

The Twenty Fourth 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 *A mighty fortress is our God (BWV 720)* Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymnal 410

Praise, my soul Henry Francis Lyte

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-278

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Gradual Psalm 32:1-8 *Beati quorum* BCP 624

Anglican chant by William Russell Sung by the Choir

Epistle 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Sequence Hymn* Hymnal 488

Be thou my vision Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Holy Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Sermon	The Reverend Canon Frank Logue, <i>Canon to the Ordinary</i> <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>Treasures in heaven</i>	Joseph Clokey
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	
<i>What does the Lord Require?</i> Albert F. Bayly	Hymnal 605
<i>Come, Holy Spirit</i> Isaac Watts	Hymnal 510
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 448
<i>O love, how deep</i>	Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb
Postlude <i>We all believe in one God (BWV 680)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*
Anglican chant by William Russell

BCP 624
Sung by the Choir

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus



Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you

among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Zacchaeus. Joel Whitehead.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and

said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Zipser by Mary, Kate and Melissa.

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 The Rev. Canon Frank Logue.
- 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.
- November 6 - Empty Bowl Fundraiser from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall/Emmaus House, 18 Abercorn Street. \$5 for children and \$20 for adults.

Stewardship Begins!

A Special Blessing

Last Sunday, Christ Church began its annual Stewardship campaign. Led by faithful parishioners Dr. Bill Wallace and Dr. Julia Mikell, the campaign's theme is "We are blessed. Let us share the blessings." Remember that giving is a blessing for each of us. When God takes such wonderful, merciful care of us, we are fortunate to help him reach out to others through us. Your generous financial support makes it possible for Christ Church to be a center of God's

blessings in Savannah. Your pledge enables Christ Church to get the most from your financial support by enabling accurate planning and budgeting.

Tithing and Proportional Giving

As a spiritual recognition of our belief that everything we have comes from God, we encourage you to consider a proportional annual commitment or



“tithe” to Christ Church. Proportional giving is when you establish your annual commitment to the church based on a percentage of your income. This method of “tithing” is a “special blessing” in which our Lord encourages us all to participate and is generally accepted as an important spiritual practice.

Tithes are grounded in the earliest books of the Holy Bible including Genesis (where Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek) and Hebrews (where Jacob vowed, "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."). While the biblical standard for the “tithe” is 10% of income, we recognize every individual’s and family’s financial situations are different.

We have an impressive number of our parishioners who give proportionally at various levels and an inspiring number, including our rector and his family, who give at or above the 10% level. These members represent diverse age levels and financial circumstances and in virtually every case, regard their commitment as a “special blessing” from God. An important spiritual discipline to consider may be to calculate 10% of your income and compare it to your current or anticipated commitment. While many of us may have not reached the 10% level, it will give a us goal to which we can aspire. For instance, if your historical commitment has been 3% of your income, you might increase it by 1% or 2% each year until you reach the biblical tithe.

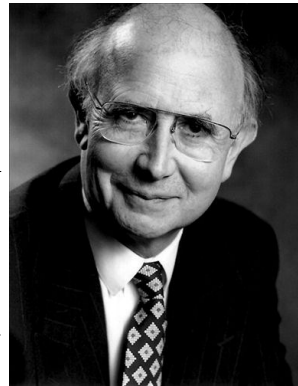
Your commitment to Christ Church is a very personal decision between you

and God and serves as both a central act of discipleship and a faithful response to the gift of salvation and reconciliation.

A Gathering of Spirits. Jan L. Richardson. 2013.

Martin Neary Performs at Christ Church, Thursday, Nov. 3

Dr. Martin Neary, former Organist and Master of the Choirs at Westminster Abbey in London, will perform a recital on the Harrison and Harrison Organ at Christ Church on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. The free concert is co-sponsored by Christ Church and the Savannah Chapter, American Guild of Organists, and will be preceded by a conversation with the artist at 6:00 p.m. His early musical education was as a chorister at the Chapel Royal, and in 1953 he sang at the Queen's Coronation. At Cambridge University, where he read theology and music, he was organ scholar of Gonville and Caius College. His principal appointments have been Organist and Choirmaster at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster (1965-71), Organist and Master of the Choristers at Winchester Cathedral (1972-87) and at Westminster Abbey (1988-98). He is a frequent visitor to the US, and is currently Associate Artistic Director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys.



All Saints and All Souls Days—November 1 and 2

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shippo

The English word 'saint' is derived from the Latin *sanctus*. We Christians dare to hope beyond the constraints of our mortality. Our hope is embodied in saints and souls, a vast company and communion dwelling beyond time, and forever. All Saints Day, November 1st, is well known amongst liturgical churches. Our Prayer Book ranks All Saints as a festival day, along with Christmas, Epiphany and Easter (p. 15 BCP). Hymn No. 293 is a favorite.

Eastern Church theologians referred to All Saints Day before the year 270 as the Festival of All Martyrs. Early in the 9th Century this commemoration was

adopted in Rome and became established as a major Holy Day in the Western Church. All Saints is one of the four days recommended in our Prayer Book (p.312) for administration of Holy Baptism. (Well known in the west is the evening before All Saints, Halloween, an event arising from the words All Hallow's Eve.) Lesser known than All Saints is All Souls Day, November 2nd, or as the Book of Common Prayer terms it "Commemoration of All Faithful Departed" (p. 29 BCP), a day set aside to remember those among us who have died. All Souls has been observed in the Eastern Church from very early times, and was commonly known in Western Europe by the 10th Century. Not a major Holy Day, but frequently observed in the Episcopal Church, when parishioners are invited to provide names of departed family and friends to be remembered by name at Eucharist on this date.

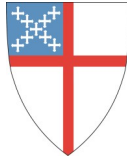
These Holy Days underscore the Christian belief in "The Communion of Saints," as proclaimed in the Creed.

Photos from October 16, 2016—22d Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from October 23, 2016—23d 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*

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

