

The Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

February 12, 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>Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional	Hymnal 518
<i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>	Latin, ca. 7th cent.; after John Mason Neale
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gradual Psalm 119:1-8 <i>Beatus vir</i>	BCP 763
Anglican chant by Edward John Hopkins	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 440*
<i>Blessed Jesus, at thy word</i>	Tobias Clausnitzer; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Holy Gospel	Matthew 5:21-37
Sermon	The Rev. Liam G. Collins <i>Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Behold, the tabernacle of God</i>	William H. Harris
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 593, 304
<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	James Quinn, att. Francis of Assisi
<i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i>	Brian A. Wren
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 594
<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Harry Emerson Fosdick
Postlude <i>Final (Symphonie I)</i>	Louis Vierne

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 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**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am



commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to

witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Mother and Child.* Julia Christian. 2016. Private Collection.

**Gradual Psalm 119:1-8** *Beati immaculati*

*Anglican chant by Edward John Hopkins*

**BCP 763**

*Sung by the Choir*

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, \*

but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

### Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hill and Nick Williams by their family, and in memory of Mary Barrow Gordon, Hugh H. Gordon and Hugh H. Armstrong, III, by Caroline Gordon Armstrong, Mary Armstrong Dugas and Caroline Armstrong Horsley.

### **Coming Dates**

#### Sundays at 9:30 a.m. second floor Parish House

#### **Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" (Nursery Provided)**

Our Adult Forum series "Leadership and Spirituality" returns by popular demand! Our next round of presenters will be:

- 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**

Children (PreK-5th) are invited to participate in our Service Sunday projects for Emmaus House and Project Smile. We are making 200 Valentine bags for the clients of Emmaus House. On Feb. 26th, we will help Dr. Acuff pack supplies for Project Smile. Please donate Children's books and other school supplies for Operation Paperback and Project Smile. If you are interest in volunteering with Lenten Sunday School, please contact the Rev. Helen White at [helen.white@ccesavannah.org](mailto:helen.white@ccesavannah.org).

#### **Youth Choir Rehearsal Today**

This morning after our service concludes, our Youth Choir will gather in the Choir Room for rehearsal from 12:15 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please speak with Timothy Hall or Emily Burch if you would like more information.

## **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) - Middle and High School**

### **Sunday Morning Faith Share**

Every Sunday morning from 9:30am - 10:10am, come hang out in the youth room for conversation, laughter and prayer. Share what's happening in your life and get to know other youth. The first Sunday of each month is designated for planning and looking ahead to EYC events. All youth are welcome!

### **EYC Picnic & Scavenger Hunt: February 12!**

Calling all middle/high school youth! After church Today, we are gathering on Warren Square for a picnic in the park. Bring a ball to throw, a blanket to sit on, and a friend! Pray for great weather! (Noon-1:30PM)

### **Happening #98**

Happening #98 will be held at Honey Creek February 17-19, 2017, and is open to those in grades 10 – 12. During a Happening weekend, participants worship, play, sing, and talk about God's place in their lives. They make new friends who share similar concerns and questions – a reassuring discovery. Several of our Christ Church youth will be in attendance and Reverend Sierra will be the weekend's spiritual director.

### **20/30s Announcement**

20s/30s Young Adult Community: Butterducks Winery Tour on March 5th  
On March 5, our 20s/30s group will visit Butterducks Winery for their 11th anniversary celebration. The visit will include tours, arts & crafts and free food samplings. The wine-tasting is optional and not required to attend or enjoy the event. We will carpool from the church parking lot following the 10:30 a.m. service. Invite friends! RSVP at [sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org](mailto:sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org)

### **Evening Eucharist**

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. Evening Eucharist (Join us each 1st and 3rd Sunday evening for an experience of the peace of God.)

### **Annual Meeting Reports**

Sunday, January 22nd 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 ser-



vice in 2017. The reports from the Sr. Warden, Rector, and a summary Budget for 2017 can be found on our Christ Church website at [www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org) in the "News" section of the site.

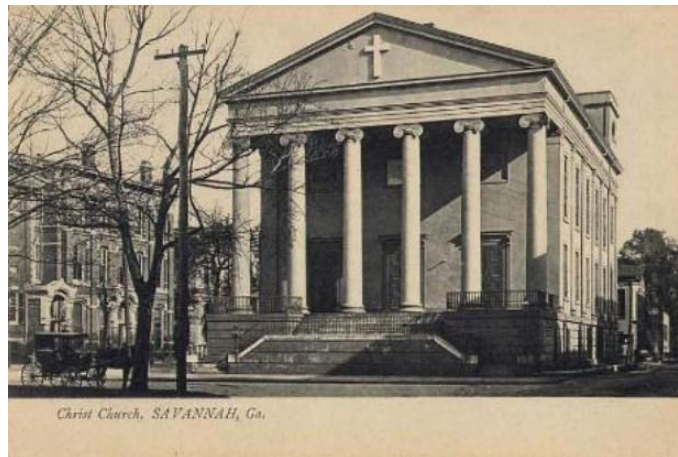
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## Founder's Day—February 12

Today, Christ Church celebrates the 284th anniversary of our founding in 1733. General James Edward Oglethorpe, along with our first rector the Rev. Henry Herbert, established Christ Church as they gathered in General Oglethorpe's tent

(located where the Hyatt Hotel is on Bay Street) and gave thanks for their safe travel from England.

Joining in the service



were John Musgrove (an Indian trader), his wife Mary and Tomochichi (chief of the Yamacraw Indians and the principal mediator between the native population and the new English settlers). Christ Church is the oldest established church in the state of Georgia and in December 1789 the Georgia General Assembly passed "An Act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in Savannah, called Christ Church." Eighteen months later, on May 15, 1791, President George Washington, an Episcopalian, would worship here when he came to Savannah as part of his Southern tour.

## Get Ready for Mardi Gras! "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

*Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

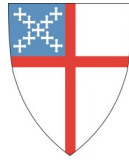
Mark your calendars for this year's Christ Church Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Center in Trustees'

Garden, 10 East Broad Street. By far one of our most popular annual events, our own Mary Dugas, Rosalie Morris and Bertice Berry are fashioning a festivity to be filled with jazz, ragtime, bebop and swing! We'll also have plenty of food, games, mask decorating, photo ops for all ages and our own version of a Zulu parade! Please register by February 21 at [rsvp@ccesavannah.org](mailto:rsvp@ccesavannah.org). "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" See the photos below from last year's Mardi Gras!



Photos from January 29, 2017—4th Sunday after the Epiphany





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

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend J. Sierra 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**

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*

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