

The Second Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

January 15, 2017



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10:15 a.m.—12:30 A.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel and Sermon BCP 323

10:30 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Voluntary <i>How brightly shines the Morning Star</i>	Niels Gade
Processional	Hymnal 390
<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Joachim Neander
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may
shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, wor-
shipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7
Gradual Psalm 40 <i>Expectans, expectavi</i>	BCP 640
Epistle	1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 542*
<i>Christ is the world's true Light</i>	George Wallace Briggs
Holy Gospel	John 1:29-42
Sermon	The Rev. Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Brightest and best</i>	<i>Star in the East</i> , from <u>The Southern Harmony</u> , 1835
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-155
Communion Music	
<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	Hymnal 324
<i>For the bread which you have broken</i>	Hymnal 341
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 535
<i>Ye servants of God</i>	Charles Wesley
Postlude <i>Allegro (Concerto in A minor)</i>	Antonio Vivaldi, trans. J. S. 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. Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

*Children ages K-4th grade are invited to attend Children’s Chapel. Please process with the Cross at this time.

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
 and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Gradual Psalm 40 *Expectans, expectavi* BCP 640

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sancti-
fied in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every



place call on the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. I give thanks to my God
always for you because of the grace
of God that has been given you in
Christ Jesus, for in every way you
have been enriched in him, in
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Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any

spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Duccio di Buoninsegna. *The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew*. 1308-1311. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Gospel

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”



The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Ottavio Vannini. *St. John showing Christ to St. Andrew*. 17th Century. San Gaetano, Florence, Italy.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Genevieve and Walter Rhoads, by CDR Rod and the Rev. Patti Davis; and in memory of William Kinney Whitfield, III by his family.

Coming Dates

- **Evening Eucharist** tonight at 6 p.m. Join us each 1st and 3rd Sunday evening for an experience of the peace of God. A reception in the Undercroft will follow the service.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**—Monday, January 16, at 10 a.m. The Episcopal Churches of Savannah have participated consistently since the event's inception in 1985. We participate in the event by (1) marching in the parade with a float dedicated to the Diocese of Georgia, (2) holding a service of Holy Eucharist after the march at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and (3) hosting a concluding reception with a light lunch and speaker in St. Matthew's Parish Hall. The Diocese of Georgia's float and marchers will be somewhere in the vicinity of the East Broad Street Elementary School (400 East Broad Street). Please find us about 9:30 a.m. Our float will have signs on it and, weather permitting, live musicians. All are invited to participate in these events.
- **Annual Meeting**—Join us Sunday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. for our Annual Meeting in the Nave. We will hear reports about the mission and administration of Christ Church and enjoy an evening reception in celebration of the many ways God has blessed us.
- **Young Adult Group Sunday Brunch**—January 22. Calling all Christ Church 20s/30s! Come out for brunch after church and join others in your

age group (20s/30s) for a fun social and spiritual time. Meet on the church front porch following the 10:30am service on January 22. Please RSVP by January 20 to sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org

- **Adult Forum and Children and Youth Programs**—Sunday, January 29 we will resume 9:30 a.m. programming for all ages. Adult Forum series "Leadership and Spirituality" returns by popular demand! Children and Youth will participate in a variety of 9:30 a.m. service projects on these Sundays. (Nursery Provided)
- **EYC (Middle School and High School) Events**
 - Winter Youth Retreat - January 20-22 What is your story? A special retreat weekend is planned for grades 6-12 at Honey Creek the week end of January 20-22. The weekend's theme is exploring "Our Stories" of faith & family. This retreat will be a time to step away from all the busy-ness of our lives, to worship, to play, and to pray together. This is an excellent opportunity to gather in the new year to listen, to relax, and to hear our own stories and the story of God's people. Register NOW to sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org
 - EYC January Outing: Painting with a Twist. Our EYC Middle & High Schoolers have a fun activity planned for Saturday, January 28! We will attend a painting class and go out for ice cream afterwards! Saturday, January 28 from Noon - 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org by January 20.
- **Sunday School is Collecting Children's Books.** Please donate your new and gently used children's books. Christ Church Sunday School is collecting them for Operation Paperback and Project Smile. Collection baskets may be found in the Undercroft and Youth Room of the Parish House.

Photos from January 8, 2017—First Sunday after the Epiphany



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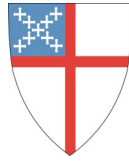


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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

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*

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Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

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Denton W. Stone

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