

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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July 23, 2017



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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>Méditation</i>	Gabriel Dupont
Processional	Hymnal 368
<i>Holy Father, great Creator</i>	Alexander Viets Griswold
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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	Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17 <i>Inclina, Domine</i>	BCP 710
Epistle	Romans 8:12-25
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 440
<i>Blessed Jesus, at thy word</i>	Tobias Clausnitzer; tr. Catherine Winkworth

Holy Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. David Seyle, <i>Retired United Methodist Pastor</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory	
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 325 and 336
<i>Let us break bread together</i>	Afro-American spiritual
<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	John Henry Hopkins and Charles P. Price
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 637
<i>How firm a foundation</i>	K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787
Postlude <i>Fanfare</i>	Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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. Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

*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.

**All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm 86 *Inclina, Domine*

BCP 710

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-15

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first



fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Félicien Rops. *Satan Sowing Seeds*. From *Les Sataniques*, 1882.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody



was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as

well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and

the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Abraham Bloemaert. *Parable of the Wheat and the Tares*, 1624. Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, Maryland.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shelby Myrick, Jr and in thanksgiving for family, by the Gussler 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.

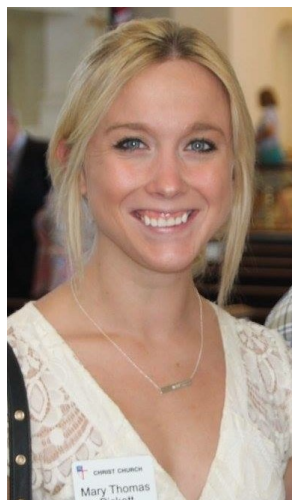


Samantha, through her presence and ministry in Episcopal Churches, has continued to discern a call to ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Samantha has fully completed her seminary training and is now officially in the ordination process to be a priest of the Diocese of Georgia. Samantha and Garrett 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, Sa-

mantha 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 Welcomes MT Pickett as its new Director of Communications

Christ Church is pleased to announce that Mary Thomas (“MT”) Pickett will be our new director of communications. She is the oldest daughter of Mark



and Liza Pickett and has three younger siblings. She was born in 1991 in Camden, South Carolina and named for her grandmother Mary Thomas Mullikin. A life-long Episcopalian, MT (and her family) attended Grace Church Episcopal in Camden until they moved to Albany, Georgia and became members of St. Paul’s in 1995. She was confirmed there by Bishop Louttit on May 2, 2004.

While at St. Paul’s, MT was very active with its youth program and participated in a mission trip to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She also served as an acolyte for 12 years, became St. Paul’s youngest lector, organized a silent auction which raised over \$10,000 for the homeless, and even preached a sermon on the youth group’s mission work in Louisiana. In addition, MT served as a staff member at Honey Creek. In 2014, MT graduated from Georgia Southern University with a major in linguistics and writing and moved to Savannah in 2015 to work as the marketing and events editor for [South Magazine](#).

MT found Christ Church after being invited to attend our Mardi Gras event last February at the Morris Center. She came to church the following Sunday



and felt an immediate connection. “I remember walking into the nave and being overwhelmed with the beauty of the building, the warmth of the people and the power of the liturgy,” she said. “I was also inspired by Fr. White’s sermon and knew I was at home. I even saw my Mardi Gras photo in the bulletin! It is a ‘totally meant to be’ experience.” She added, “The following Sunday I returned



and ran into Cindy and Richard Swan’s parents (who are from Albany and attend St. Paul’s as well) and several other ‘Albanians’ and knew, again, that God was calling me to be a part of Christ Church. Fr. White’s asking me to be the communications director is the answer to so many prayers. I never imagined God would have answered them with such

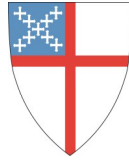
excitement and beauty and I am grateful to be an Episcopalian and a part of this amazing church.” We are, too!

Announcements and Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Undercroft—Christ Church Book Group meets to discuss [When Breath Becomes Air](#) by Paul Kalanithi. All are welcome.
- Sunday, August 13 "Blessing of the Backpacks"/Back-to-School blessing at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Sunday, September 3 at 6 p.m. Evening Eucharist resumes.
- Wednesday, September 6, Noon Wednesday Eucharist resumes.
- Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum resume.
- Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Revival Service at Honey Creek (www.EpiscopalRevivalinGeorgia2017.org).

Photos from July 16, 2017—6th 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 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*

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