

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17, Year C

August 28, 2016



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 <i>Andantino</i>	Denis Bédard
Processional	Hymnal 450
<i>All hail the power of Jesus' Name!</i> (omit stanzas 4-5)	Edward Perronet
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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	Sirach 10:12-18
Gradual Psalm 112 <i>Beatus vir</i>	BCP 755
Epistle	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 437
<i>Tell out, my soul</i>	Timothy Dudley-Smith
Holy Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon	The Reverend Helen S. White <i>Assistant for Children and Family Ministries</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory	
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 321, 344
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	Philip Doddridge and Isaac Watts
<i>Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing</i>	Att. John Fawcett
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 423
<i>Immortal, invisible</i>	Walter Chalmers Smith
Postlude	
<i>Allegro in B-flat major</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 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

Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Psalm 112 *Beatus vir*

BCP 755

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:18, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed



how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend,

move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Altar of the crucifixion of Christ. 1300. Doberaner Münster, Mecklenburg, Germany.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Tyler Matthews, by Liz and Bobby Davenport.

Christ Church Beach & Surf Day - Sunday, August 28 at 4 p.m.

Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon at the beach. We will gather on the beach at the North End of Tybee Island across from the Lighthouse and the North Beach Grill restaurant. Please bring your favorite beach games, sunscreen, and a towel/chair to sit on. Those who would like to surf will be led by surfing extraordinaire and Christ Church member, David Howard. All are welcome!

Operation Paperback

Our Operation Paperback team has received a number of letters of appreciation for their mailings to the troops both at home and abroad. One letter from the Lovell Federal Health Care Center reads, "Our veterans enjoy knowing that the sacrifices they have made for our country are remembered." A collection basket is placed in the Undercroft for your much-appreciated donations!

Upcoming Dates and Events for September

- September 7
 - Noon Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
 - 7:30 p.m. Parish Choir
- September 8 at 10:30 a.m. Christ Church Book Group (Undercroft)
- September 11
 - 9:30 a.m. First Day of Sunday School and Adult Forum (2d floor Parish House)
 - 3 to 5 p.m. Pool Parties for EYC (Middle and High School) and for Sunday School (pre-k through 5th grade)
- September 18 at 6 p.m. Third Sunday Evening Eucharist and Reception
- September 25 - The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop of North Carolina, will be our guest preacher
- October 9 - Bishop William Willimon, Methodist Bishop and former Dean of Duke Chapel, will be our guest preacher

The Feast of St. Augustine of Hippo—August 28

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

St. Augustine (not to be confused with St. Augustine of Canterbury) is perhaps the greatest theologian in the history of Western Christianity. He was born in what now is Algeria in Northern Africa in 354. As a youth he struggled with many forms of religious identity, belief and morals, resisting Christianity because he felt it didn't give an adequate explanation of sin with a creator God of love. Under the influence of his mother, Monnica, he became a Christian in 386, and was baptized by St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. Ambrose's preaching was a great influence on Augustine. Soon after his return to North Africa, Augustine unexpectedly was chosen as a priest and four years later as Bishop of Hippo.

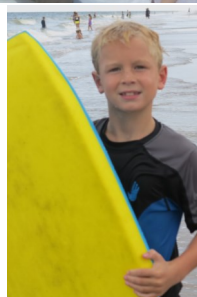


His spiritual autobiography, *The Confessions* of St. Augustine, was written in 400, a classic of Western spirituality. In it he confessed he had been obsessed with his sin and guilt, yet prayed "Grant me chastity and continence, but not yet". He wrote countless treatises, letters and sermons, extensively on human sin. Was sin inherited from Adam or a personal choice? (See Articles of Religion IX p. 869 BCP.) He defended the Church from charges that the sinfulness of clergy invalidated the sacraments. He stated that the Church is holy because God is holy, not because its members could be proven holy (see Articles of Religion XXVI, p. 873 BCP). Perhaps his best known work is *The City of God*, where he writes that two cities have been formed by two loves, the earthly love of self and the heavenly love of God. The earthly city glorifies itself. The heavenly city glorifies the Lord.

St. Augustine died 28 August 430 as the Vandals were besieging his own earthly city, Hippo.

Above: The earliest known portrait of Saint Augustine in a 6th-century fresco, Lateran, Rome.

Scenes from Last Year's Beach and Surf Day at Tybee!

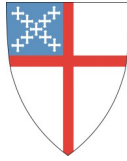


Photos from August 21, 2016—14th Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from August 14, 2016—13th 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 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*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

William F. Wallace, M.D., *Senior Warden*

J. Ryan Chandler, *Junior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Jane F. Espy, *Treasurer*

Robert M. Davenport

M. Marie Dent, Ph.D.

Celia W. Dunn

John Thomas Gennuso

Catherine M. Gussler

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

Ann Y. Miller

J. Kurt C. Oelschig

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.

