

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
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October 9, 2016



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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		

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Gradual Psalm 111 <i>Confitebor tibi</i>	BCP 754
Epistle	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 397
	<i>Now thank we all our God</i> Martin Rinckart; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Holy Gospel	Luke 17:11-19
Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

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 493
<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.

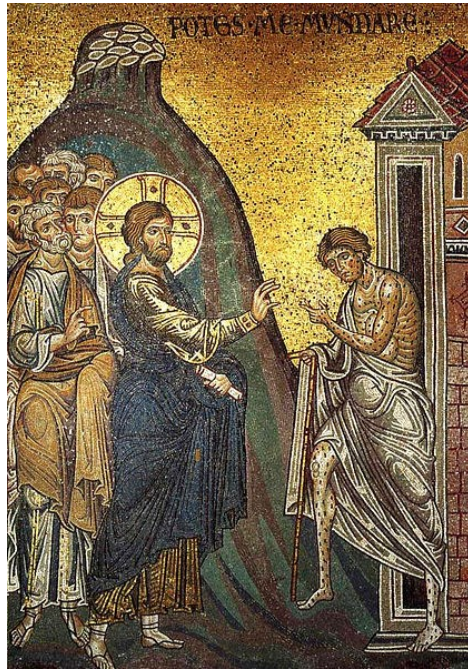
Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

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

First Lesson

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and



she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn

your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and im-

mersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Jesus cleansing a leper. 1180. Monreale Cathedral, Sicily, Italy.

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

BCP 754

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Epistle

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their



distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were

not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to

him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Mother Teresa with a child in West Beirut. 1982.

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; and in honor of Bonnie Cay on the occasion of her 75th birthday, by John, Bettie and Caro Cay.

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".
- October 13 at 10:30 a.m. - Christ Church Book Group meets in the Undercroft to discuss "The Widow of Larkspur Inn" by Lawana Blackwell. Newcomers are always welcome!
- October 17 - The Rev. Kelly Steele will be our guest preacher.
- 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.

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.

The Feast of St. Remigius—October 1

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

Remigius was born in 438. His long life straddled the 5th and 6th centuries. He was the son of a nobleman of high level which gave him entry to the upper



class. Remigius was noted for his learning and sanctity and, by popular acclaim, was asked to become Bishop of Rheims at age twenty two. He was ordained deacon and priest becoming bishop in 460. On Christmas day in 496 he converted King Clovis of the Franks to Christianity. Clovis and three thousand followers were then baptized. This is considered the birth the birth of France as a Christian nation. His conversion of Clovis to orthodox Christianity then removed the Franks from Germanic control and thus changing the religious history of Europe. He is also credited with liberating Gaul from the Roman domination. Following the lengthy episcopate of seventy three years he died in 533 at the age of 105. He is a patron Saint of France. The cathedral in Rheims is an awesome tribute to St. Remigius. Remigius gave newly converted Christians this charge at their baptism: "Worship what you have burned, and burn what you have worshipped."

Saint Remigius baptizes Clovis I, by the Master of Saint Gilles, c. 1500 (National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.)

A Note from the Family of Anna-Caroline Habersham Wright

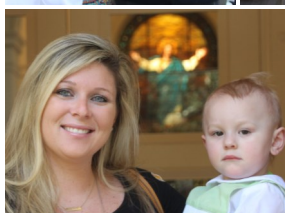
Last Sunday, Anna-Caroline Habersham Wright was baptized at Christ Church and marked as Christ's own forever. Anna-Caroline's family recently sent Christ Church a note of heartfelt appreciation for the warm welcome given to them by the Christ Church.

Remarkably, Anna-Caroline has roots that date to Christ Church's and Geor-

gia's earliest days and she is the eleventh consecutive generation of her family to attend Christ Church.

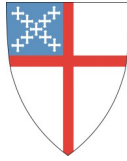
Like her cousin Laura Lawton, Anna-Caroline is a direct descendant of Noble Jones, an English carpenter who brought his family and servants to Georgia with General James Oglethorpe in 1733. Noble Jones became the surveyor for the new colony, and surveyed the original settlements of both Savannah and Augusta, including of course the Trust Lot that was dedicated for Christ Church. Among other things, he established Wormsloe Plantation, and served as a military officer in the War of Jenkins Ear. Noble Jones' son Noble Wimberly Jones was a prominent leader of the Whig (Patriot) cause in the years leading up to and during the American Revolution. He was repeatedly elected Speaker of the Commons House of the colonial government of Georgia, which was repeatedly dissolved by the royal governor Sir James Wright for its revolutionary leanings. Among other things, he was among the group of patriots who seized the Royal Magazine in 1775, along with Joseph Habersham, mentioned below. Anna-Caroline (and Laura Lawton) are also descendants of James Habersham, who came to Georgia in 1776 to help George Whitefield run Bethesda orphanage. His sons Joseph, John and James Jr. all played prominent roles in the American Revolution. Joseph Habersham arrested Sir James Wright in 1776, which marked the fall of the royal government in Georgia. Each generation of the senior branch of the Jones family continued as parishioners of Christ Church down to Anna-Caroline's great-grandmother, Caroline Jones Wright, who died in 2006. Her husband, Dr. David McCord Wright, was also a parishioner, as were his parents. Caroline and David's son, Peter Meldrim Wright, and his wife Mercy, are members of Christ Church today. They were married at Christ Church in 1972. Peter has recently retired from his law practice in Atlanta and he and Mercy hope to spend more time in Savannah, where they maintain a second home. Anna-Caroline's father is Peter and Mercy's son David Habersham Wright, and her mother is David's wife Casey Crumby Wright of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Casey's family also has revolutionary roots including an ancestor, Thomas Crumbliss, who fought with the "Over the Mountain Men" at the important patriot victory of King's Mountain. David, Casey and Anna-Caroline live in Roswell, Georgia.

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*

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Catherine M. Gussler

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

Ann Y. Miller

J. Kurt C. Oelschig

Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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