

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**..... Trad. French Carol, arr. Berry
Angels We Have Heard on High
Mrs. Sue Moncrief, pianist

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

- † **The Hymn No. 699** – Like a River Glorious..... WYE VALLEY

The Evening Prayer

The Hymn No. 131 – Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory – What Child Is This?..... Trad. English Carol, arr. Fettke

The Hymn No. 87 – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 4 may exit for the Children's program.

The Old Testament Reading..... 1 Samuel 19:1-24 (*page 242*)

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... Rev. Jones
XXIV. GOD'S FAITHFUL PROTECTION OF HIS SERVANT

- † **The Hymn** – O God, Our Help In Ages Past.....ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

- † **The Benediction**

The Piano Postlude Trad. French Carol, arr. Berry
He Is Born/How Great Our Joy

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 9 – December 15, 2012

SUNDAY, December 9

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.

WEDNESDAY, December 12

7:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 13

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

FRIDAY, December 14

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

7:00 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Covenant Hall

SATURDAY, December 15

2:30 p.m. Choir Christmas Dress Rehearsal Sanctuary

Assisting in the Services

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

Ushers are Lanier Adams, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty is Ed Russell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Ken Moody & Mel Jewett.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Mark Goodell & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Mighty Weapons Greater than Our Mighty Foe

A more unequal match can hardly be:
Christian must fight an Angel; but you see
The Valiant Man, by handling Sword and Shield,
Doth make him, tho' a Dragon, quit the field.

John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress* (1678)

The Order of Worship

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

Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- **The Organ Prelude** – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Brahms
The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to Worship PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

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

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 46:1-2, 10-11

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: **The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn No. 194** – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI 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 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 130:3-4)

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

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.....Daniel 3:8–30 (*page 739*)

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..... Young

Grow, lovely Rose, grow there for me; Thou art my true, my saving Tree,

Sprung in the winter, ‘mid winter’s snow, blooming forever here below.

Grow, lovely Rose, in Thee I see all men’s salvation, flowing free;

Hope of the helpless, Friend of the weak, Thee, O my Savior, help me to seek.

Now we poor men, from sin set free, praise Thee forever; O may we be

Evermore loving, gentle and kind; evermore loving, gentle and kind.

† **The Hymn No. 147**.....CHARTERHOUSE

O God of Light, Your Word, a Lamp Unfailing

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

The New Testament Reading.....Ephesians 6:16–17 (*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 – XXV. EQUIPPED FOR THE BATTLE, Part 2Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 101** – Come, Thou Almighty King.....TRINITY

† **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 – There Is a Rose Woodman

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 evening series with a sermon from 1 Samuel 19:1-24 entitled “God’s Faithful Protection of His Servant.”

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).

Christmas Fellowship

This Friday, December 14, 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.

Other Announcements

Women’s Morning Bible Study – The Women’s Morning Bible Study meeting at the home of Jenny Townsend will meet this Thursday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. to conclude 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.

Young Family & Young Married Couple’s Bible Study – The next meeting of the Young Family and Young Married Couple’s Bible Study will take place on Thursday, January 17, and will meet at the home of Ora and Natalie Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. The study, being led by Pastor Jones, meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month. *Childcare will be provided.*

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. The Lord has blessed Christ Church with giving commitments for 2013 totalling \$407,838. If you have not had the opportunity to submit a pledge card, they are available on the Deacon’s Tables at the back of the sanctuary, and completed cards may either be placed in the offering today or mailed to the church office. **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.**

Christmas Festival Service Invitation Cards – Available on the Welcome Table in the narthex are Invitation Cards for the Christmas Festival Service next Sunday, December 16. Please share these cards with family, friends and neighbors as an invitation to worship with us here at Christ Church as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

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 today, December 9. The cost of each plant is \$16. Additional forms may be obtained from the ushers.

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 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:

Institute for Creation Research (ICR)

Jay and Nancy Matsinger, *Mission to the World (PCA), France*

Kurt and Pat Nelson, *East–West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba*

Doug and Amy Nunziato, *World Team, Spain*