

The First Sunday After The Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
Year A

January 8, 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>Christ our Lord to Jordan came</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Processional	Hymnal 135
<i>Songs of thankfulness and praise</i>	Christopher Wordsworth and F. Bland Tucker
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 42:1-9
Gradual Psalm 29 <i>Afferte Domino</i>	BCP 620
<i>Anglican chant by Henry G. Ley</i>	Sung by Choir

Epistle	Acts 10:34-43
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 121*
<i>Christ, when for us you were baptized</i>	F. Bland Tucker
Holy Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>This is my beloved Son</i>	Dan Uhl
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>Humbly I adore thee</i>	Hymnal 314
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Hymnal 490
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 448
<i>O love, how deep</i>	Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb
Postlude <i>Hornpipe</i> from "Water Music"	G. F. Handel

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 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Gradual Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*
Anglican chant by Henry G. Ley

BCP 620
Sung by Choir

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *

all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable



to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *The Three Wise Men*. 1925. Private Collection.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”



(l) Giotto. *The Adoration of the Magi*. Cappella Scrovegni a Padova. Padova Italy. 1305; and (r) Bartolomé Esteban Murillo. *Adoration of the Magi*. 1660.

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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 Ann Tew Espy by her family; and in memory of Katherine Eaton Prince Cobb, Dr. Charles L. Prince III, Charles L. Prince IV, Dr. Elliot A. Cobb, and Katherine Prince Wilcox by Staige and Michael DeBenedetti.

Coming Dates

- **Evening Eucharist** on Sunday, January 15, 6 p.m. Join us each 1st and 3rd Sunday evening for an experience of the peace of God.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**—Monday, January 16, 10 a.m. MLK Parade begins. 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) in the "middle of the pack". 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.

The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause

A special thank you to Christ Church's organist and choirmaster Timothy Hall for organizing and producing the third annual "The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause" on December 18 as a benefit concert for United Ministries' Emmaus House which has operated from Christ Church's Parish House since 1982 and feeds over 200 homeless each morning. The concert raised over \$5,000. We also want to thank our many volunteers who helped with this event.

Operation Paperback Receives Thank You

Pictured are two members of the US Air Force stationed in Afghanistan holding paperback books collected and shipped by Savannah's Christ Church Episcopal Operation Paperback team. In 2016 the OP team packed and shipped 1000+ paperbacks to active duty and hospitalized servicemen, as well as to their families.

Please continue to donate used paperback books in good condition to this project. In a letter to the OP team, USAF MSgt Brian Ruzicka said, "Thank you so much for the boxes of books. I've read 6 books since being here and some of the books are pretty worn and I even taped one back together. Your donations are a much needed refreshment to our location. I've already picked out 5 of the books you sent and will be reading them next. The Wi-Fi in the dorms isn't the best and data is restricted each month, so Netflix isn't



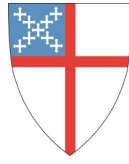
always an option. Books are a great way to pass the time and put your mind somewhere else. Reading also allows me to use my time effectively. Several times during the day I find myself waiting for a ride or having downtime at work and a paperback in my pocket allows me to get away for a minute. There are 30 people in my section and another 40 that work next door. Your donations will be made available for all of us to read and enjoy. I've attached a picture of a co-worker and me (right) showing the books in front of our Night Owl.”

Photos from Christmas Eve—2016



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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*

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

