

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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>Fantasia in C major</i>	César Franck
Processional	Hymnal 388
<i>O worship the king</i>	Robert Grant
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136 <i>Mirabilia</i>	BCP 774
Epistle	Romans 8:26-39
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 635
<i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i>	Georg Neumark; tr. Catherine Winkworth

Holy Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
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 615 and 302
<i>"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee</i>	Frederick Lucian Hosmer
<i>Father, we thank thee</i>	Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker***
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 594
<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Harry Emerson Fosdick
Postlude <i>Allegro maestoso (Sonata No. 2)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

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.

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

First Lesson

I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in



faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my

father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Luca Giordano. *The Dream of Solomon*. 1693. Museo del Prado, Madrid.

Psalm 119:129-136 *Mirabilia*

BCP 774

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *

it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

Epistle

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ

Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or



sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Palmer Hayden. *Midsummer Night in Harlem*. 1938. The Museum of African American Art. Los Angeles, California.

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.” “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught

fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William K. Whitfield III, and our son Kenneth David Whitfield honoring their faith, love of God and their family by Carole Whitfield.

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) Sa-

mantha 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

Photos from July 16, 2017—6th Sunday after Pentecost



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.

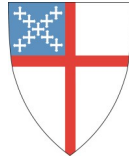
MT found Christ Church after being invited to attend our Mardi Gras event last February at the Morris Center. She came to church the following Sunday and felt an immediate connection. “I remember walking into the nave and being overwhelmed with the beauty of the building, the warmth of the people and 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).



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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*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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