

The Twelfth 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>Intermezzo</i>	Pietro Mascagni
Processional	Hymnal 637
<i>How firm a foundation</i>	K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	
Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	

Word of God

First Lesson	Genesis 15:1-6
Gradual Psalm 33:12-22 <i>Exultate, justi</i>	BCP 626
Epistle	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-6
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 68
<i>Rejoice! rejoice, believers</i>	Laurentius Laurenti; tr. Sarah B. Findlater
Holy Gospel	Luke 12:32-40
Sermon	The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>

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

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117)</i> Shana Grossman, soprano	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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 510, 511
<i>Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove</i>	Isaac Watts
<i>Holy Spirit, ever living</i>	Timothy Rees
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 688
<i>A mighty fortress in our God</i>	Martin Luther
Postlude <i>Laudate!</i>	Daniel Gawthrop

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

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord



GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your

heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Abraham Serving the Three Angels. Rembrandt. 1646. Private Collection, The Aurora Trust, New York City.

Psalms 33:12-22 Exultate, justi

BCP 626

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *

and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love.

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

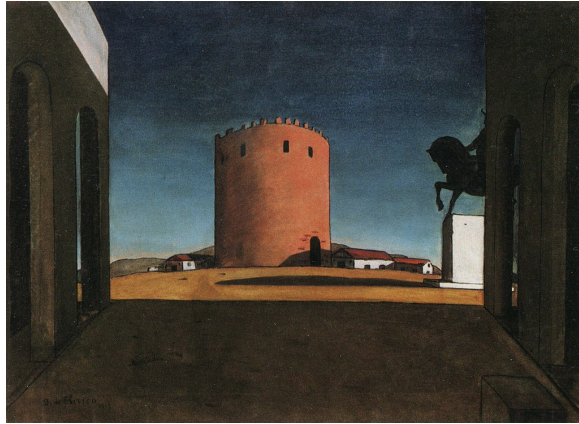
Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose

architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as



good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance

they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Red Tower (La Tour Rouge) (1913), Giorgio de Chirico, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and

have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret and James Dent by Marie Dent and in thanksgiving for the blessing of the relationship of Margaret Michele Price and Courtenay Tew Espy.

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!

Keller Family Sendoff-August 7

On August 7, Christ Church will say goodbye to the Keller family as they move to Madrid, Spain where Caroline will be the general counsel of the General Dynamics' subsidiary European Land Systems (GDELS). GDELS companies design, manufacture and deliver wheeled, tracked, and amphibious vehicles and other combat systems such as armaments and munitions to global customers. Previously, Caroline served as the deputy general counsel of Gulf-

stream Aerospace Corporation in Savannah. She met her husband Jeff (also a lifelong Episcopalian) in Atlanta and while there they were members of the Cathedral of St. Philip. Jeff and Caroline were married at St. Philip's and their children Grace and Reid were baptized there. The Kellers have been members of Christ Church since December 2011 where Grace and Reid are acolytes and are active in our Church's youth programs while Caroline serves on our



vestry and is a Sunday School teacher. Grace was also confirmed by Bishop Benhase at Christ Church on Easter Day 2015.

The vestry has appointed Kelly Lancaster to serve out the remainder of Caroline's term on the vestry (1.5 years). Kelly moved to Savannah in January 2002 to accept a position as professor of communication with the Savannah College of Art and Design. His academic training includes a Bachelor's (Honors) from Mercer University, a Master's from the University of Georgia, and a Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. He also did post-doctoral studies at the University of Manchester, the University of Montevallo (Alabama), and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



His family heritage was one of Baptist worship and Kelly grew up attending either Baptist services or non-denominational services at base chapels where his father was stationed during his Air Force career. Kelly embraced Anglican worship while studying in England. In 1999, he was baptized and confirmed into the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr., Ninth Bishop of Georgia, at St. Paul's Church in Albany. He joined Christ Church in the Fall of 2011 and has been active as an Usher, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, backup Verger, the Flower Guild, and as costumer/director of the Christmas Pageant, the All Saints Pageant and Vacation Bible School.

The Feast of the Transfiguration—August 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ, an event recorded in three of the four Gospels (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36) celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee. After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. There, Saint Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow." The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. In 1456 Pope Callixtus III extended the feast to the Universal Church in memory of the victory gained by Hunyady at Belgrade over the Turks on August 6, 1456.



The Transfiguration. Pietro Perugino. 1500. Collegio del Cambio, Perugia, Italy.

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 16th. 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.

Welcome, Shana Grossman and Savannah Voice Festival 2016

This morning, we are privileged to have soprano, Shana Grossman, singing in our service. A native New Yorker, Shana earned degrees in vocal performance from Peabody Conservatory and Brooklyn College Conservatory. A recent winner of the Anita Cerquetti International Opera Competition, she recently made her New York debut in Martina Arroyo's Prelude to Performance production of *Die Fledermaus*, and her Italian debut in Perugia, singing Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*. She has pursued further study through the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, International Institute of Vocal Arts in Puerto Rico, the Sherrill Milnes VOICE Experience Program, and has been a Resident Artist with Opera Nevada.



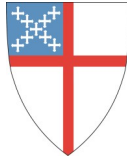
There are two events at Christ Church in this year's Savannah Voice Festival. Mission Audition (Singers perform in a mock audition for directors of professional opera companies) takes place Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. Voices Around the World (A musical journey around the globe, German lieder to 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.

Christ Church Book Group

The Christ Church Book Group will meet on Thursday, August 11th at 10:30am in the Undercroft to discuss "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. Newcomers are always welcome! Please see our deacon, Patti Davis, for more information.

Photos from July 31, 2016—Ninth 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 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

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Caroline B. Keller

Ann Y. Miller

J. Kurt C. Oelschig

Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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