

The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

January 29, 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>Vision</i>	Josef Rheinberger
Processional	Hymnal 388
<i>O worship the King</i>	Robert Grant
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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	Micah 6:1-8
Gradual Psalm 15 <i>Domine, quis habitat?</i>	BCP 599
Anglican chant by Richard H. P. Coleman	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 160*
<i>Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow</i>	William J. Sparrow-Simpson
Holy Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Blessed are you</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
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 656, 593
<i>Blest are the pure in heart</i>	John Keble and William John Hall
<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	James Quinn
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 473
<i>Lift high the cross</i>	George William Kitchin; alt. Michael Robert Newbolt
Postlude <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	John Stanley

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 PreK-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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gradual Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit* **BCP 599**

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wis-

dom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For



Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose

what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Luis Borrassa. *Jesus stützt Petrus auf dem Wasser*. 1400. Església de Sant Pere.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Susan Wolfe Harrison and Joseph Huger and Louise Lynah Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Austin and Mr John H. Austin, Jr by their family.

Coming Dates

-**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 Ecuador with the World Teach Program - "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.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal.** Today, January 29th the Christ Church Youth Choir (formally known as the Children's Choir) will have a rehearsal immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir will gather in the adult choir room and share lunch as part of their time together.
- 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.
- Annual Meeting Reports.** Last Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Christ Church members gathered for our Annual Meeting. At this meeting, we heard a series of reports about the mission and ministry of Christ Church, and we commissioned our Vestry for service in 2017. The reports from the Senior Warden, Rector, and a summary Budget for 2017 can be found on our Christ Church website (www.christchurchsavannah.org).

Getting to Know Jamie Cartright

By Florence M. Slatinsky

Jamie Cartright was baptized into the Pentecostal church as a child in Haiti, where she lived until she moved to Miami for high school. She graduated from Stetson University with a degree in music and a minor in education, and then returned to Haiti where for the past ten years she has been working as a teacher of math and music - a most intriguing combination! - and a humanitarian. She was drawn to the Episcopal Church in Haiti through her participation in its choir and music programs.

She has been provisionally hired as the 7th grade math teacher at Hesse Ele-

mentary. Christ Church will continue to be her musical home though she is also looking forward to working with the Savannah Children's Choir.

Jamie sings in the Alto section of our choir and is a frequent soloist. Tim Hall praises her wide range and says, "Jamie is beloved by her fellow choristers. Her arrival has brought a renewed energy to our group."

How did you come to Christ Church? "My brother teaches English at Armstrong so when I was ready to leave Haiti I came to stay with him in Savannah. The Director of Music at Trinity Cathedral in Miami suggested Christ Church would have an excellent music program. I came, I met Tim Hall and here I am."



What's one of your treasured Christ Church moments? "Every moment has been a positive moment but Sunday, December 11th stands out. It was the day I was to sing my first solo but the week leading up to it was terribly stressful – I got sick and lost my voice and family friend in Haiti was kidnapped. I got well enough to sing and then that morning I found out our friend had been safely released. Standing there singing that first solo, healthy and relieved, was a poignant moment for me."

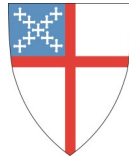
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The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

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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