

The Thirteenth 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>The king of love</i>	Dale Wood
Processional	Hymnal 410
<i>Praise, my soul</i>	Henry Francis Lyte
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:23-29
Gradual Psalm 82 <i>Deus stetit</i>	BCP 705
Epistle	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 542
<i>Christ is the world's true Light</i>	George Wallace Briggs
Holy Gospel	Luke 12:49-56
Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>For the mountains shall depart</i> (Elijah)	Felix Mendelssohn
James Wright, baritone; Kristi Kiene, oboe	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
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	
Communion	Hymnal 313, 490
<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>	John Brownlie
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Kathleen Thomerson
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 412
<i>Earth and all stars</i>	Herbert F. Brokering
Postlude	
<i>Come, Holy Spirit</i>	J. S. Bach

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 ages PreK-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.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and



earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common

with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Contemporary Justice and Child. Symeon Shimin. 1940. Great Hall, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Psalms 82 *Deus stetit*

BCP 705

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say?
For time would fail me to tell
of Gideon, Barak, Samson,
Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who
through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword,



won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The angel predicts the birth of Samson. Artist Unknown. 12th Century.

Gospel

Luke 12:349-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Tew Espy by her family.

Christ Church Calendars Have Arrived!



The new August 2016-July 2017 Christ Church calendar has arrived. It is filled with over 100 photographs, important church dates and events. The popular calendars will be available at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service for a donation of \$10. Catherine Gussler is the creative computer genius who formatted the calendar; Mills Fleming supplied all of the fabulous photographs; and the clergy and staff, led by the Reverend White, filled in the dates and events. Thank you to Catherine, Mills, and Christ Church's clergy and staff!

Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, August 14 during the 10:30 a.m. service

Students of all ages, teachers and school staff are invited to bring their bookbags, briefcases or other work bags to worship on August 14th. We will offer a special blessing of the bookbags, briefcases or any item you bring as a symbol of your school work. We give thanks for all in our community returning to school and ask God to bless their journeys of sound learning and new discovery.

Family Surf Day on Tybee Island - Sunday, August 28 at 4 p.m.

Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon at the beach. Please bring your favorite beach games, sunscreen, and a towel/chair to sit on. Exact meeting location to be announced soon.

The Feast of St. Mary, the Virgin—August 15

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

The Book of Common Prayer provides for commemoration of 29 persons deemed saints by historic tradition of the Church Catholic (p.32 BCP). These



Holy Day celebrations add luster to the Church's liturgical calendar and call to mind the Communion of Saints to which we all belong. The collective celebration is the popular Feast of All Saints, 1 November. One of the best known Saints Days is Feast of St. Mary the Virgin (p. 192 & 999 BCP), 15 August. Some Christians term it Feast of Assumption (RCC) or Dormition (Orthodox). We in the Anglican Communion do not go beyond the teaching of Holy Scripture. Honor paid to Mary, mother of Jesus, arose in the earliest days of the Church. Two Gospels recount the birth of Christ, including St. Luke who gives us the "Hail Mary" prayer. The paraphrase of an ancient Greek

hymn expresses honor of Mary in familiar words: "O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphin, lead their praises, alleluia." Many of our parishes are dedicated in honor of Mary. Beautiful hymns in our hymnal refer to her: *The Magnificat* ("My soul doth magnify the Lord"), and hymns 277 and 278 ("Sing of Mary, pure and lowly," "Sing we of the blessed Mother.") not to mention the poetic collect appointed for her feast day:

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother
Of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by
His blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Welcome, James Wright and Savannah Voice Festival 2016

This morning, we are privileged to have baritone, James Wright, as our guest soloist. Described by critics as “tremendous,” “entertaining” and “talented,”



baritone James Wright is a favorite among audiences for his charismatic presence and warm tone. His recent operatic roles include the Sacristan in *Tosca*, Rev. Gruffydd in Roger Ames' *How Green was My Valley* with El Paso Opera, Angelotti in *Tosca* with Nickel City Opera and Papageno in *The Magic Flute* with Undercroft Opera of Pittsburgh. This season James will be appearing as Count Almaviva in *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Bob in *The Old Maid and the Thief* with Nickel City Opera and Richard

White in Michael Ching's *Alice Ryley* with The Savannah VOICE Festival.

There are two events at Christ Church in this year's Savannah Voice Festival. Mission Audition (Singers perform in a mock audition for directors of professional opera companies) takes place Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. Voices Around the World (A musical journey around the globe, German lieder to Tango!) takes place Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Organist-Choirmaster, Timothy Hall, is once again Producer/Accompanist for Voices in Sacred Song (Sponsored by Christ Church members, Kathie and Les Anderson), which takes place Sunday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. For ticket information and a full festival schedule, check out savannahvoicefestival.org.

Opposite page: *Assunta*. Titian. 1516–18. Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice, Italy.

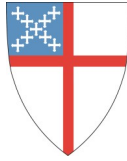
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Photos from August 7, 2016—12th Sunday after Pentecost



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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, *Rector Emeritus*

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