

The Sixteenth 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>Spirit of God</i>	Frederick Binckes
Processional	Hymnal 594
<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Harry Emerson Fosdick
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gradual Psalm 1 <i>Beatus vir qui non abiit</i>	BCP 585
Epistle	Philemon 1-21
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 635
<i>If thou but trust in God</i>	George Neumark; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Holy Gospel	Luke 14:25-33
Sermon	The Reverend Liam G. Collins
	<i>Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life</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 675, 577
<i>Take up your cross</i>	Charles William Everest
<i>God is love</i>	Latin; tr. James Quinn
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 541
<i>Come, labor on</i>	Jane Laurie Borthwick
Postlude	
<i>Prelude and Fugue in F major</i>	Johann Sebastian 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey



the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death,

blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Transfiguration of Christ. Paulo Veronese. 1555-56. Cathedral of Santa Maria, Montagnana, Italy.

Psalms 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BCP 585

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,^{*}
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Epistle

Philemon 1-21

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful

both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.



So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Christ Carrying the Cross. Titian. 1565. Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the

cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Park Callahan by his wife Aline, and in loving memory of Leslie Basinger Lawton and Genevieve Lawton Bateson by Leslie Lawton Bateson.

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 Rev. George Motier Maxwell, *Rector Emeritus*

September 11, 1930–August 28, 2016

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

“The Lord giveth. The Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” I trust we all can say these words with confidence, difficult as it sometimes may be. For we also know for a certainty that our joys will return on that great last day. “Happy are they who die in the Lord. So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.” Eternal rest has come for George Maxwell, a much loved pastor and dear personal friend and mentor has passed from this mortal life.



Father Maxwell became rector of Christ Church in 1973 while I was a parish priest in Augusta. His was a faithful and fruitful ministry. On his retirement in 1991 while I was bishop, and knowing his valuable gifts in spirituality, I asked him to serve as Spiritual Director for the clergy of our Diocese, a role he happily fulfilled. Allow me to share a few reflections on my treasured relationship with George since that time. We began meeting regularly for lunch in various eateries in recent years, which bonded us in close friendship, and was personally enlightening and rewarding for me. When I no longer could drive, George made the trip to Skidaway Island to join me for lunch. As I write, I can hear him admonishing me: “Harry, don’t talk about me, talk about God and His Kingdom and the love of Jesus.” But I love to talk about my old friend! Indeed, dear friends become the more treasured as we become older, our companions in life. I was grateful for his insights and wisdom, his grace, and his sound theology. We discussed a wide range of topics. We solved all the issues of the church, the nation and the world! Unfortunately no one asked for our solutions. He was an avid golfer and we often discussed the PGA tour. I hope there are golf courses in heaven. In the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ, we pray to God that that sacrifice may be the gateway for our beloved George’s entry into Paradise. Remember these words from The Revelation of St. John the Divine: “He who sits upon the throne will shelter

them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

George, may you rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

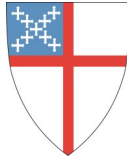


Photos from August 21, 2016—14th Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from August 28, 2016—15th 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 (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*

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