

The Seventeenth 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

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| Voluntary <i>Elegy</i> | Harold Friedell |
| Terry Moore, violin; Patricia Anderson, harp; Timothy Hall, organ | |
| Processional | Hymnal 401 |
| <i>The God of Abraham praise</i> | Thomas Olivers |
| Opening Acclamation and Response | BCP 355 |
| Gloria in excelsis | Hymnal S-278 |
| Collect of the Day | |

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

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| First Lesson | Exodus 32:7-14 |
| Gradual Psalm 51:1-11 <i>Miserere mei, Deus</i> | BCP 656 |
| Epistle | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 |
| Sequence Hymn* | Hymnal 708 |
| <i>Savior, like a Shepherd lead us</i> | <u>Hymns for the Young</u> , ca. 1830 |
| Holy Gospel | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Sermon | The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i> |

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

Holy Communion

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| Offertory <i>Consider the lilies</i> | Roland E. Martin |
| Doxology | Hymnal 380, v. 3 |
| Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i> | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus and Benedictus | Hymnal S-125 |
| Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| Breaking of the Bread | |
| Fraction <i>Christ our Passover</i> | Hymnal S-154 |
| Communion | Hymnal 675, 577 |
| <i>Meditation (from Thaïs)</i> | Jules Massenet |
| Terry Moore, violin | |
| <i>Largo (Violin Sonata No. 5)</i> | Johann Sebastian Bach; trans. Marcel Grandjany |
| Patricia Anderson, harp | |
| Hymn 663 <i>The Lord, my God, my shepherd is</i> | F. Bland Tucker |
| Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| Processional | Hymnal 448 |
| <i>O love, how deep</i> | Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb |
| Postlude <i>Festal Flourish</i> | Gordon Jacob |

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

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are



your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why

should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Moses Indignant at the Golden Calf. c.1799–1800. William Blake. Tate Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

BCP 585

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."



So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety

-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house,

and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Giorgio de Chirico. *The Prodigal Son*. 1922. Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Christ Church, the clergy, and all who worship here by Mary Elizabeth Faircloth.

St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258

The Feast of St. Cyprian—September 14

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

Carthage, an ancient city in North Africa in what now is Tunisia, became an early Christian center. In 246, Cyprian, a rich aristocrat, converted to Christianity and in 248 was chosen Bishop of Carthage. Prior to Constantine's conversion in 333, Roman emperors severely persecuted Christians, and when Carthage was attacked by legions of Emperor Decius, Cyprian went into hiding to avoid facing death or abandoning the faith; nevertheless, he was greatly criticized. He kept in touch with the Church by letters, directing it with wisdom and compassion. When the persecutions subsided, he returned to the city and entered into discussion of how Christians who had renounced their faith should be treated. His was a moderate position, that they could be reconciled to the Church after an appropriate period of penance. During persecutions under Emperor Valerian, Cyprian was placed under house



arrest and on 14 September 248 was beheaded. Many of Cyprian's writings have been preserved. He held to a high view of the Eucharist, that the priest, in the Eucharist, acts in the place of Christ. He taught that Christians who have been made holy in baptism must "persevere in what we have begun to be." He wrote that "the Episcopate is a single whole" and that, as a consequence, schism or separation from that whole is sinful. "You cannot have God for your father unless you have the Church for your Mother".

Ring this Bell! The Story

Rosalie S. Morris

My mother was a bell collector. My brothers, sister, and I grew up in a home where bells were rung to summon us into the house, to call us to meals, to quiet us before saying a blessing, to get our attention, or to stop quarrels among



siblings. Five years ago I started thinking about finding a bell to give away in loving memory of my mother. A gift. I wanted the bell to represent joy, unity and peace—a tangible object that someone would have in their possession. The bell would serve as a reminder to: pause before shouting or lashing out; join together for meals and celebrations; reflect on blessings instead of burdens; promote peace!

In my own small bell collection, I had the perfect brass bell. It needed to be found again. I searched the web. I wrote retail stores and executives. I prowled through bazaars. I kept coming up empty handed.

In February 2016 I remarked to my son, "Why is finding this bell so difficult?" He replied, "Mom, email Eddie and Rachel Dillon. They are in the gift business and might have contacts." Eddie's reply to me was, "Let me look into this. I think we can help you." A month later their product manager emailed saying the bell could be duplicated in India. Delivery would be six months. The minimum order was 5,040. Five thousand forty bells! About 4,500 more

bells than I had anticipated buying. Something kept urging me to do this. I said, "Go ahead. Let's do this."

After being made in India, shipped on a freighter, making their way through customs, the shiny brass bells packed in an eighteen-wheeler arrived in Savannah on Friday, August 26, 2016. I hope you will join me in ringing this bell for joy, unity and peace. Ring this Bell!

Upcoming Dates and Events for September

- 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 2 - Blessing of the Stuffed Animals and Baptism of Anna-Caroline Habersham Wright
- October 9 - Bishop William Willimon, Methodist Bishop and former Dean of Duke Chapel, will be our guest preacher

New Christ Church Website

www.christchurchsavannah.org

Christ Church recently updated its website and we want to thank Catherine Gussler for organizing the project; Susan Isaacs (at Paragon Design) for her creative input; and Carol Wirth for her strategic guidance. We have added new photographs, new graphics and new information for easier access and navigation. Our website's address remains www.christchurchsavannah.org.

Julia Mae Reyes Is Born!

Congratulations to our associate rector Sierra Wilkinson Reyes and her husband Rudy on the September 8 birth of their daughter Julia Mae Reyes. Julia Mae was born at 10:01 p.m., weighs 7 lbs. 5 oz. and is 20 inches long. The Reyes family is doing well and gives thanks to God for the blessing of this birth.

Photos from September 4, 2016—16th Sunday after Pentecost



Remembering September 11, 2001

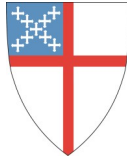
The music in today's opening voluntary and during communion is offered in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks. It is always a special treat to have Terry Moore, violinist and Patricia Anderson, harpist, as our guest musicians. Terry is Concertmaster of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, was former Assistant Concertmaster of the Savannah Symphony Orchestra and was a regular player at The White House in our nation's capital. Patricia plays with the Savannah Philharmonic, the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, as well as the orchestras in Charleston, Augusta and Greenville. In addition to these special musical offerings, Christ Church will commemorate and honor those who tragically perished by continuing its tradition of solemnly tolling its 1819 Revere and Son tower bell at the time of each of the four impacts:



- 8:46 a. m. - American Airlines Flight 11 flew into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:03 a.m. - United Airlines Flight 175 flew into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:37 a.m. - American Airlines Flight 77 flew into the Pentagon.
- 10:03 a.m. - United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into the ground near Shanksville, Pennsylvania,

“We continue to honor and commemorate those lost in this tragic event in our country’s history. During this sacred time, all of God’s children must focus our prayers on peace for our country and for the world” said Michael S. White, rector of Christ Church.

St Paul’s Episcopal Chapel, part of the ministry of Trinity Church, Wall Street in the Diocese of New York, was used as a relief center for recovery workers for almost a year after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Today, its churchyard will be the setting for a series of events to mark the 15th anniversary.



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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 (1930-2016), *Rector Emeritus*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

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

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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.

