

The Twenty Fourth 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>Praise to the Lord</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
Processional	Hymnal 637
<i>How firm a foundation</i>	<i>Lyons</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which
you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12 <i>Domine, refugium</i>	BCP 717
Anglican chant by Luke Flintoft	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 632
<i>O Christ, the Word Incarnate</i>	<i>Munich</i>
Holy Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
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 Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 655, 490
<i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	<i>Nyland</i>
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	<i>Houston</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 680
<i>O God, our help in ages past</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Postlude <i>Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major</i>	J. S. Bach

*Children ages Pre-K-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.

**All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

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First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold

will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *Domine, refugium* **BCP 717**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that



the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong

to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

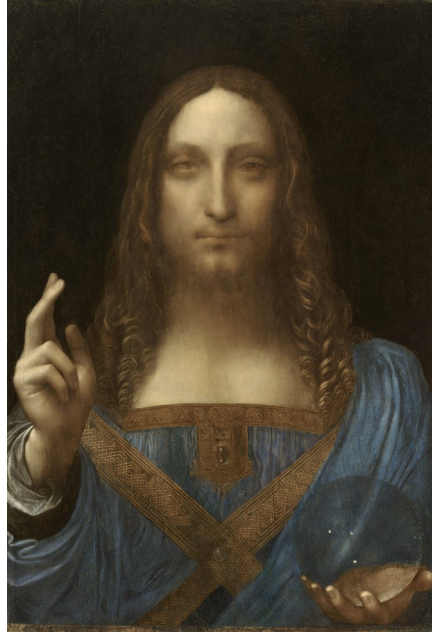
Henry Ossawa Tanner. *Head of a Girl in Jerusalem*. 1899.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two

more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"



Leonardo da Vinci (disputed). *Salvator Mundi*. 1500. Private Collection.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Christ Church and its congregation by the clergy, wardens and vestry.

Stewardship 2018 Update

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the 2018 year as we move God's mission for our church forward. A special thank you to our stewardship co-chairs Julia Mikell and Bill Wallace. Contact our treasurer Catherine Gussler at 912-222-0888 or treasurer@ccsavannah.org if you have any questions. To pledge online: <http://christchurchsavannah.org/giving/>.



Announcements and Upcoming Dates

-**Fall Sunday School For All Ages** wraps up at 9:30 a.m.—2nd floor of the Parish House. Thanks to all who planned, taught, and participated in our fall Sunday School. The children learned the exciting stories of King David; EYC got to know Samantha McKean and learn more about the colorful characters of the Old Testament, and the adults enjoyed engaging the mosaic of souls who join the chorus, “I am Christ Church, you are Christ Church, We are Christ Church.”

-**Christ Church Youth Choir.** The choir rehearses this Sunday from 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the choir room. Our next Sunday to sing in worship is December 10th during our Advent Lessons and Carols Service.

-**EYC** meets from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Columba House (214 East 34th St.).
Join us for our weekly gathering of fun, food and fellowship!

-**Evening Eucharist** at 6 p.m. tonight with reception following.

-**Downtown Houses of Worship Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at Wesley Monumental Methodist Church. This is a

wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian, Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters to give thanks. All are invited.

-**November 27 at 2 p.m.** on the corner of East 45th Street and Atlantic Avenue—Malcolm R. Maclean Historical Marker Dedication by the Georgia Historical Society.

-**Advent Wreath Making** on Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. All ages are invited to the Emmaus Room to make Advent Wreaths on the first Sunday of Advent. A wonderful way to create practices and traditions at home to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

Stewardship Questions of the Week

Why should I pay my pledge with appreciated stock?

If you have highly appreciated stock, there can be significant tax advantages in donating it to the church. Highly appreciated stock is stock that you paid only a little for but is now worth a lot. The capital gains tax rate varies, but for many it is 15% or 20%. So if you give the stock to the church instead of selling it, you pay no tax on the gain AND you get a charitable deduction for the value of the stock on the date it is gifted! Church 1; Uncle Sam 0. Your particular tax situation may vary, so please see your tax advisor for details on how this might benefit you. So how do I donate stock? The church has a special account at SunTrust for receiving stock donations. You will need the account number and DTC number to make the transfer so please call or email Catherine Gussler, treasurer@ccsavannah.org or 912-222-0888.

Can I have recurring automatic bank drafts to pay my pledge?

Yes! Talk to Catherine for details.

How else can I help secure the ongoing mission of Christ Church?

Be faithful in your attendance and remember Christ Church in your Will.

Restoration Update

How are we paying for these renovations?

- Our Ascension Window has been fully funded by memorial campaign contributions from our congregation. All money was pledged before the vestry approved the renovations to the window. The total cost for this project is approximately \$190,000.
- Our endowment income pays for capital improvement and large-scale maintenance initiatives like the current painting project.

To date, the vestry has approved expenses up to \$176,000 for this project and \$30,000 for contingencies.

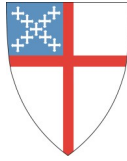
- Your pledge dollars are for operating expenses like paying salaries utility bills, outreach, evangelism and education. So you might wonder, what does it cost per day to keep the church doors open? The answer is \$2,287 for operations per day, 80% of which must be covered by pledge income. Your pledge matters! Thank you for pledging.

Photos from November 5, 2017—All Saints' Sunday



Photos from November 12, 2017—23d 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 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*
Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*; Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*;
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*;
Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Robert M. Davenport; Celia W. Dunn; Michael M. Franck;
John Thomas Gennuso; Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.; Laura Connerat Lawton;
Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; Denton W. Stone; and Andrew M. Wright

Sundays

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September—May)

Sunday School and Nursery are located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,
18 Abercorn Street. Nursery begins at 9:15 a.m. when Sunday School is in session and
at 10:15 a.m. on other Sundays.

Wednesdays 12 Noon

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Chapel

Christ Church's office address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

The telephone number is 912-236-2500 and the office hours are

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

www.christchurchsavannah.org

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.