

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 Organ Prelude**..... Mr. Mark Dickens, organist

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

- † **The Hymn No. 32 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness**..... FAITHFULNESS

The Evening Prayer

The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Organ Offertory

The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation

On the final verse, children in K-4 through Grade 4 may exit for the Children's program.

The Psalter Reading Psalm 1:1-6 (page 448)

The Response

Pastor: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... Rev. Jones

STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS OF TWO WELL-MARKED PATHS

- † **The Hymn No. 580 – Lead On, O King Eternal**..... LANCASHIRE

- † **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 30 – January 5, 2012

SUNDAY, December 30

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. 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 & Young Adult Gathering Townsend Home

TUESDAY, January 1..... New Year's Day Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 2

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, January 3

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

FRIDAY, January 4

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

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Glynn Dyer & Billy Hatcher.

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 & Charles McClure.

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

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;

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

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The Lord's Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

December 30, 2012 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Prayer: A Barometer of Spiritual Life

“Prayer is the critical point where true, practical religion begins. Prayer is where spiritual life flourishes, but also where it decays, for backsliding usually begins in our private prayers and then spreads to every area of our lives. Consequently, our prayer life can serve as a barometer of our spiritual life. It can serve as a predictor of future spiritual ‘weather,’ for it indicates our future direction. Small wonder, then, that we are commanded to pray watchfully.”

Joel R. Beeke (b. 1952)

The Order of Worship

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

Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- **The Organ Prelude – Pastorale on “Silent Night”** Dickens
The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.

The Choral Call to Worship ADESTE FIDELES
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 29:1-2
Pastor: Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones,
People: Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Pastor: Give unto the Lord the glory due His name;
People: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Prayer of Invocation

- † **The Hymn No. 195 – Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**..... ANTIOCH

† **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 Word of Encouragement Elder Don Townsend

The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.....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..... Daniel 9:1-3, 18-19; 10:10-14 (*page 746*)

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.....Marshall

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed

If Thou the Spirit give by which I pray;

My unassisted heart is barren clay,

Which of its native self can nothing feed;

Of good and pious works Thou art the seed

Which quickens where Thou say'st it may;

Unless Thou show us then Thine own true way,

No man can find it! Father, Thou must lead!

Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind

By which such virtue may in me be bred

That in Thy holy footsteps I may tread;

The fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind,

That I may have the power to sing of Thee

And sound Thy praises everlastingly!

(text by Michaelangelo, 1475-1564)

† **The Hymn No. 230**QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

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

The New Testament Reading..... Ephesians 6:18-20 (*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 SermonRev. Jones

XXVI. PERVASIVE & PERSISTENT PRAYER IN THE BATTLE

† **The Hymn** – Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire..... DUNDEE

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed;

The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air,

His watchword at the gates of death; he enters Heav'n with prayer.

No prayer is made by man alone, the Holy Spirit pleads,

And Jesus, on th'eternal throne, for sinners intercedes.

O Thou by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way,

The path of prayer Thyself hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray.

† **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 – *In Dulci Jubilo* 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.

A Word of Encouragement

Today during Morning Worship, we will have the opportunity to hear from Elder Don Townsend about a new Scripture memory plan for Christ Church. Each week we will learn and meditate on one verse of Scripture using material from the Navigators. The packets we will use can be obtained in “app” form for \$3.00. Printed packets are available on the Welcome Table for \$5.00.

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 bring a sermon from Psalm 1:1-6 entitled “Standing at the Crossroads of Two Well-Marked Paths.”

Youth & Young Adult Gathering

Tonight following Evening Worship, the youth and young adults of Christ Church will gather at the home of Don and Jenny Townsend, 1538 River Island Parkway in Evans. Please plan to prepare one of your favorite appetizers for all to enjoy. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange, so bring along a \$5.00 or equivalent gift. This will be a great time of fellowship, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Communion & Fellowship Luncheon

On Sunday, January 13, we will celebrate 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. *Please use the RSVP form inserted in today's bulletin to indicate the number of adults and children who will be attending.*

Other Announcements

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 resume this Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. This study, using both expository exploration of the Word with theological and scientific understandings, is open to students of all ages. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

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 tomorrow, December 31, 2012.

Christmas Festival Service CD's – Compact Disc recordings of this year's Christmas Festival Service will be available in the next few weeks at a cost of \$12.00 each. *Orders may be placed using the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.*

Thank You

Thank you for the kind Christmas gifts that each member of the staff recently received. It is an honor to work with and for such a generous congregation, and we thank God for you and the opportunities you give us to serve the Lord. We look forward to a new year here at Christ Church filled with all the possibilities of God's blessing!

Sincerely,

The Staff of Christ Church, Presbyterian

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:

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*