

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
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9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel and Sermon BCP 323

10:30 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Voluntary	<i>Prelude in G major</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Processional		Hymnal 390
	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Joachim Neander
Opening Acclamation and Response		BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis		Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day		

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Genesis 32:22-31
Gradual Psalm 121 <i>Levavi oculos</i>	BCP 779
	<i>Anglican chant by H. Walford Davies</i>
Epistle	Sung by the Choir
	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 397
	<i>Now thank we all our God</i> Martin Rinckart; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Holy Gospel	Luke 18:1-8

Sermon	The Reverend Kelly Steele <i>Episcopal Diocese of Georgia</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Open my eyes</i>	K. Lee Scott
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
The Holy Communion	Hymnal 1, 343
<i>Father, we praise thee</i>	Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer
<i>Shepherd of souls</i>	James Montgomery
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 535
<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	Charles Wesley
Postlude <i>God of grace</i>	Paul Manz

Christ Church is the "Mother Church of Georgia" and was founded on February 12, 1733. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site. Our mailing address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912-236-2500). Our website can be found at www.christchurchsavannah.org. Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

*Children ages PreK-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the cross at this time. Younger children and caregivers are also invited to participate in Children's Chapel.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

Please join us in the Undercroft for a reception after the 10:30 a.m. service.

First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent



them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Paul Gauguin (1888), *Vision after the Sermon*. National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Psalms 121 *Levavi oculos*

BCP 779

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor



had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the

Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

St. Teresa with a child in West Beirut. 1982.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry C. Webster Sr., by the Webster family; in honor of the marriage of Christian and Dane, by Wanda and Karl Bohnstedt; in honor of Bonnie Cay on the occasion of her 75th birthday, by John, Bettie and Caro Cay; in thanksgiving for Alice Myrick, on the occasion of her birthday, by the Gussler family; and in memory of Robert and Phyllis Long by Blake and Jenny Long, Emily, Caroline and Hannah Long .

Upcoming Dates and Events for October and November

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House
 - Sunday School for pre-k through 5th grade "Genesis Greatest Hits"

-Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" and our lecturer will be Ryan Chandler, Vice President, Colonial Group. He will speak on "Change Management and the Church: WWJD?"

- This evening at 6 p.m. join us for our Evening Eucharist led by the Rev. Liam Collins.
- October 23 - Our adult forum speaker will be Dr. Michael Hughes, President of Bethesda Academy. Later that afternoon our EYC will gather from 3-4:p.m. at Get Air Savannah, 3609 Ogechee Road.
- November 3 - Martin Neary (former Organist and Master of the Choirs at Westminster Abbey, London) in recital on Christ Church's mighty Harrison and Harrison Organ at 7 p.m.. Pre-Concert Conversation with Dr. Neary at 6 p.m.

Welcome The Rev. Kelly Steele

Christ Church is pleased to welcome The Rev. Kelly Steele today as our guest preacher. The Rev. Steele works in young adult ministry (ages 18-35) for the



Episcopal Diocese of Georgia and identifies herself as a priest "in the wild" or "an investigator for Jesus" looking for church-avoidant people with whom to connect. She is actively involved in Emergent Savannah, a collective of individuals who desire to build and foster a beloved community in Savannah. She is also involved with Citizens Advocacy under the leadership of Tom Kohler.

In addition she oversees Columba House Savannah (the diocesan residential leadership program), teaches Education for Ministry, and works to develop other ministry projects. She is always looking for new conversation partners and to raise awareness about the riches of the Christian tradition. In her spare time, she plays women's roller derby in the evenings and weekends and lives in Thomas Park with her spouse, the Rev. Guillermo Arboleda (the Priest-in-Charge at St. Matthew's, Savannah), and a puppy Reina. The Rev. Steele is a 2015 *summa cum laud* graduate of Duke Divinity School, Duke University (Durham, NC) as well as a 2012 *summa cum laud* graduate of Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) and is a native of

Pittsburgh, PA. “Because my roommate asked me to come with her on Sunday mornings,” Kelly attended St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church in Durham, NC and was confirmed there by Bishop Michael Curry in April 2013. She was ordained to the diaconate on November 14, 2016 at St. Paul’s, Savannah and to the priesthood on May 21, 2016 at Christ Church by Bishop Benhase (see photo below).



The Rev. Steele adds, “I was not raised in the church. I was raised in an atheist/agnostic family spanning several generations on my father’s side. I was baptized as an infant because my mother said it was ‘fire insurance’ and my maternal grandparents insisted upon it. I began to self-identify as Christian in college after a series of late night discussions with a Christian peer who turned out to be too zealously conservative, but, who, nevertheless, prompted me to read the Bible. I began at Genesis and promptly skipped to John when things got weird — I think it was when Noah’s sons uncovered his nakedness. Eventually, I had a moment of complete surrender to God and pleaded for mercy and for a realization of God’s presence. That happened, and oddly enough, all the pent-up anger and resentment about the Church and church history was turned inside out and turned — miraculously — into love and patience toward even the absolute worst parts of the church and its history. Even today, I consider my long-suffering for the church’s inadequacies nothing short of a sign of Divine intervention. From that day, my freshman year of college in 2010, I knew I would dedicate my life to the church. The Spirit blows where it wills.”

The Feast of St. Ignatius—October 17

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipp

St. Ignatius is greatly revered in the Eastern Orthodox Church. He had a long

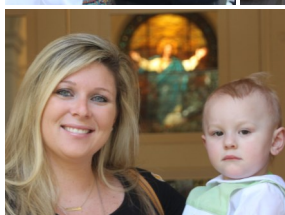
episcopate and was accounted as the second bishop of Antioch, which is in Syria. Antioch is a town in which the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26). Ignatius lived in the day when one could probably hear first-hand accounts of St. Paul's teachings. We have seven authentic letters written by Ignatius to the early Christian assemblies. They are amongst the most valuable documents of the early Church. He had a profound sense of two ends – his own, and the consummation of history in Jesus Christ. In ecstasy he saw his impending martyrdom as a fitting conclusion to his long Episcopate.

St. Ignatius maintained that the Church's unity would always spring from that liturgy by which all are initiated into Christ through Baptism. He extorted, "Try to gather more frequently to celebrate God's Eucharist and to praise him. At these meetings, heed the Bishops' presbytery attentively and break one loaf which is the medicine of immortality." Ignatius regarded the Church as God's Holy Order in the world. He was therefore concerned with the proper ordering of the Church's teachings and worship. He was one of the first important defenders of the three-fold ministry: bishops, priests, and deacons. He wrote, "Flee from schism as the source of mischief. Follow the presbytery as you would the Apostles and respect the deacons as you would God's law. Where the Bishop is present, there let the congregation gather, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." The Roman Emperor Trajan ordered Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, to be brought to Rome for public execution in 115 A.D. He was brutally put to death before a mob in the Colosseum.

Vestry Nominations

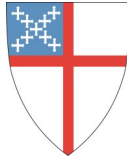
Our Vestry Nominations Committee is made up of (i) the four members who will be rotating off of the Vestry in January 2017 (Marie Dent, Ann Miller, Kurt Oelshig, and Will Wallace) and (ii) the Jr. Warden (Ryan Chandler). If you would like to recommend someone for the Vestry slate, please do so with one of these committee members. All candidates considered must be confirmed communicants in good standing, faithful in attendance for worship, active in service to the church and the world, and making a financial pledge to the work of the ministry of Christ Church. After considering the particular gifts that would be most useful in the Vestry community at this time, the Vestry will formally move a slate for election after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 20.

Photos from October 2, 2016—20th Sunday after Pentecost



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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Children and Family Ministries*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-in-Residence*

The Reverend George M. Maxwell (1930-2016), *Rector Emeritus*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

William F. Wallace, M.D., *Senior Warden*

J. Ryan Chandler, *Junior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Jane F. Espy, *Treasurer*

Robert M. Davenport

M. Marie Dent, Ph.D.

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Catherine M. Gussler

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

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J. Kurt C. Oelschig

Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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