

The Evening Service, six o'clock

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:22

- The Piano Prelude – Deep River arr. Keveren
Mrs. Sarah Moore

The Opening Scripture The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

- † The Hymn No. 96 (*Family Songs*) LANDAS
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

† The Invocation

The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation

The Evening Prayer Glynn Dyer, Ruling Elder

The Trumpet & Piano Offertory – It Is Well arr. Van Gelderen
Mr. Brian Moore, trumpet

The Hymns Chosen by the Congregation

On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 7:8–13 (page 49)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE SHOT ACROSS THE BOW The Rev. Jones

- † The Hymn (*insert*) – I Run to Christ Habegger

† The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of August 17 – August 23

SUNDAY, August 17

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
Young Adults 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.

12:30 p.m. Young Adults Luncheon Townsend Home

4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High School Boys Bible Study Covenant Hall

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary
On the fourth hymn, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.

7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Parish Home

WEDNESDAY, August 20

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, August 22

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

*Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are George Bowen & Mel Jewett.
Ushers are Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norkus, John Norkus & Mark Walters.
The Deacon on Duty is Wade Caldwell.*

*Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be John Dunsmore & McDonald Law.
Ushers next Lord's Day will be Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, John Norkus & Ed Russell.
The Deacon on Duty will be Charles Kimbrell.*

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*
Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Organist*
Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*
Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Social Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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The Lord's Day, August 17, 2014

Asking the Hard Question

There is no easy way to say it, but it must be said. Parents and churches are not passing on a robust Christian faith and an accompanying commitment to the church. We can take some solace in the fact that many do eventually return. But, Christian parents and churches need to ask the hard question, "What is it about our faith commitment that does not find root in the lives of our children?"

– Ed Stetzer

The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

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

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained
To avoid distractions during worship, please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- The Organ Prelude – Come Thou Almighty King arr. Culli

The Choral Call to Worship Traditional English Melody

Come, come, ye saints, no toil nor labor fear, but with joy wend your way;
Though hard to you life's journey may appear, grace shall be as your day.
Come, follow on, fresh courage take, for God His own will ne'er forsake,
'Til in His presence they shall dwell! All is well, all is well!

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 99:2–3, 5

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion;

People: He is exalted over all the peoples.

Pastor: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

People: Holy is He!

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!

People: Holy is He!

- † The Hymn No. 38 (*Trinity Hymnal*) JOANNA

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

† **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

The New Testament Reading..... Mark 12:28–34 (*page 848*)

The ResponseIsaiah 40:8

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Corporate Confession of Sin (*unison*)

Almighty God, Who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee; hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Thy mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and by our words; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and toward fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Thy great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Personal Confession of Sin (*silently*)

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 55:6–7)

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

The Prayer Response (*sung by all*) TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Though He giveth or He taketh,

God His children ne'er forsaketh;

His the loving purpose solely

To preserve them pure and holy.

The Children's Ministry Moment..... Mrs. Fay Deal

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

The Lord’s Prayer (*using debts and debtors*)

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

(*Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.*)

The Offertory Anthem – With a Voice of Singing.....Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name,

Make His praise to be glorious!

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

† **The Hymn No. 411** (*Trinity Hymnal*).....LEONI

Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

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

The Old Testament Reading..... Deuteronomy 6:1–25 (*page 151*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Rev. Jones

PASSING ON A ROBUST CHRISTIAN FAITH

† **The Hymn No. 719** (*Trinity Hymnal*) – A Christian Home.....FINLANDIA

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) – Threefold AmenDANISH

(*Trinity Hymnal No. 740*)

The Organ Postlude – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Callahan

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our strong desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God’s Word is proclaimed, our worship will redound to the glory of God and result in the gladness of His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us again soon. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please talk with an elder standing by the piano following the service.

Evening Worship

In a day when the biblical heritage of the Christian Sabbath is all but lost in the American evangelical church, let us be a happy exception. For His own glory and our good, our Lord commands, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). So, we set aside the Lord’s Day, resting and rejoicing in the God Who made us and redeemed us in Christ. Corporately, we commence and consummate this wonderful day with glad and grateful worship of our God. Join us in worship this evening, expecting our Lord’s crowning benediction on this day devoted especially to Him.

Inquirers’ Class

A new Inquirers’ Class will be held on August 31 and September 7 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. This class, led by Pastor Jones, will examine the identity of Christ Church, Presbyterian as an "Evangelical, Reformed and Presbyterian" congregation, explore the many ministry opportunities available, and explain how to become actively engaged in the body here at Christ Church. This class is for all who are interested in knowing more about Christ Church, Presbyterian and are prayerfully considering membership. Please register your attendance by calling the Church Office, speaking to one of the Officers, or through the Welcome Page on our church website, www.christchurchpres.org.

Scripture Memory

The ultimate goal of our redemption is that we might be conformed to the image of God’s dear Son. Hiding God’s Word in our hearts is a vital means to that end. This week we review and meditate on John 13:34–35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Navigator Series: “Grow in Christlikeness”). May God grant in our lives that which He commands in His Word!

Other Announcements

Young Adult Luncheon – Following this morning’s Worship service, the Townsends welcome all young adults to their home at 1538 River Island Pkwy in Evans for a blessed time of fellowship while enjoying a pizza lunch.

Jr. & Sr. High School Boys Bible Study – This afternoon will be the last session of the J. C. Ryle study, *Thoughts for Young Men*, being led by Lee Self. All junior and senior high school boys are invited to join us in Covenant Hall from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Please contact Lee at (252) 648–2300 or leenshe@gmail.com if you have questions.

Adult Sunday School – Next week, August 24, the Adult Sunday School class will meet in the Sanctuary due to Covenant Hall being prepared for our 10–Year Celebration. Please be prompt as our choir will use this facility at 10:30 a.m. for their pre–service rehearsal.

Sunday Prayer Meeting – This group is currently meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the small room in Covenant Hall. We would love to see the group numbers increase. Right now it is all ladies, but we would not refuse to admit men!

Youth Gatherings – Tonight following Evening Worship the Youth of Christ Church will gather for a time of fellowship at the home of Natalie & Ora Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. The Youth will also meet this Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Snack supper and fellowship will begin at 6:30, followed by a time of singing, praying and teaching. Come fellowship and grow with us this Wednesday night.

Join the Choir! – The Christ Church Choir resumed their regular rehearsals last Wednesday evening at 7:00, but there is still a place for you in this vital worship ministry. Please consider visiting rehearsal to see if this is where the Lord might want you to use your gifts. No audition is necessary. Childcare is provided.

Heritage Academy – Would you be interested in volunteering or substitute teaching? We will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, August 28, at 10 a.m. Please prayerfully consider joining us for information on ways you can serve, how we keep children safe and to tour our beautiful facility. Contact Beth Westergreen for more information at (706) 821–0034.

Good News Club – Christ Church has the tremendous opportunity and privilege to share Christ with the children of River Ridge Elementary. Please make the most of this blessing by volunteering in one of the following areas: a coordinator for the club, a teacher for the weekly Bible lesson and helpers with the children. Also pray that God’s will is accomplished and that He will provide all that we need. For further information, please call Jane Bowen at (706) 738–1816. Matthew 19:14, "But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Prayer is absolutely critical for the life of faith and the life of the church. Men of Christ Church, join us in seeking the face and favor of our great God for ourselves, our families, our church, our nation and the world. We begin this Friday at 7:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall with food and fellowship followed by a time of devotion and prayer. Hungry to see God move? Join us this Friday, as we lay hold of the throne of grace.

Officer Training – Officer Training will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the following days: September 14, October 5 and 12.

Pray for Our Missionaries

Please remember these missionaries and organizations designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:

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

Chris and Cary Drinkard, *Campus Outreach, Manila, Philippines*

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

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