

The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2016

11:00 P.M.



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Carols by Candlelight—10:30 P.M.

<i>Noel Huron</i>	Denis Bedard
<i>I wonder as I wander</i>	Appalachian carol
Josh White, baritone	
<i>It came upon the midnight clear</i>	Arthur Sullivan
<i>The Little Road to Bethlehem</i>	Michael Head
Jamie Cartwright, mezzo soprano	
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (Hymnal 79)	Lewis H. Redner
<i>Interlude on "The Coventry Carol"</i>	William S. Lloyd Webber
<i>In the bleak midwinter</i>	Gustav Holst
Sean Wesley Holleran, tenor	

Parish Choir; Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

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The Book of Common Prayer, Rite II ("BCP")

Entrance Rite-11:00 P.M.

Processional	Hymnal 83
<i>O come all ye faithful</i> (St. 1, 2, 3 and 6)	John Francis Wade
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal 96
<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	French carol; tr. James Chadwick
Collect of the Day	

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-7
Gradual Psalm 96 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	BCP 725
Anglican Chant by George Thalben-Ball	Sung by Parish Choir
Epistle	Titus 2:11-14
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 115
<i>What child is this</i>	William Chatterton Dix
Holy Gospel	Luke 2:1-14
Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem <i>Suo Gan</i>	Traditional Welsh carol, arr. Barlow Bradford
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
<i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion Music	
<i>Two settings of 'In dulci jubilo'</i>	J. S. Bach, Marcel Dupre
<i>He shall feed his flock/Come unto him (Messiah)</i>	G. F. Handel
Jamie Cartright, mezzo soprano; Emma Huennekens, soprano	
<i>The shepherds go to the manger</i>	Helmut Walcha
<i>The Holy Boy</i>	John Ireland
<i>Silent night, holy night</i> (Hymnal 111)	Josef Mohr
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 100
<i>Joy to the world! The Lord is come</i>	Isaac Watts
Voluntary <i>In dulci jubilo</i> (BWV 729)	Johann Sebastian Bach

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gradual Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

Anglican chant by George Thalben-Ball

BCP 725

Sung by the Choir

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while



Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that

region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the

Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Robert Anning Bell. *Mary in the House of Elizabeth*. 1917. Tate Gallery, London.

Announcements

Coming Dates

- December 25—Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.
- December 26—Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
- January 1—Feast of the Holy Name. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and at 6 p.m. Evening Eucharist (Note: No 8 a.m. service January 1).
- January 21—Anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr.'s consecration as the 9th Bishop of Georgia.
- January 29—Sunday School and Adult Forums resume.

About Christ Church

Christ Church is 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. 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, Bishop Elliott, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

January 22—Annual Meeting, Commissioning of Vestry, and Evening Reception

On January 22 at 5:30 p.m., we will commission the Vestry for the coming year; formally recognize those Vestry members whose terms are expiring (William F. Wallace, M.D., M. Marie Dent, Ph.D., Ann Y. Miller and J. Kurt C. Oelschig), and welcome the following new Vestry members (pictured below): Bertice Berry, Michael Franck, Laura Lawton and Gary Radke. We will also hear brief reports from the Rector and Senior Warden. A reception in the Undercroft will follow immediately thereafter.



Year-end Planning

Before the end of January, 2017 Christ Church will send you a statement showing all contributions made by you during 2016. To qualify as a 2016 contribution, your check should be dated prior to December 31 and the IRS requires that the envelope should be postmarked prior to that date as well. Thank you as always for your generosity to our church.

Christ Church's "Carols for a Cause" Benefit Concert Raises Thousands for Emmaus House

Last Sunday evening on December 18, Christ Church hosted its annual "The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause" benefit concert under the direction of our organist and choirmaster Timothy Hall. All proceeds from the event went to support our Emmaus House homeless and feeding ministry. A capacity

crowd of over 800 attended the event and was inspired by the singing of festive carols and a variety of selections from Savannah Children's Choir (under the direction of Roger Moss) Rise Chorales (under the direction of Emily Williams Burch), The Holiday Harmonies, Ann Marie McPhail, soprano (right photograph), and the Savannah Brass



Quartet. Emmaus House operates from Christ Church's Parish House and provides breakfast to over 200 homeless individuals each day. Several members of our parish serve on the Emmaus House board and as volunteers. Christ Church also assists with sponsoring the Diocese of Georgia's Community of St. Joseph to provide worship services for homeless persons living in the city. This work is also coordinated with the city's Homeless Authority.

Christ Church's Children's Choir

Two weeks ago, Christ Church's Children's Choir made its debut. The choir is led by Emily Williams Burch and our organist and choirmaster Timothy Hall. If your child is interested in learning about music and singing, please contact Mrs. Burch at emilywilliamsburch@gmail.com.



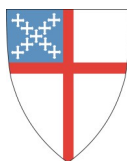
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The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause
Photos from December 18, 2016



Photos from December 18, 2016–Fourth Sunday of Advent





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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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