

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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September 18, 2016



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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>Aria</i>	Noel Rawsthorne
Processional	Hymnal 368
<i>Holy Father, great Creator</i>	Alexander Viets Griswold
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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	Amos 8:4-7
Gradual Psalm 113 <i>Laudate, pueri</i>	BCP 756
Epistle	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 583
<i>O holy city, seen of John</i>	Walter Russell Bowie
Holy Gospel	Luke 16:1-13
Sermon	The Reverend Patricia R. 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>Be thou my vision</i>	arr. Richard Shephard
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 475, 335
<i>God himself is with us</i>	Gerhardt Tersteegen
<i>I am the bread of life</i>	Suzanne Toolan
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 550
<i>Jesus calls us</i>	Cecil Frances Alexander
Postlude <i>Aeolian Fanfare</i>	Charles Callahan

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.

Please join us in the Undercroft for a reception after the 10:30 a.m. service.

First Lesson

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalms 113 *Laudate, pueri*

BCP 756

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And

how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth



so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest

also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

William Blake. *The Agony in the Garden*. ca. 1799-1800. Tate Gallery.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Scott Frederick Miller by his family, and in loving memory of Lt. John Woodward Sognier, Jr. by his family.

Scott was born on October 2, 1961 in New Haven, Connecticut. He was the son of Dr. William A. Miller and Ann Y. Miller. Scott attended Savannah Country Day School and was a graduate of The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville,

Connecticut. He attended Furman University and The University of Georgia before completing his studies at Florida International University. After a 20 year career in the food and beverage industry Scott turned his love of coffee and his hobby of roasting coffee beans into his new career and focus, The Ogeechee River Coffee Company. In addition to his parents, Scott is survived by his devoted wife, Shari Knight Miller, sister, Libby Miller and her partner Gay Fortson, sister and brother-in-law, Jamie and Scott Milliren, niece, Sarah Milliren, nephew, Harrison Milliren, and aunt Marie Miller.



Lt. Sognier (1945-1967) was a life-long member of Christ Church when he died in the service of our country during the Vietnam War. North of Bien Hoa air base in Vietnam, Lt. Sognier was leading his platoon in search for the



source of Viet Cong mortar rounds. The platoon began to receive an intense volume of fire from the enemy when Lt. Sognier rallied his men and led them in an aggressive advance of the enemy position. With total disregard for his personal safety in the face of enemy fire, he moved among his men to guide their movements, simultaneously assisting in treating the wounded. While attempting to overtake an enemy bunker, Lt. Sognier was struck by a burst of automatic weapons fire and mortally wounded. For his bravery, he was posthumously

awarded the Silver Star. Lt. Sognier graduated from the Savannah Country Day School in 1963 and attended the University of Virginia. He was survived by his daughter, Jessica Sognier Osborne (Mrs. William E.) and his sister, Anne Sognier Murray (Mrs. Morgan), both of Savannah. He is buried in the Greenwich section of Bonaventure with his parents, Judge John Woodward Sognier and Josephine Kennedy Sognier Osborne.

Upcoming Dates and Events for September

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House

-Sunday School for pre-k through 5th grade "Genesis Greatest Hits"
-Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality"

- September 18 - EYC luncheon after the 10:30 a.m. service and, 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 - At 10:30 a.m., Blessing of the Stuffed Animals and Baptism of Anna-Caroline Habersham Wright and, at 6 p.m., Evening Eucharist.
- 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.

St. John Chrysostom—Patriarch 407 A.D.

Feast Day—September 13

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

Born in Antioch, Syria in 354, St. John Chrysostom was one of the great saints of the Eastern (Orthodox) Church. In failing health after six years of desert monasticism, he returned to Antioch and was ordained priest in 386, serving in the local cathedral. In 397 he became Patriarch of Constantinople (now Istanbul). John's dynamic preaching gained him the title Chrysostom, Greek for 'the golden voice;' he is considered one of the great preachers in the history of the Church. His episcopate, however, was short and tumultuous. Incurring the

wrath of the Empress, whom he reportedly called Jezebel (see I Kings 16-18), he twice was exiled, and died during a forced winter march into the Caucasus Mountains. Thirty-one years later his remains were returned to Constantinople.

St John's understanding of Scripture was straight-forward rather than allegoric. He regarded preaching as a medium of teaching, and an integral part of pastoral care. Denouncing abuse of authority, both civil and ecclesiastical, his preaching reflected an acute sensitivity to the needs of people, who flocked to hear him. His sermons also provided insight into the Eucharistic liturgy of the Church, describing the liturgy as a glorious experience in which all of heaven and earth join. The Eastern Orthodox liturgy in Constantinople still bears his name. Note in our Prayer Book the prayer from his liturgy (pp, 59, 102). St John is widely honored throughout Christendom.



Note: The commemoration of a Saint is celebrated on the day of the saint's death, their entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven, not on the day of their birth.

A Byzantine mosaic of John Chrysostom from the Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey.

Christ Church Hosts Meeting of the Canons to the Ordinary

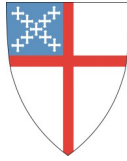
This Sunday evening through Tuesday afternoon, Canon Frank Logue will be hosting his counterparts from 19 Episcopal dioceses in the southeast United States. The gathering is for those who assist bishops in the human resources work of negotiating calls for new clergy. Most go by the title "Canon to the Ordinary" and also function as a bishop's right hand man or woman. The group will participate in our 6 p.m. Sunday evening Eucharist, meet at Christ Church through the day Monday and on Tuesday morning and then will celebrate the Eucharist together in Christ Church's chapel on Tuesday. Christ Church is pleased to participate in hosting this event.

Photos from September 11, 2016—17th Sunday after Pentecost



A September to Remember for Christ Church's Youth





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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*

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

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