

The Third Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

January 22, 2017



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

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**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>God the Father, Be our stay</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Processional	Hymnal 119
<i>As with gladness men of old</i>	William Chatterton Dix
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Word of God**

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:1-4
Gradual Psalm 27:1, 5-13 <i>Dominus illuminato</i>	BCP 617
Anglican chant by William Longhurst	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 533*
<i>How wondrous and great thy works</i>	Henry Ustick Onderdonk
Holy Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Arise, shine!</i>	George J. Elvey
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	Hymnal 321, 653
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	Philip Doddridge and Isaac Watts
<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i>	John Greenleaf Whittier
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 539
<i>O Zion, haste</i>	Mary Ann Thomson
Postlude <i>Menuet gothique (Suite Gothique)</i>	Léon Boëllmann

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](http://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-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the Cross at this time. Younger children are welcome to attend if they are accompanied by a parent.

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Gradual Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio*

**BCP 617**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that

no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Gospel

### Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,



and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Caravaggio. *The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew*. 1603-1606. Royal Collection, Hampton Court Palace, London.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Malcolm Maclean by Frances Maclean and their children, John and Nancy; and in memory of Kirk Varnedoe, by Comer and Otto Immel and in honor of Otto Immel on his 80th birthday by Comer Immel.

### **Coming Dates**

-**Annual Meeting**. Join us this afternoon, 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, commission the Vestry and congregation for ministry in the coming year, and enjoy an evening reception in celebration of the many ways God has blessed us.

-**Young Adult Group Sunday Brunch**. 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 Rev. Sierra on the front porch following today's 10:30am service.

-**Adult Forum resumes January 29**. Sunday, January 29 our Adult Forum series "Leadership and Spirituality" returns by popular demand! Nursery Provided. Our next round of presenters will be:

- January 29- Andrew (Andy) Wright, Associate Professor, Savannah School of Law - "Spiritual reflections on Law, Politics, and War"
- February 5- Ted Eldridge, Lifelong Educator who leaves this month for Teach for America, Ecuador - "Lives of service at home and abroad"
- February 12- Tom Kohler, Savannah Citizens Advocacy - "Discovering

Disciples Among Us"

- February 19- Sarah Smith, Chair, Board of Directors Matthew Reardon Center for Autism-"Leadership in Spirit - A Journey in Understanding True Leadership"
- February 26- Michael Franck, Principal Church Architect with Franck & Lohsen Architects, Washington, D.C.- "Building the House of God"

-**Sunday School/Children's Service Projects.** Sunday, January 29 and the weeks that follow, Children will participate in a variety of 9:30 a.m. service projects. One of these is already underway: Christ Church Sunday School is collecting new and gently used children's books for Operation Paperback and Project Smile. Collection baskets can be found in the Undercroft and the second floor or the Parish House.

-**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 weekend of January 20-22.
- 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 [siera.wilkinson@ccsavannah.org](mailto:siera.wilkinson@ccsavannah.org).

-**Evening Eucharist, Sundays, February 5 and 19, 6 p.m.** Evening Eucharist (Join us each 1st and 3rd Sunday evening for an experience of the peace of God.)

-**Book Group, Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.** will be the next gathering of the Christ Church Book Group to discuss "The Book of the People" by A. N. Wilson. Please speak with Deacon Patti Davis to learn more.

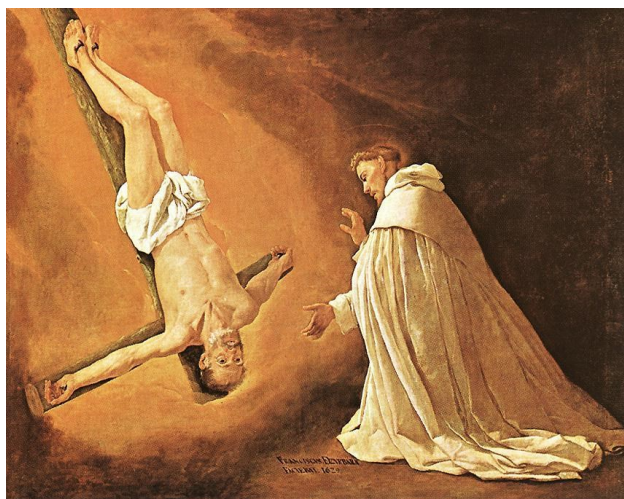
-**Diocese of Georgia's IntegrityGA** will meet on January 28, 2017 at Christ Church's Parish House from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. IntegrityGA is a gathering of the LGBT community and supportive friends from around the Diocese of Georgia for worship, fellowship, and education. Everyone is invited to attend. Please rsvp to Clayton at [cetsag@yahoo.com](mailto:cetsag@yahoo.com) or call 912.655.6986.

## **The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter—January 18**

January 18 marked the feast of the confession of St. Peter. St. Peter, along with St. Paul (whose feast day is on January 24), were two men who shaped the ear-



ly Church and whose contribution to the faith can still be seen and felt 2,000 years later. St. Peter became the first pope and proclaimed the Good News to the gentiles. He was also among the first disciples to be called to follow Jesus after Jesus summoned him. While Peter's decision to follow Jesus was immediate, his conversion was a gradual process. Peter figures prominently in the Gospel accounts, often stumbling, impetuous, intense, and uncouth. It was Peter who attempted to walk on the sea, and began to sink; it was Peter who impulsively wished to build three tabernacles on the mountain of the



Transfiguration; it was Peter who, just before the crucifixion, three times denied knowing his Lord. But it was also Peter who, after Pentecost, risked his life to do the Lord's work, speaking boldly of his faith in Jesus. It was also Peter, the Rock, whose strength and courage helped the young Church in its questioning about the mission beyond the Jewish community. Opposed at first to the baptism of Gentiles without their first submitting to circumcision, he had the humility to admit a change of heart, and to baptize the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household. The confession of Peter is recorded in the Gospel According to Matthew (16:16), "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" to which Jesus responded, "You are Peter, and on this rock will I build my church." The January 18 date is that of an ancient Gallican feast called "the Chair of Saint Peter." It honored Peter as the head of the Roman Catholic Church as well as his chair of episcopal authority. Contemporary observance of the Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

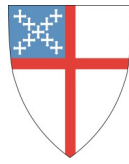
*The Apparition of Saint Peter to Saint Peter Nolasco.* Francisco Zurbarán. 1629. Museo del Prado, Madrid, Spain.

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



Photos from the MLK, Jr. Parade—January 16, 2017





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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*

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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