

The Second Sunday in Advent
Year A

December 4, 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>Meditation on 'Conditor alme siderum'</i>	Rebecca Groom Te Velde
Introit <i>Prepare the way of the Lord</i>	Hal H. Hopson
Processional	Hymnal 616
<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	James Montgomery
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Kyrie eleison	Hymnal S-96
Collect of the Day	

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10
Gradual Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 <i>Deus, judicium</i>	BCP 685
<i>Plainsong Tone II.2</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	Romans 15:4-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 67
<i>Comfort, comfort ye my people</i>	Johann G. Olearius;
	tr. Catherine Winkworth

Holy Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon	The Reverend Helen S. White, <i>Assistant Priest</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form I	BCP 383
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>And the glory of the Lord (from <u>Messiah</u>)</i>	George Frideric Handel
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-130
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	Hymnal S-164
The Holy Communion	Hymnal 65 and 75
<i>Prepare the way, O Zion</i>	Frans Mikael Franzen; adapt. Charles P. Price
<i>There's a voice in the wilderness crying</i>	James Lewis Milligan
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 59
<i>Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding</i>	Latin, ca. 6th cent.;
	tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern
Postlude <i>Declamation on 'Psalm 42/Genevan'</i>	Craig Phillips

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's Chapel.

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

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like
the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72 *Dues, judicium*

Plainsong Tone II.2

BCP 685

Sung by the Choir

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in

harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given



to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his

people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *Angels Appearing before the Shepherds*. 1910. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit
worthy of
repent-
ance. Do
not pre-
sume to
say to
yourselves,
‘We have
Abraham
as our



ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Sermon of St. John the Baptist. 1566. Pieter Bruegel the Elder.
Szépművészeti Múzeum, Budapest.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The greens on the altar are given in celebration of the birthday of Mary McElveen Dulany by her family, and in memory of Margot Sneed Hanson, by Kami Smith, Gene Boyd, and Mia Sell.

Upcoming Dates and Events for November and December

- **Adult Forum / Sunday School** - Thank you so much to all of our adults who served as leaders for our fall Sunday School series Genesis Greatest Hits and to all the children who participated. Thank you also to all the adults who presented and those who joined in the discussions of our Adult Forum series Leadership and Spirituality. Our 9:30 a.m. programming for adults and children will resume the later part of January.
- **Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)** - Immediately after this morning's 10:30 a.m. service our newly forming Children's Choir will gather in the Undercroft Choir Room for lunch and rehearsal. The Children's Choir will sing at our 10:30 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11.
- **EYC (Middle and High School Youth Group)** - Immediately after this morning's 10:30 a.m. service our EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will gather on the second floor of the parish house for our monthly luncheon and program. Sunday, December 11 the EYC will keep our holiday tradition of ice-skating at the Civic Center.
- **Evening Eucharist 6 p.m.** - Each 1st and 3rd Sunday we offer a quiet, reflective Evening Eucharist. Join us this evening, December 4, as we enjoy the peace of God.
- **Book Group** - December 8 and each second Thursday the Book Group gathers in the undercroft at 10:30 a.m. This month, we will enjoy a pot-luck luncheon and everyone is asked to bring a book to suggest for the coming year's schedule of reading. With no particular book to discuss this is an ideal time for a new person to join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Deacon Patti Davis.
- **Advent Lessons and Carols** - Sunday, December 11 our 10:30 a.m. service will be a Service of Lessons and Carols. Join us for this special service as we hear the sacred story in Scripture and song.

- **The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause** - Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. we will host The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause. This is a festive community-wide evening of Christmas music, featuring Savannah Brass Quartet, Savannah Children's Choir, RISE Chorale, Holiday Harmonies, Ann Marie McPhail, soprano. (Free will offering to benefit the Emmuas House feeding ministry.)
- **Christmas Pageant** - Christ Church's annual Christmas Pageant will occur during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist on Saturday, December 24th. All children are invited to participate in the pageant, with 4 years old being a suggested youngest age. We also need parents and other adult volunteers to help us with the pageant. Please contact the Rev. Helen White if you would like to volunteer helen.white@ccesavannah.org

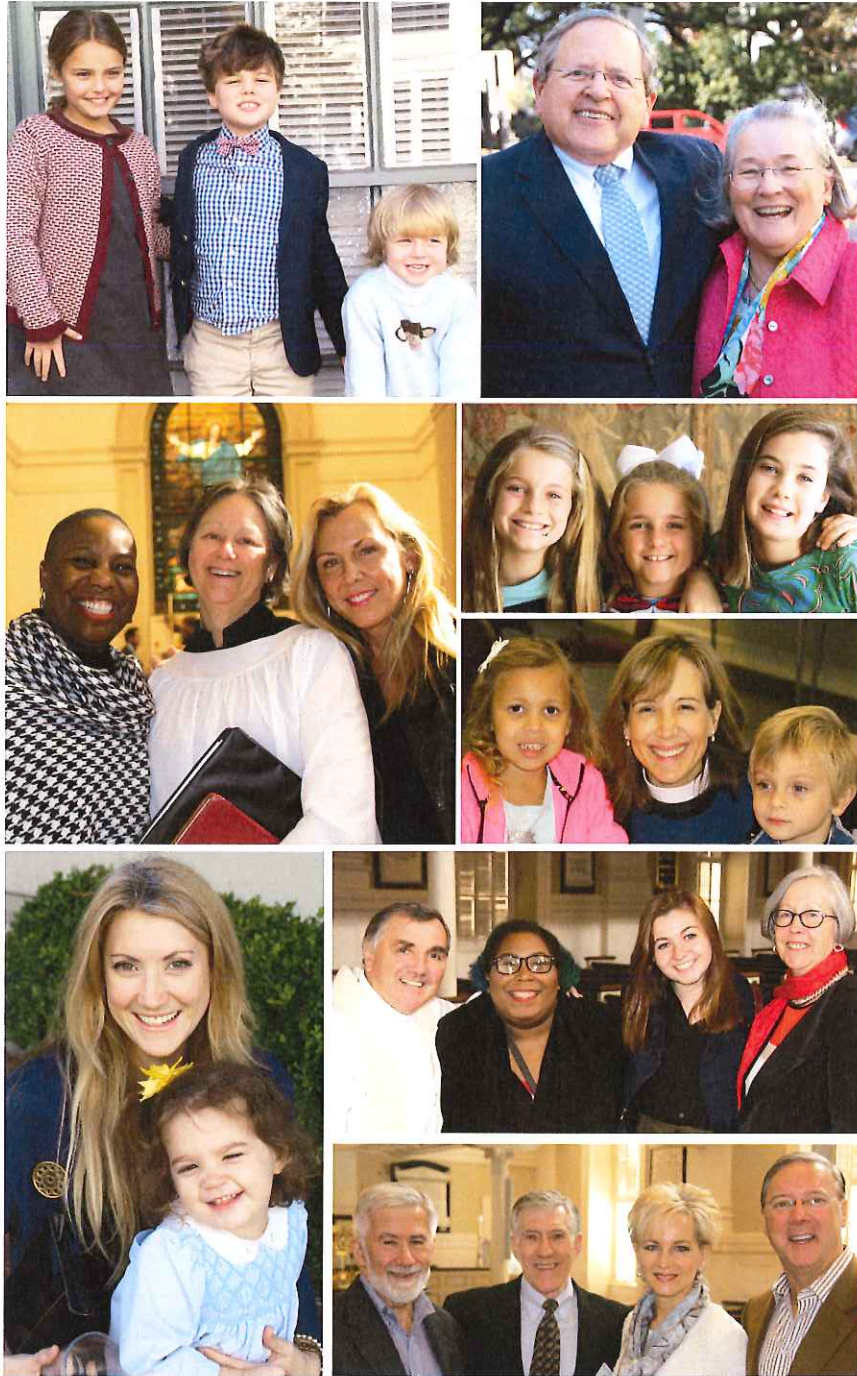
Christmas Service Schedule

- **Christmas Eve** - Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist;; and at 11 p.m. Choral Eucharist (Carols by Candlelight beginning at 10:30 p.m.).
- **Christmas Day** - Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
- **New Year's Day** - Sunday, January 1, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 6:00 p.m. Evening Eucharist (No 8 a.m. service on December 25 or January 1).



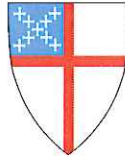
Christmas Pageant 2015

Photos from November 20, 2016 Last Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from November 27, 2016—First Sunday in 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*

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