

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
Mrs. Catharine McClure, *piano*
- The Opening Scripture Dr. Jim Watson, *pulpit guest*
- † The Invocation
- † The Hymn No. 19 (Family Songs) – Blessed Be the Name BLESSED NAME
- † The Hymn No. 58 (Family Songs) – Oh, To Be Like Thee RONDINELLA
- The Missions Moment David Dyer
- The Evening Prayer Mel Jewett, Ruling Elder
- The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)
- The Piano Offertory
- † The Hymn No. 97 (Family Songs) – Have You Any Room for Jesus .. ANY ROOM
On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children’s Program.
- The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 8:19-9:2 (page 573)
- The Response
Minister: This is the Word of God. People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.
- The Prayer for Illumination
- The Sermon – CHRISTMAS GIFTS: PROPHECY FULFILLED ...Dr. Watson
- † The Hymn No. 304 (Trinity Hymnal) VOX DILECTI
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- † The Benediction
- The Piano Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of November 30 – December 6

SUNDAY, November 30

8:00 a.m.WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and www.wgac.com Broadcasts

9:45 a.m.Sunday School

Nursery (Birth–23 mos.) Nursery 1
 Nursery (24–48 mos.) Nursery 2
 K-4 – K-5 Children’s House
 Grades 1-2 Children’s House
 Grades 3-4 Children’s House
 Grades 5-6 Youth House
 Grades 7-8 Youth House
 Grades 9-12 Youth House
 Special Education Deacons’ Room
 Young Adults Upper Room
 Young Families Church Office
 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

5:00 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.

MONDAY, December 1

7:00 p.m. Trail Life Covenant Hall

TUESDAY, December 2

7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Church Office

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans W. Jones Home

WEDNESDAY, December 3

6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Covenant Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal Sanctuary

FRIDAY, December 5

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta Moncrief Home

SATURDAY, December 6

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

9:00 a.m. Mini Workday Church Campus

6:00 p.m. Christmas Missionary Love–Gift Dinner ... Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Billy Hatcher & Mark Walters.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Wade Caldwell, Jonathan Kimbrell, Hamilton McDaniel & Ed Russell.

The Deacon on Duty is Will Crews.

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

Ushers next Lord’s Day will be Lanier Adams, Richard Deal, Mark Goodell, Charles Kimbrell & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Wade Caldwell.

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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Christ Church, Presbyterian The Lord’s Day, November 30, 2014

The First Sunday of Advent: St. Andrew’s Day

Infinite and an Infant

Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman’s breast. Supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother’s arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter’s despised son.

– Charles Spurgeon

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 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Phillips
- 4 The Choral Call to Worship VENI EMMANUEL
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 50:1-3a, 14-15
Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes; He does not keep silence.
Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
People: And call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.
- † The Hymn of Praise (Trinity Hymnal, No. 311) WEBB
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed
- † The Invocation & Prayer of Adoration Dr. John W. P. Oliver, *Missioner*

† **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 Old Testament Lesson Genesis 11:27–12:4a (*page 8*)

The Response.....Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,
People: But the word of our God stands forever.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

The Individual Confession of Sin (*silently*)

The Scriptural Assurance of PardonMicah 7:18–19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the
remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He
delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our
iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

The Prayer Response (*The Choir will sing first, then the congregation joins.*).....Paris



The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

The Offertory Anthem.....Genevan Psalter, arr. Ferguson

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!
For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him!
Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken. (Isaiah 40:1–5)

† **The Hymn of Preparation** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 534*).....BEATITUDO

O for a Closer Walk with God

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

The Gospel Lesson.....John 1:35–42 (*page 886*)

The Response

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE SUCCESSFUL STIMULUS.....Dr. Oliver

† **The Hymn of Response** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 591*)GALILEE

Jesus Calls Us

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Manz

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.

Morning Pulpit Guest

Dr. John Oliver is our pulpit guest this morning. Elected Professor Emeritus of Homiletics and Practical Theology upon his retirement in May from Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in Charlotte, John serves Christ Church as Missioner in Residence. Prior to RTS, John spent 35 years in the pastorate. John and his wife, Cris, have two adult sons.

Evening Pulpit Guest

Our evening pulpit guest will be Dr. Jim Watson. Dr. Watson serves as a professor in the College of Education at Columbia International University, is a PCA Teaching Elder and a member of Palmetto Presbytery. Jim has served churches, Christian schools and colleges as pastor, teacher, coach, administrator and professor. He and his wife, Lynn, have two adult daughters.

Evening Service

We gather in worship only because our God has drawn near to us in Christ. On this first Sunday in advent, let us return this evening with the full expectation of God’s presence and power being manifested among us, as we worship in spirit and truth our Emmanuel.

Scripture Memory

In addition to spending time daily in personal devotion and study, one of the best ways to go deeper into God’s Word is by committing it to memory and meditating upon it throughout the day. Let us together go deeper in God’s Word, memorizing this week Hebrews 10:24–25, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Series A: Live the New Life; Topic: Fellowship).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jessica and Mark Dickens on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Elizabeth, on November 25 in Augusta.

Other Announcements

Adult Bible Study, Evans — The Adult Bible Study, Evans will meet Tuesday, December 2, in the home of Linda and Warren Jones located at 503 Thompkins Lane. Fellowship and refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a study on 1 Peter at 7:30. Please phone the Jones’ at 706-447-2546 with any questions.

Youth Gathering — The Youth will 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.

Adult Bible Study, Augusta — The Adult Bible Study, Augusta will meet Friday, December 5, in the home of Sue and Ron Moncrief located at 2910 Mayfair Road. Instead of the usual Bible study, a Christmas dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short devotional. Please phone the Moncrief’s at 706-737-5953 with any questions.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — “Personal discipline,” says R. Kent Hughes, “is the indispensable key for accomplishing anything in this life.” What is true in every area of life is especially true when it comes to growing in godliness. Yet, discipline in godliness is the exception rather than the rule among Evangelicals today—especially among men. Our desire at Christ Church is that it would be the rule rather than the exception. That is why the men of Christ Church will be discussing Hughes’ powerful book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, each at each Men’s Prayer Breakfast before engaging in the discipline of prayer. Men, join us this Saturday at 7:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall for food, fellowship, discussion of “The Discipline of Family” and a time of prayer. “God is looking for a few good men!”

Mini Workday — Our next mini church workday is scheduled for this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. to decorate our church for Christmas. Please mark your calendar today so that you will be available to join us in preparing our church for the celebration of Christ’s birth. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace,” 1 Peter 4:10.

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 the fiscal year 2015. If you were unable to attend on Stewardship Sunday, pledge cards may either be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office by December 7. Additional pledge cards are available on the Deacon’s tables at the back of the sanctuary. In response to God’s infinite grace, let us sow generously, cheerfully and expectantly.

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:

- Tim and Lana Higginbotham, *NAIM, Vancouver, Canada*
- Kermit and Cheryl Horn, *World Team, France*
- Institute for Creation Research (ICR)
- Steve and Sherri Letchford, *SIM, Kenya*