

## 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.....Mr. Perry Barinowski, *piano*
- The Opening Scripture .....Dr. John W. P. Oliver, *Missioner*
- † The Hymn No. 219 (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... CANONBURY  
All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord
- † The Prayer of Invocation
- The Hymn – O Martyrs Young and Fresh as Flowers ..... MENDON  
Words by Prudentius (16th century)  
O Martyrs young and fresh as flowers,  
Your day was in its morning hours  
When Christ was sought and you were found  
Like rain-strewn petals on the ground.  
How weak to hurt you was the king!  
You are Christ's morning offering,  
His pretty lambs, his children, gay  
With martyr-crowns and palms at play.  
And you had cheated Herod's rage,  
You little boys of Jesus' age;  
For He whom Herod sought to slay,  
Jesus, untouched, escaped away.  
Glory, O Christ the Lord, to Thee,  
Child of the blessed Virgin be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

The Evening Prayer .....Dr. Oliver

### The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

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

### The Piano Offertory

- † The Hymn No. 533 (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... I AM THINE  
I am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

### The Report of University Students' Impact for Christ

- † The Hymn No. 338 (*Trinity Hymnal*, vss. 1, 3 & 5) ..... MORECAMBE  
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

The Scripture Lessons .....St. Matthew 2:13-18 (page 808)  
Hosea 6:1-11 (page 754)

### The Response

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

### The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – A DESIRING GOD.....Dr. Oliver

- † The Hymn No. 93 (*Family Songs*) – Higher Ground ..... HIGHER GROUND

- † The Benediction

The Piano Postlude

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 28 – January 3

### SUNDAY, December 28

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

Preschool (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.*

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

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

### Assisting in the Services

*Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Glynn Dyer & Ken Moody.*

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

*The Deacon on Duty is Charles Kimbrell.*

*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, Hamilton McDaniel & Ed Russell.*

*The Deacon on Duty will be John Norkus.*

### 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, December 28, 2014

### The Wonder of the Word Made Flesh

The Word of the Father by Whom all time was created was made flesh and born in time for us. He without Whose divine permission no day completes its course, wished to have one of those days for His human birth. In the bosom of His Father He existed before all the cycles of the ages. Born of an earthly mother, He entered on the course of the years on that very day. The Maker of man became man that He [the] ruler of the stars might be nourished at the breast, that He the bread might be hungry, that He the fountain might thirst, that He the light might sleep, that He the way might be wearied in the journey, that He the truth might be accused by false witnesses, that He the judge of the living and the dead might be brought to trial by a mortal judge, that He justice itself might be condemned by the unjust, that He discipline personified might be scourged with a whip, that He the foundation might be suspended on a cross, that He courage incarnate might be weak, and He security itself might be wounded, and He life itself might die.

– Saint Augustine

### 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 – The Holly and the Ivy.....arr. Sumsion

The Choral Call to Worship ..... ADESTE FIDELES

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... 1 Chronicles 16:28-31

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;  
bring an offering and come before Him!

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him,  
all the earth; yes the world is established; it shall never be moved.

People: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

- † The Hymn of Praise – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 203).....MENDELSSOHN  
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

- † The Invocation & Prayer of Adoration..... Billy Hatcher, *Ruling Elder*

† **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.

The Old Testament Lesson ..... 2 Samuel 9

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 Pardon ..... Psalm 130:3-4, 7

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You

there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.... O Israel, hope in the Lord! For

with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

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

The Response to God’s Grace (*sung by all*).....ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

**The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication**

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**The Offertory Anthem**..... JUNGST, arr. Craig Courtney (2012)

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy!

There shall be born, so did he say, in Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy!

There shall a Child lie in a stall, this Child Who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! How great our joy!

† **The Hymn of Preparation** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 229*) ..... TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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

The New Testament Lesson ..... Romans 15:1-13 (*page 949*)

**The Response**

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

**The Prayer for Illumination**

The Sermon .....The Rev. Matt Awtrey, *Pulpit Guest*

ALL FOR LOVE’S SAKE BECAMEST MAN

† **The Hymn of Response** (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 230*) ..... QUELLE EST CETTE

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – *Noël Suisse* ..... Daquin

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God’s Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to 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 next Lord’s Day. 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

The Rev. Matt Awtrey is a licensed minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Associate Pastor of Christ Reformed Church of Anderson, SC. He graduated from Newberry College in 2007 with a degree in History. Directly after finishing his undergraduate, he went to seminary at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and graduated with a Masters of Divinity in 2010. Matt is married to Jeni, and they have two daughters, Mary Belk and Elizabeth Katherine.

## Evening Worship

Join gladly and expectantly tonight in the final service of the waning year. A brief but encouraging report of a strong movement for Christ and scriptural Truth among leading university students will be presented by Dr. Oliver before the message presented from the Word of God.

## Evening Pulpit Guest

Dr. John Oliver is our pulpit guest this evening. 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.

## 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 Isaiah 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Series B: Proclaim Christ; Topic: All Have Sinned).

## Officer Ordination and Installation

We rejoice in and give thanks for the Lord’s provision of two officers to serve at Christ Church in the class of 2017. Our congregation elected Billy Hatcher and Ora Parish to serve as elders. The ordination and installation of these men will be on January 4 in the Sunday morning service. Please begin praying even now that the Lord will prepare them to serve His church with great joy, energy and effectiveness for His glory.

## Other Announcements

**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.*

**Year-end Giving** — Please remember that, in order for gifts to be credited to fiscal year 2014, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2014.

**Upcoming Share Your Faith Workshop** — Its not too early to mark your calendar and to make plans to attend the upcoming Share Your Faith Workshop that will be held on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the church campus. The Share Your Faith Workshop will help you discern where God is working and show you how to join Him in the work. This workshop will equip you with a simple and effective memory tool for presenting the Gospel with clarity and confidence. Further, it will help you learn how to engage people spiritually and pleasantly, so that you will have the opportunity to share the Good News that has transformed your life. We have the best news in all the world. Let us be a church equipped for and engaged in sharing that life-transforming, eternity-changing message of hope in the new year!

## 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:

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*