

# 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

The Words of Welcome & Prayer of Invocation..... Dr. John W. P. Oliver

- † The Hymn No. 225 (*Trinity Hymnal*).....IRBY  
Once in Royal David's City

The Student Testimonies

The Evening Prayer

- † The Hymn No. 230 (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE  
Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Piano Offertory

- † The Hymn No. 219 (*Trinity Hymnal*) .....to the tune MENDON  
All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

The New Testament Reading .....Matthew 2:1-18 (*page 807*)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon ..... Dr. Oliver  
THE VOICE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

- † The Hymn No. 211 (*Trinity Hymnal*) .....GOD REST YOU MERRY  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

*Those having purchased poinsettias are asked to take them following this evening's service.*

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 29 – January 4

### SUNDAY, December 29

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.*

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

6:00 p.m. .... Evening Worship ..... Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, January 1

*The Church Office will be closed.*

### THURSDAY, January 2

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

### SATURDAY, January 4

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

### Assisting in the Services

*Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Billy Hatcher & Charles McClure.*

*Ushers are Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.*

*The Deacon on Duty is Ora Parish.*

*Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Mike Boyd & Mel Jewett.*

*Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, John Norkus & Ed Russell.*

*The Deacon on Duty will be Wade Caldwell.*

### 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

December 29, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

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

### Holiness for Christ's Sake

If Christ has died for me – ungodly as I am, without strength as I am – then I can no longer live in sin, but must arouse myself to love and serve Him who has redeemed me. I cannot trifle with the evil that killed my best Friend. I must be holy for His sake. How can I live in sin when He has died to save me from it?

–Charles Spurgeon

## 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 – Three Carols for Christmas .....arr. Callahan  
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 Worship ..... Willcocks  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... Psalm 29:1-2

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

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

- † The Hymn No. 218 (*Trinity Hymnal*) .....REGENT SQUARE  
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

† **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 HUNDREDTH

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 Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**..... The 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**..... 1 Chronicles 17:3-15 (*page 348*)

**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**.....arr. Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain.*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain.*

† **The Hymn No. 221** (*Trinity Hymnal*)..... ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

**The New Testament Reading**.....I John 3:1-8 (*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 APPEARING OF THE SON..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 195** (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... ANTIOCH  
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) - Threefold Amen .....DANISH  
(*Trinity Hymnal No. 740*)

**The Organ Postlude** - Joy to the World .....arr. Gehrke

### Scripture Memory

As we review the verses from Scripture for sharing the Gospel, this week we focus on the following verses: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4); and "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

### 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

On this final Lord's Day evening of the year, the service will feature Christ Church students speaking briefly as we observe a "Student Night at Christmas" service. Dr. Oliver will preach on Herod's cruel decree which caused the death of the Holy Innocents in Bethlehem and its districts, a serious reminder of the impact of the Gospel of the Incarnate Son.

### Officer Elections

The election of officers to the Session and Diaconate classes of 2016 will be held in a congregational meeting following Morning Worship next Sunday, January 5. Elder candidates are John Dunsmore and Mark Walters. Deacon candidates are Will Crews and Barry Smith. Biographical information on each of these candidates has been mailed to member homes.

### Communion and Fellowship Luncheon

On Sunday, January 12, we will observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Morning Worship. All communing members of Christ Church are urged to be present. Following the service we will enjoy our monthly Fellowship Luncheon in Covenant Hall. Fried chicken will be provided for a donation of any amount. Members are asked to bring a generous side dish, salad or dessert to share, and visitors are warmly invited to attend. 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](http://www.christchurchpres.org).

### Other Announcements

**Children's Evening Program in Recess** - The Children's Program is in recess until January 12.

**Year-end Giving** - Please remember that, in order for gifts to be credited to fiscal year 2013, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2013.

**Adult Bible Study** - The Adult Bible Study resumes the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning this Thursday, January 2, at the Moncrief home, 2910 Mayfair Road in Augusta. The first two chapters of Genesis were a great blessing as the study looked at the richness and glory found in God's six days of the creation week. All adults are invited to join the group as they pick up in the third chapter of the historical book of origins, Genesis, and enjoy fellowship, food and a faith-strengthening study.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** - As Evangelicals, we put a great deal of emphasis on the new birth—and rightly so. It was Jesus Who declared, "You must be born again" (John 3:7). But A.W. Tozer reminds us that, as important as the new birth is, it is "not an end but an inception, for now begins the glorious pursuit, the heart's happy exploration of the infinite riches of the Godhead." Surely Tozer is right. All of life—indeed, all of eternity—is about this glorious pursuit. Beginning Saturday, January 4, and for the next several weeks, Tozer's powerful book, *The Pursuit of God*, will be the topic for reflection and discussion at The Men's Prayer Breakfast. Men of Christ Church, young and old, join with us on this glorious pursuit this Saturday morning from 7:45 until 9:00 in Covenant Hall, enjoying a full breakfast at a cost of five dollars.

**Guest Speaker in Adult Sunday School** - During the January 5 Adult Sunday School class at 9:45 a.m., Wes Knight, our **Share Your Faith Workshop** instructor, will give us a glimpse of how to engage naturally and winsomely in personal evangelism. Come and enjoy this taste of the upcoming Share Your Faith Workshop, which will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church. For church members who register by January 11 to attend the workshop, the fee is \$10, which includes all materials and lunch. To register please visit [www.christchurchpres.org](http://www.christchurchpres.org) and visit the 'Share Your Faith Workshop' tab. Renew your passion for witnessing and discover ways to cultivate friendships into opportunities to share the Gospel!

**The King's Brass in Concert** - Please join us on Tuesday, January 7, for a free concert presented by Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Young Families & Young Couples Small Group Bible Study** - All young families and young couples are encouraged to attend this twice-monthly Small Group Bible Study at the home of Natalie and Ora Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. This study will begin on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. and will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. *Childcare will be provided.*

**Christmas Festival Service CDs** - Compact disc recordings of this year's Christmas Festival Service will be available in the next few weeks at a cost of \$12 each. *Orders may be placed using the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.*

### 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*  
Paul Volpitto, *Augusta School of Biblical Studies (ASBS), Augusta, Georgia*  
Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher, *Mission to the World (PCA), South Africa*

### Thank You

*What a joy it has been this Christmas to celebrate together as a church family the most generous gift and greatest treasure ever given, God's gift of His Son, born to bring us eternal life, joy and peace! As we offer thanks to God for His super-abundant kindness and lavish generosity toward us, the staff of Christ Church wants to add a heartfelt thanks to you, members of Christ Church, for your very kind and generous Christmas gifts to each of us. It is a delight and blessing to serve our glorious Savior with you at Christ Church. Thank you!*