

The Poinsettias

ARE GIVEN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

by The McPhersons

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

Our parents, by Anne & Bill Alston

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Anderson,
by Mrs. Lynn A. Black

Miss Stephanie Brooks,
by her grandparents Al & Betty Gene Lovingood

William Daniel Burroughs, by Julie Burroughs

Matthew Clark,
by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark & Jason

Mr. Glenn Dunlap, by Billy & Debra Hatcher

John & Dorothy Dunsmore,
by John & Diane Dunsmore

Our brothers, Mike Dyer & Garry Way,
by Glynn & Lena Dyer

Beckie Evans, by Ed Evans & family

Winifred K. Faour, mother of Charlotte Jewett,
by Mel & Charlotte Jewett

Louis Bates Folley, Jr., by Martha Folley

Mr. & Mrs. M. Paul Fowler,
by Dennis & Jackie Hillesland

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Hagood,
by Don & Jenny Townsend

Geza & Catherine Gojda,
by Gene & Anne Gojda, Sr.

Mrs. Marion Harris Hatcher,
by Billy & Debra Hatcher

Charles & Ethyl Heintz,
by John & Diane Dunsmore

Heather Joiner, Todd Joiner & Aunt Hazel,
by Bob & Jordy Rihl

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie W. Jones, Sr. &
Mr. & Mrs. Rollin A. Jackson, Sr.,
by Mr. & Mrs. E. Warren Jones, Jr.

Charles & Evelyn Kyle, parents of Susan
Walters, by Mark & Susan Walters

Harry & Jean Lewis, by Don & Pat Lewis

Our mothers, Mary Manthei & Gladys Greer,
by John & Cheryl Manthei

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Mauldin, Sr., by Carol Mauldin,
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brown & their families

William S. Mauldin, Jr., by Carol Mauldin,
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Eicher, Mr. & Mrs. O. H.
Brown and their families

Mr. & Mrs. John W. McElderry, by Nancy M. Parks

Ed & Cass Mehr & George W. McClure, Sr.,
by the McClure family

Loved ones, by Marita Myers

Our parents & grandparents, Kenneth & Mildred
Norkus and Roger & Mary Rossman,
by the Norkus family

Anthony P. Nunziato & Micah A. Nunziato,
by Thelma Nunziato

Mr. Nick Parish, by Ora & Natalie Parish & family

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Perrow, by a friend

Kimberly Pierce, by Joanne Pierce

Bill Poppler, by Kenneth Houck

Charles & Greta Raven, by Don & Pat Lewis

Our parents, Al & Jane Rihl & George & Delores
VanDeventer, by Bob & Jordy Rihl

William Ryans & Mr. & Mrs. William Clarke,
by Carol Ryans

Mr. A. B. Shelby & Mrs. Doris Shelby Greaver,
by Carol Mauldin, Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Shelby &
Mr. & Mrs. David Outland

Mr. & Mrs. James Lee Smalley,
by Mr. & Mrs. George Bowen

Mr. & Mrs. Donald C. Townsend, Sr.,
by Don & Jenny Townsend

Sarah Walters, by Mark, Susan & Rachel Walters

Mr. George Dillard Watkins,
by Scott & Margaret Doss

John & Nell Yearty, by Gene & Anne Gojda, Sr.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF

Our mothers, Norma G. Doss & Patricia W.
Surbaugh, by Scott & Margaret Doss

Joseph Johnson, Jr., by Margaret Johnson

Marian Losch, by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark, & Jason

Marian Losch, by Mrs. Loulie D. Driggers

Our granddaughter, Bennett Elizabeth Lyday,
by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Bennett Boyd

Martha G. McClure, by the McClure family

Mr. & Mrs. Jack News,
by Ora & Natalie Parish & family

Mr. & Mrs. Will Oliver & family & Mr. & Mrs.
Todd Rivers & family,
by Mr. & Mrs. Warren E. Jones, Jr.

Rachel Walters, by her parents, Mark & Susan Walters

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 16 – December 22, 2012

SUNDAY, December 16

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.

5:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting..... Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Christmas Festival Service..... Sanctuary

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



The Lord’s Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2012 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Our Immanuel

He stepped from His high throne,
And laid aside His crown,
And to this sinful world
The Son of God stooped down:
He came as our Immanuel
That God as man with men should dwell.

The virgin brought Him forth
As promised from of old;
The Word in flesh appeared,
The Saviour long foretold:
He came as our Immanuel
That God as man with men should dwell.

Jeremy Walker

The Order of Worship

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

Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- **The Organ Prelude** – What Is This Lovely Fragrance?.....arr. Manz
The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

- The Choral Call to Worship** Southern Harmony
Come, Thou long–expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Christ in Whom our rest shall be.
Israel’s strength and consolation, born salvation to impart;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart!

- **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. 214** – Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Ken Moody & Mel Jewett.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Mark Goodell, William Jewett & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is Ora Parish.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord’s Day will be McDonald Law & Mike Boyd.

Ushers next Lord’s Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Charles Kimbrell & Mark Walters.

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 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 (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 40:1-11 (*page 599*)

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..... Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;

With might destroying princes and cities! As bright the star of morning gleams,

So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.

Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;

Thine be praise and adoration!

† **The Hymn No. 219** – All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord CANONBURY

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

The New Testament Reading..... Luke 1:5-25 (*page 855*)

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 – THE PROMISE OF A CHILDRev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 128** – God Moves in a Mysterious Way..... DUNDEE

† **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 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing arr. Schaffner

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 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).

Christmas Festival Service

Be sure to return this evening at 6:00 p.m. and invite friends to join you for this year’s Christmas Festival Service. The Christ Church Choir, accompanied by Chamber Orchestra, will present a service of Nine Lessons and Carols, featuring music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Felix Mendelssohn and Mack Wilberg. Our Pastor, Rev. Josiah Jones, will bring the homily from Luke 1:26-38 entitled “Foretelling the Birth of Messiah.”

Christmas Eve Family Service

You are warmly welcomed to join us on Monday, 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 preach a sermon from the Gospel of Luke. A special offering will be received for the ministry of Jews for Jesus, International.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Anderegg and family on the death of his wife, Patricia Butler Anderegg, on December 14 in Augusta.

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

Other Announcements

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.*

Year-End Giving – As we approach the end of the year, please remember 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.

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:

Clay and Darlene Quarterman, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

Charles Rector, *Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia*

Twin Lakes Fellowship, *Jackson, Mississippi*

Paul Volpitto, *Augusta School of Biblical Studies (ASBS), Augusta, Georgia*

Missionaries and Agencies Receiving Support from Christ Church, Presbyterian

Missionaries in harm’s way are not listed.

AGAPE Ministry, *Augusta, Georgia*

Alliance Defense Fund, *Scottsdale, Arizona*

Rick and Betty Aschmann, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ecuador*

Dick and Nancy Baggé, *Wycliffe Bible Translators, Kenya*

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*

Cheryl Crocker, *Mission to the World (PCA)*

Karl and Debbie Dortzbach, *Mission to the World (PCA), Kenya*

Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine, *Mission to the World (PCA)*

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*

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*

Clay and Darlene Quarterman, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

Charles Rector, *Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia*

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Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher, *Mission to the World (PCA), South Africa*