time of fellowship in Covenant Hall. The Youth will also meet this Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. That evening a snack supper in Covenant Hall at 6:30 will be followed by a time of activities and music, then teaching and prayer led by Lee Self.

Adult Bible Study – The Adult Bible Study meets this Friday for dinner and Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the Moncrief home, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta. All adults are invited.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast – The Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday morning from 7:45 until 9:00 in Covenant Hall. Enjoy a breakfast of eggs, grits, biscuits, sausage, bacon and pancakes for only \$5. Prior to a time of prayer, Pastor Jones will bring a devotion from Deuteronomy 6 on how to pass the faith on to the next generation.

Christmas Fellowship Dinner – Our monthly fellowship in December will take place this Saturday, December 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m., as we enjoy dinner together in Covenant Hall. All are invited, including children. The deacons will prepare the meat dish, and officer families will provide desserts. Each family is asked to provide a generous side dish of at least 24 servings, ready to serve on a fine quality serving dish. As part of our celebration, we will have a hymn sing, so come prepared to request your favorite Christmas carol. We plan to conclude our fellowship by 8:00 p.m. so that the Fellowship Hall can be readied for the Lord’s Day. *Please use the response form inserted in today’s bulletin to indicate the number of adults and children who will attend. You may alternately respond via the ‘Fellowship Meal Signup’ link on the Welcome page of our church website, www.christchurchpres.org.*

Missionary Love Gift – As an encouragement to them during the Christmas season, a cash gift will be sent to the missionaries supported financially by Christ Church. Monies will be collected through December 8 for this purpose. When placing your gift in the offering plate, checks should be made payable to Christ Church with "Missionary Love Gift" noted on the memo line, and cash gifts should be clearly designated for the same purpose.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary – If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or 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 8. The cost of each plant is \$17. Additional forms may be obtained from the ushers.

Stewardship Report – The Session and Diaconate would like to thank all in the congregation who have given pledges toward the kingdom work of Christ Church, Presbyterian for the fiscal year 2014. If you were unable to do so earlier, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacon’s tables at the back of the sanctuary.

Baby Shower – Christ Church, Presbyterian (CCP) anticipates a welcome addition to our pastor’s family in the person of Miss Adelynn Liana Jones. All CCP ladies are invited to a drop-in baby shower for mom, Jenn, on Thursday, December 12, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Jones, 503 Thompkins Lane in Evans. Jenn is registered at Babies“R”Us and buybuy BABY.

Youth Christmas Party – All sixth through twelfth graders are invited to a Christmas gathering next Sunday following Evening Worship in Covenant Hall. Those desiring to participate in the gift exchange should bring a \$5 gift.

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

Bob and Andrea Burnham, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

Louis and Anne Carter, *SIM, Kenya and Papua New Guinea*

Child Evangelism Fellowship, *Augusta, Georgia*

Paul and Laura Chinchon, *African Bible Colleges, Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia*