

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 10, Year A

July 16, 2017



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733





CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733

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

Processional

O worship the king

Opening Acclamation and Response

Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day

Hymnal 388

Robert Grant

BCP 355

Hymnal S-280

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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

Psalm 65:9-14 *Te decet hymnus*

Epistle

Sequence Hymn*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Holy Gospel

Isaiah 55:10-13

BCP 672

Romans 8:1-11

Hymnal 383

Thomas Noble

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon	The Rev. Liam G. Collins
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>	Dale Wood
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion	Hymnal 302 and 593
<i>Father, we thank thee</i>	F. Bland Tucker**
<i>Lord, make us servants</i>	James Quinn
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 432
<i>O praise ye the Lord!</i>	Henry Wms. Baker
Postlude	

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 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 Pre-K-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.

Join us downstairs for a reception following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

**F. Bland Tucker was Christ Church's 37th rector and he served our parish from 1945-1967.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalms 65 *Te decet hymnus*

BCP 672

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *

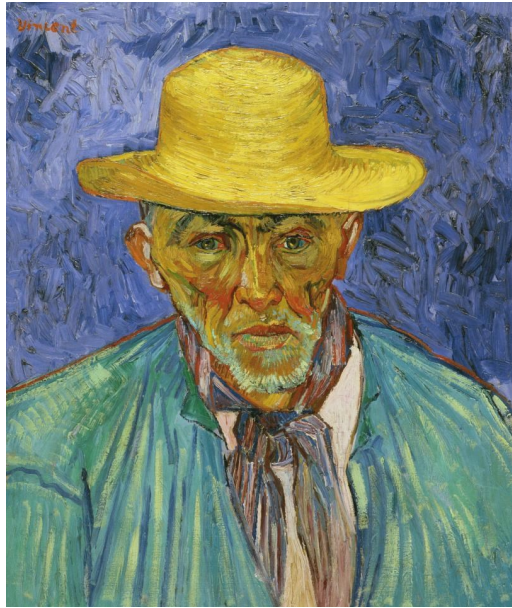
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus

from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Vincent van Gogh. *Portrait of a Peasant*. 1888. Norton Simon Museum.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the



birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched;

and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when

trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Sower, Montfoucault, 1875 - Camille Pissarro. Private Collection.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Celia and Bernard Williams and Barbara Dasher by Celia and Larry Dunn and family.

Samantha McKean Accepts Call to be Christ Church’s Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries

It is with joy and excitement that the Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia and the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Christ Church announce that we have signed a letter of agreement with Samantha McKean to join the Christ Church staff as Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries.



Samantha grew up in what she calls "a one-stoplight town" in rural central Ohio. She then attended Wheaton College in Illinois, where she graduated with a degree in Biblical and Theological Studies. While at Wheaton she found the Episcopal Church and became involved in youth ministry at her church. “When I first started attending an Episcopal church, the thing I really fell in love with was the liturgy. My connection with God wasn't dependent on my own experience; I felt carried by something bigger than myself. There were voices other than mine

speaking those prayers--both within that space and throughout the world--and I felt buoyed up by them. This is something I've become passionate about in



working with youth and young adults-- discovering together the ways in which God's love carries us." Having taken leadership roles in youth ministry growing up and in college, she spent her first full year after college putting this love into action as the Youth Minister at her church. She also took the affirmative step of being confirmed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Geneva, Illinois in May 2014. These experiences affirmed her growing

sense of call to full-time ministry, and Samantha then attended Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. During these three years, she interned with Duke's Episcopal House of Studies, and through the school's Field Education Program she worked at several different Episcopal Churches. This past year she worked at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina with a focus on youth ministry and pastoral relationships with middle and high school students. She graduated this past May with her Master of Divinity degree, was awarded the Jameson Jones Preaching Award and was selected by Duke Divinity to represent the school at the 2017 Excellence in Preaching Conference. She is married to Garrett Zajac, a fellow Wheaton College graduate.



Samantha, through her presence and ministry in Episcopal Churches, has continued to discern a call to ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Samantha has fully completed her seminary training and is now officially in the ordination process to be a priest of the Diocese of Georgia. Samantha and Garrett will live at Columba House in Savannah. Columba House is a ministry center for Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Georgia. From this home, Samantha will work to support Young Adult Ministry in Savannah and around

the Diocese in addition to her ministry at Christ Church. The ordination process will take approximately 18 months during which time (God willing) Samantha will be ordained a deacon and then a priest while continuing to serve at Christ Church. In the meantime, she will be a full part of the staff, community, and spiritual life of our entire congregation with an intentional ministry focus toward Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Samantha is currently completing a summer term as a Hospital Chaplain in North Carolina and will join the Christ Church staff beginning September 1. More info will follow about how we will joyfully welcome Samantha and Garrett into the life of Christ Church and the Diocese of Georgia in September.

Christ Church Book Group Meeting Dates

The Christ Church Book Group will meet on the following dates in the Undercroft at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The group is led by our deacon, the Rev. Patti Davis.

- August 10—The Jewel of Gresham Green, (Gresham Chronicles #4) by Lawanna Blackwell
- September 14 – Becky Milmine: When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi
- October 12 – Margaret Minis: The All of It, by Jeannette Haien and The Abbey, by James Martin (Erin Waterman)
- November 9 – Carol Jennings: In the Sanctuary of Outcasts, by Neil White
- December 14 – Christmas Brunch, choose books for 2018

From the Rector

I want to thank everyone for last Sunday's spirit-filled service and reception to honor and bid farewell to our associate rector Sierra Reyes, her husband Rudy and their daughter Julia Mae. Christ Church was blessed beyond measure with Sierra's ministry these past six years. Once the Reyes family gets settled in Denver, we will circulate their new contact information. Please continue to offer your prayers for their safe travel and well being.

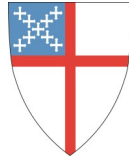
The Rev. Michael S. White
Rector

Photos from July 9, 2017—5th Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from July 9, 2017—5th Sunday after Pentecost





CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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

The Reverend Michael S. White, *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

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*

Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.

Robert M. Davenport

Celia W. Dunn

Michael M. Franck

John Thomas Gennuso

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

Laura Connerat Lawton

Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.

Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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.

