

The Last Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

February 26, 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 *All glory be to God on high (BWV 662)* Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional Hymnal 137
O wondrous type! O vision fair Latin, 15th cent., after John Mason Neale
Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Exodus 24:12-18
Gradual Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit?* BCP 728
 Anglican chant by Thomas Norris Sung by the Choir
Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21
Sequence Hymn Hymnal 542*
 Christ is the world's true Light George Wallace Briggs

Holy Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon	The Rev. J. Sierra Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>And the Father will</i>	Mark Hayes
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 383, 335
<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	German composite
<i>I am the bread of life</i>	Suzanne Toolan
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 460
<i>Alleluia! sing to Jesus</i>	William Chatterton Dix
Postlude <i>Fanfare</i>	John Cooke

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

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant



Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of

the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Philippe de Champaigne. *Moses with the Ten Commandments*. 1647.
The Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Gradual Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit* BCP 586

Anglican chant by Thomas Norms

Sung by the Choir

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice

was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before



them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;

listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Transfiguration of Christ. David Gerard. 1520.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family by Jane and Carl Espy, and in memory of Roger K. Warlick by his family.

Coming Dates

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Second Floor Parish House

Sunday School / Children's Service Projects

Children (PreK-5th) are invited to participate in our final Service Sunday project on February 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 interested in volunteering with Lenten Sunday School, please contact the Rev. Helen White at helen.white@ccesavannah.org.*

Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" (nursery provided)

Our Adult Forum series "Leadership and Spirituality" concludes today with a presentation by Michael Franck, Principal Church Architect with Franck & Lohsen Architects, Washington, D.C.- "Building the House of God"

Sunday Morning Faith Share

February 26, 9:30 a.m. 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. All youth are welcome!

Music News

Upcoming Youth Choir Rehearsals

- Sunday, February 26 (today!) during Children's Chapel
- Sunday, March 12 during Sunday School
- Sunday, March 19 after Church (with lunch to follow)

Youth Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 26!

Summer Choir Camp (completed grades 1-5)

Tuesday through Friday, May 30 - June 2, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Opening Recital of Pipe Organ Week

Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. at Christ Church

Timothy Hall, Organist, will play the opening recital of the weeklong celebration of the Pipe Organ.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)-Middle and High School

EYC Friday Night Out: March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Our EYC will be attending the play *The Secret Garden* at Savannah Country Day School on Friday night, March 3. Several of our EYC youth are in the production. Please arrive at SCDS no later than 6:30 p.m. so that we can sit together. Tickets are free for all students.

EYC Service Saturday: March 11 at 7:45 a.m.

Give back and volunteer time with EYC at America's Second Harvest on Saturday, March 11. Plan to arrive at America's Second Harvest no later than 7:45 a.m. We will be helping their Brown Bag Program. For your safety, no sandals, clogs, flip flops or shoes exposing any part of the foot are allowed. Friends are welcome! We will need an accurate head count of volunteers, so please let The Rev. Sierra Reyes know if you're planning to volunteer.

EYC Game Night! March 24, 6-8 p.m.

Come and hang out on Friday Night with our EYC group at the Parish House! Bring your favorite games. We'll also discuss our April 29 basketball event & bake sale. Friends are welcome!

New Beginnings #50 - March 24-26

Several of our EYC youth have attended New Beginnings at Honey Creek and have been enriched because of it. Mark your calendars for your next chance to experience this powerful weekend. New Beginnings will take place during the weekend of March 24-26, 2017, at Honey Creek. The cost of weekend is \$115 (scholarships available). New Beginnings is a weekend retreat for teenagers in grades 7-9. The weekend takes participants through a discovery about ourselves, our friends, our families, our faith, and how to live out our faith in our daily lives. Please let The Rev. Sierra Reyes know if you're interested in attending!

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

Thomas Jefferson to speak at Christ Church on March 5

Thomas Jefferson will make a presentation at Christ Church, The Mother Church of Georgia, on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. His comments will focus on the Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom which served as the basis for the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and on the separation of church and state and religious liberty. Mr. Jefferson will also take questions at the event. Bill Barker will interpret Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Barker has a degree in history Villanova University and has worked as a professional actor and director. He began interpreting Thomas Jefferson at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1984. In 1994, he began interpreting Jefferson at Colonial Williamsburg and has continued his affiliation there while also presenting Jefferson at other sites including Monticello, Montpelier, Mount Vernon, Poplar Forest, The Chautauqua, and numerous presidential libraries. He has been featured in Time, People, The Atlantic, and Southern Living as well as on CNN, NBC, ABC, and CBS. Mr. Barker has an encyclopedic knowledge of Jefferson's writings and uses Jefferson's words in his presentations and in the question/answer sessions he often holds after his talks.



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

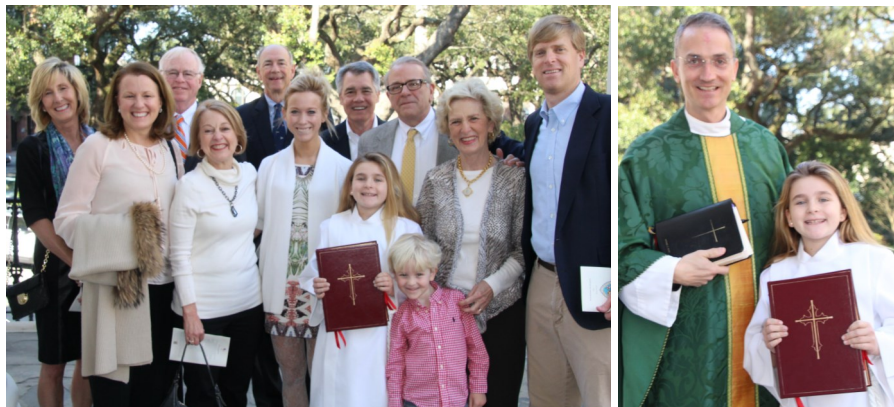
Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We will see you at our fantastic Christ Church Mardi Gras celebration on

Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Charles H. Morris Center in Trustees' Garden, 10 East Broad Street. Food, fun and frolic!

Liza Swan Debuts as Christ Church's Newest Acolyte

Last Sunday, Liza Swan debuted as Christ Church's newest acolyte. Liza is the daughter of Cindy and Richard Swan and her younger brother is Turner. Liza was born in Savannah, was baptized at St. Paul's, Albany and is in the 4th grade at a local school. In her spare time she likes to swim and play soccer and basketball. She also loves art and tumbling.

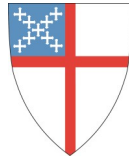


The Transfiguration

Today, the last Sunday after the Epiphany, is also referred to as Transfiguration Sunday and is recognized as a pivotal moment for Christians because it represents the culminating point of Jesus' public life, as His Baptism is its starting point and His Ascension its end. Our sages tell us that the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. The Transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God (as in His Baptism) but also the statement "listen to him" identifies him as God's messenger. The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses, for it indicates to the apostles that Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Elijah or Moses, he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of His filial relationship with God. Since the 3rd century, Christians generally have identified Mount Tabor as the site of the Transfiguration.

Photos from February 19, 2017—7th 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*

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Andrew M. Wright

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