

The Evening Service, six o'clock

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

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

The Prelude Mrs. Sue Moncrief

The Words of Welcome & the Call to Worship.....Psalm 63:1-3

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You; as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the Sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

The Prayer of Invocation

•† The Hymn of Praise — (Trinity Hymnal, No. 198)TRURO
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

The Evening Prayer Charles McClure, Ruling Elder

The Hymn — (Trinity Hymnal, No. 197).....THIRSTING
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Offering & the Offertory

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

† The Hymn of Preparation — (Family songs, No. 69)..... CHRISTMAS SONG
There's A Song in the Air
(On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children's Program)

The New Testament Lesson..... Hebrews 1:1-4 (page 1001)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor
A NEW WAY OF SPEAKING

I. To whom?

- A.) Our fathers
- B.) And us

II. When?

- A.) Then (Long ago)
- B.) Now (In these last days)

III. How?

- A.) Many times and ways
 - 1.) Created world (Ps. 19:1-3)
 - 2.) Audible voice (Gen. 3:8; Ex. 33:11.; Nu. 12:6-8)
 - 3.) Dreams (Gen. 20:3; 28; 31:24; 37; 40; 41; 1 Kings 3:5; Dan. 4; Mat. 1:20; 2:12)
 - 4.) Visions (Gen. 15:1; 26:2; Is. 1:1; Jer. 24:1; Ez. 1:1; Oba. 1; Nahum 1:1; Acts 9:10; 10:3)
 - 5.) Legible characters (Ex. 24:12; 31:18; 32:16; 34:1)
 - 6.) Prophets
- B.) Through His Son

† The Hymn of Response — (Family Songs, No. 119).....MARGARET
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

† The Benediction.....The Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 1 – December 7

SUNDAY, December 1

6:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts

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9:45 a.m.Sunday School

Nursery I (Birth-23 mos.)..... Nursery 1

Nursery II (24-47 mos.)..... Nursery 2

K4..... Fellowship Hall

Kindergarten through Grade 4..... Children's House

Grades 5-12 Youth House

Adult..... Assigned Locations

10:30 a.m..... Church-wide Fellowship.....Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m.....Morning Worship with Holy Communion.....Sanctuary

On the second hymn, children in K-4 – third grade may exit for Children's Church.

4:30 p.m.AYC Rehearsal 2nd Floor of Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Sunday Prayer.....Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m.Evening WorshipSanctuary

On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children's Program.

MONDAY, December 2

7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls 2nd Floor of Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Trail Life.....Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 4

6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble RehearsalSanctuary

7:05 p.m.Choir RehearsalSanctuary

THURSDAY, December 5

6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting.....Church Office

FRIDAY, December 6

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

6:00 p.m.Christmas Fellowship DinnerFellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School Classes—November 3 through December 29

9:45 a.m. each Sunday and open to all adults.

The Attributes of God, led by John Dunsmore, Joe Ivory, Mel Jewett, & Charles McClure, will meet in the Fellowship Hall

The Pentateuch, led by John Clark, will meet on the 2nd Floor of Sanctuary

Current Officers with Class Year

Elders

Mike Boyd (2019)

John Clark (2019)

John Dunsmore (2019)

Charles McClure (2020)

Ken Moody (2020)

John Norkus (2020)

Billy Hatcher (2021)

Mel Jewett (2021)

Don Townsend (2021)

Deacons

Stephen Dyer (2019)

Wade Caldwell (2019)

Ed Russell (2019)

Jim Avery (2020)

Derrick Smits (2020)

Ryan Griffin (2021)

Richard Turner (2021)

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are George Bowen & Charles McClure.

Ushers are Marion Butler, Derrick Smits, Brent Steed, & Richard Turner.

The Deacon on Duty is Richard Turner (wearing a red carnation).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Charles McClure & Ken Moody.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Jim Avery, Richard Deal, Ryan Griffin, & William Jewett.

The Deacon on Duty next Lord's Day will be Stephen Dyer.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor

Dr. Stan Pylant, Director of Music

Mr. John Psomas, Director of Youth Ministries

Mrs. Fay Deal, Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Laura Doss, Organist

Mrs. Shirley McBride, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Scott Doss, AV & Digital Media Director

Mr. Charles Caruso, Lawn Maintenance

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.

— Matthew 1:21

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 after the service.

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The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

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

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The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

The Welcome & Announcements..... The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor

The Organ Prelude – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... arr. Robert Lau

The Choral Call to Worship..... FESTAL SONG, arr. Pylant
Arise, Your Light Is Come
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show for the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Sanctuary Choir and Organ

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 29:1–2
Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The Invocation

•† **The Hymn of Adoration** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196) HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

† **The Confession of Faith**..... The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*universal)

The Lighting of the Hope Advent Candle..... Avery Family
The word “advent” means “coming.” At Christ Church we observe Advent as a reminder that we live between the times: after Christ’s first coming as the Child of Bethlehem, and looking forward to His second coming as the King of Glory. The first purple candle signifies the HOPE of the coming Messiah seen in the prophecies of the Old Testament.

† **The Gloria Patri** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 735)..... GREATOREX
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 Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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 – The Glory of the Father..... Egil Hovland
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to His own, and His own, and His own received Him not.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
Sanctuary Choir

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 194) VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children’s Church)

The Old Testament Lesson.....selected texts

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – Angel’s Proclamation (outline handout) The Rev. Hendrick
THE EARTH RECEIVES HER KING: PART 1

† **The Communion Hymn** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 193) PICARDY
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – Please partake as you are served.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

† **The Parting Hymn** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 431) SCHUMANN
A Parting Hymn We Sing

The New Member Presentation..... Rev. Hendrick, Pastor
Jon, Karri, Isaiah and Elijah Cheney

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come F. Zachau

Christmas Worship Opportunities

Christmas Fellowship Dinner – Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, December 6, for our annual Christmas Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a special time to worship our Savior as we celebrate His birth and to honor church-sponsored field missionaries by bringing monetary donations for a Christmas gift supporting the work of God’s kingdom. Chicken, beef (brisket & London broil), and smoked pork will be provided. Members are asked to bring sides according to these guidelines below. Please RSVP by either completing the insert in today’s bulletin or by visiting www.mycp.faith to register. Feel free to also place your missionary gift, marked “missionary gift,” in the offering plate by Sunday, December 15.

Last names beginning with . . .
A-D: Salads; E-N: Sides (rice, vegetables, starch, etc.); and O-Z: Desserts

AYC Christmas Dessert Concert – The Augusta Youth Chorale will present a Christmas Dessert Concert in our Sanctuary on Sunday, December 8, at 4:15 p.m. and you are invited! The concert is free though there will be the opportunity to assist AYC through a special offering. Join us for this worshipful, yet varied advent celebration. Following the concert, there will be complimentary desserts to enjoy in the Fellowship Hall.

Hendrick Christmas Drop-In – You’re invited to celebrate Christmas at the Hendrick’s home located at 101 Hunting Tower Drive in Grovetown on Friday, December 13. This will be a special time of fellowship and celebration of the Christmas season. Feel free to drop by any time between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Evensong: A Christmas Festival – A time of worship and praise through our Sanctuary Choir, Children’s Choir, the Augusta Youth Chorale, and Orchestra on Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.. A message of Christmas will be spoken by Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor. Be sure to invite your family and friends for this special time of honoring our Savior’s birth. Nursery will be provided.

All of this and more can be found at *myccp.faith*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a means of grace instituted by our Lord to commemorate His death and to commune with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament during morning worship today.

Announcements

Friendship Register – You’ll find Friendship Registers on each pew. Please take a moment during the offertory to complete your and/or your family’s information, especially if you are a guest for the first time. This information is used to maintain accurate records and is not given out to the public.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary – If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form given with this bulletin and place it in the offering plate, along with payment by Sunday, December 1. The cost of each plant is \$20. Additional forms may be obtained from the Welcome Table. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, and you are encouraged to take your flower(s) home afterward to enjoy on Christmas day.

Congregational Meeting – On Sunday, December 15, there will be a congregational meeting during the morning worship to elect officers for Elder and Deacon. A letter with nominee biographies has been mailed to Christ Church members. Please be in prayer for God’s direction concerning this election process.

Church Staff Christmas and Jews for Jesus Gifts – Special donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff and for the Jews for Jesus evangelism ministry. Please contribute as God directs by placing your donation in the offering plate by Sunday, December 15, for the staff gifts and Tuesday, December 24, for the Jews for Jesus gifts.

Pledge Cards – Thank you to everyone who turned in 2020 Pledge Card commitments last Sunday. If you were unable to present your commitment for 2020 during the service last week, there is still time to get your card included. Feel free to place it in the offering plate, drop it by the office, or mail it to the office by December 29.

Year-End Giving – Always being thankful for how the Lord has provided for each of us throughout 2019, please consider sharing His generosity with Christ Church through an end-of-the-year blessing by Sunday, December 29.

Pray for Me – Pictures of families and Champions are ready to be picked up. Please look on the Children’s Ministries Table and find the envelope with your name. Champion envelopes are under the *Champion* label and families are under the *Families* label.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – Everyone welcome and encouraged to join us on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we worship our Lord on the eve of His birth. Come and enjoy a Instrumental Ensemble, carols, and God’s Word shared by Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor. This time of celebration will close with the singing of Silent Night and candlelight. Nursery provided.

Christ Church’s Online Giving Option – Please visit myccp.faith and click the “Give” button located on the top, right side of the Home page. Follow the simple instructions to securely contribute to Christ Church via PayPal or credit/debit card. Be sure to include a “purpose” for your donation in the “write a note” field above the payment information. Any gifts received without a purpose will be directed into the general fund.

Sanctuary Flowers – If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit the Welcome Table in the narthex and sign up on the Flower Calendar form. Close to the date of your flowers, Yvonne Clark will contact you regarding the arrangement and Shirley McBride will contact you for the wording that will be presented in the bulletin.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Anna Butler, my loving wife on her birthday, by Marion Butler.

Missionary Prayer

Please remember these missionaries and organization designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:
Glenn and Sharlene, *Wycliffe Bible Translators/Mission to the World* (PCA)

Please pray for Glenn as he prepares for an upcoming maintenance training event at JAARS the beginning of December. Remember also Sharlene’s mother as she recuperates and Glenn’s mother’s transition with her husband who is in a skilled nursing facility.