

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**.....American Melody, arr. Forrest
What Wondrous Love Is This?
Mrs. Cathie McClure, pianist

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

- † **The Hymn No. 523** – My Hope Is in the Lord..... WAKEFIELD

The Evening Prayer

The Hymn No. 542 – Be Thou My Vision SLANE

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory.....Appalachian Carol, arr. Wyrzten
Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

The Hymn No. 675 – Only Trust Him MINERVA
On the final verse, children in K-4 through Grade 4 may exit for the Children's program.

The Old Testament Reading..... 1 Samuel 18:17-30 (*page 241*)

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... Rev. Jones
XXIII. GOD'S FAVOR: THE CHALLENGES & BLESSINGS IT BRINGS

- † **The Hymn No. 689** – Be Still, My Soul..... FINLANDIA

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude – Huron Carol..... 16th c. French-Canadian, arr. Ham

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 2 – December 8, 2012

SUNDAY, December 2

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 Children's House

Grades 1-3 Children's House

Grades 4-5 Children's House

Middle & High School Youth Youth House

Special Education..... Deacons' 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

5:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

On the third hymn, children in K4 through Grade 4 may exit for the Children's Program.

7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering..... Parish Home

TUESDAY, December 4

7:00 p.m. Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting..... Office

WEDNESDAY, December 5

7:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 6

9:30 a.m..... Women's Morning Bible Study..... Townsend Home

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study..... Moncrief Home

FRIDAY, December 7

7:00 a.m..... Men's Prayer..... Office

7:00 p.m. ... Westminster Schools Christmas Choral Concert Sanctuary

Assisting in the Services

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

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

The Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.

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

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

The Deacon on Duty will be Ed Russell.

Staff

Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*; Mr. Scott Doss, *Interim Office Manager & A/V Director*;

Mrs. Laura Lowe, *Morning Organist*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Evening Organist*;

Mrs. Shirley Taylor, *Bookkeeper*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Custodian*

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The Lord's Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Absolute Necessity of the Entire Equipment

“If you are to be a soldier in this army, if you are to fight victoriously in this crusade, you have to put on the entire equipment given you. That is a rule in any army.... And that is infinitely more true in this spiritual realm and warfare with which we are concerned. It is God alone who knows your enemy, and He knows exactly the provision that is essential to you if you are to continue standing. Every single part and portion of this armour is absolutely essential[!]”

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899–1981)

The Order of Worship

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

Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- **The Organ Prelude** – Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying Bach
The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to Worship NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that our Lord chose such a birth.
Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring pure and fresh.

- **The Words of Welcome and Announcements**..... Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 40:3-5
Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord;
People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Pastor: Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low;
People: The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;
Pastor: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
People: And all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn No. 193** – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence..... PICARDY

† **The Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*universal)

† **The Gloria Patri** (*Trinity Hymnal No. 734*)MEINEKE

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, amen.

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

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:1-3)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases.

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.....Isaiah 52:1-12 (*page 613*)

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

The Offertory Anthem..... Grieg, arr. Overby

God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny;
From fear of death and bonds of sin; from all that plagues my soul within.
The Holy One divine, became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to live, to die.
O boundless love, He came, He died, He rose forever glorified!
He came to give, to die that I might live with Him eternally,
God's Son has made me free!

† **The Hymn No. 198** – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!.....TRURO
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

The New Testament Reading..... Ephesians 6:13-15 (*page 979*)

The Response..... Revelation 2:29

Pastor: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.
People: Grant us ears, O Lord, to hear Your word.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – XXIV. EQUIPPED FOR THE BATTLE, Part 1.....Rev. Jones

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

† **The Communion Hymn No. 577** WALTHAM
Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – *Please partake as you are served.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

† **The Parting Hymn No. 246**..... HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*).....ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love;
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

The Organ Postlude – From Heaven High To Earth I Come Pepping

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.

Evening Worship

Is there someplace you would rather be this evening than gathered with God's people to worship Him? Be sure to return for Evening Worship at 6:00 when Pastor Jones will continue his series in Ephesians with a sermon entitled "God's Favor: The Challenges and Blessings It Brings" from 1 Samuel 18:17-30.

Communion Offering

All cash offerings collected this morning will be used for the Diaconate Relief Fund. If you desire to write a check for this purpose, please note "Diaconate Relief" in the memo line.

Other Announcements

Youth Gathering – Tonight following Evening Worship the youth will gather at the home of Ora and Natalie Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez.

Women's Morning Bible Study – The Women's Morning Bible Study meeting at the home of Jenny Townsend will meet this Thursday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. to continue their study of the book of James. Childcare is provided, and all are welcome to bring a sack lunch and stay after the study to enjoy a time of fellowship. The Townsend home is located at 1538 River Island Parkway, Evans, GA. For more information contact Jenny Townsend at (706) 869-1332.

Adult Bible Study – The study of the book of Genesis that meets at the home of Ron and Sue Moncrief, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta, will continue this Thursday, December 6. This study, using both expository exploration of the Word with theological and scientific understandings, is open to students of all ages. The group normally meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, but this week's gathering will be the only one in December.

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 fiscal year 2013. Your pledged giving assists in the planning of the church ministry budget for the coming year. If you were unable to attend last week, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering today or mailed to the church office. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacon's Tables at the back of the sanctuary. **Please note that, in order for year-end giving to be credited to fiscal year 2012, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2012.**

Poinsettias – Once again during Advent poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary of Christ Church and will be displayed through Christmas Eve. If you would like to order a poinsettia 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 next Sunday, December 9. The cost of each plant is \$16. Additional forms may be obtained from the ushers.

Christmas Fellowship – On Friday, December 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m., we will enjoy a Christmas Fellowship in Covenant Hall. All are invited, including children. Please be sure to fill out the RSVP form that is inserted in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the service, or let the church office know how many will be attending from your family. Each family is asked to provide an appetizer (ready to serve on a fine quality serving dish) with at least 24 servings. Officer families will be providing the desserts. As a part of our celebration, we will have a hymn sing, so come prepared to request your favorite Christmas carol.

Placing Flowers in the Sanctuary – If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services, please contact the Church Office to reserve a date at secretary@christchurchpres.org or call 706-210-9090. Flowers may be given in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God.

Looking Ahead

December 7 – Westminster Schools Christmas Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

December 14 – Christmas Fellowship – 7:00 p.m. (Covenant Hall)

December 16 – Christmas Festival Service – 6:00 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 p.m.

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:

Glenn and Sharlene Grubb, *Wycliffe Bible Translators/Mission to the World (PCA)*

Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, *Operation Mobilization, Italy*

Heritage Academy, *Augusta, Georgia*

Tim and Lana Higginbotham, *NAIM, Vancouver, Canada*