

The Third Sunday In Lent

Year A

March 19, 2017



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10:15 a.m.—12:30 A.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

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**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>Fantaisie in C major</i>	César Franck
Processional	Hymnal 690
<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	William Williams
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Kyrie	Hymnal S-96
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7
Gradual Psalm 95 <i>Venite, exultemus</i>	BCP 724
Plainsong, Tone II.1	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	Romans 5:1-11
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 686*
<i>Come, thou fount of every blessing</i>	Robert Robinson

Holy Gospel	John 4:5-42
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. David Seyle
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form I</i>	BCP 383
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Ave venenum corpus</i>	William Byrd
<i>Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.</i>	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-130
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion Music	Hymnal 691, 602
<i>My faith looks up to thee</i>	Ray Palmer
<i>Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love</i>	Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 495
<i>Hail, thou once despised Jesus!</i>	John Bakewell and Martin Madan

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

## Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said,



“Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses,

“Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

*Moses Drawing Water From The Rock.* Tintoretto. 1577. Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Venice, Italy.

## Gradual Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus* BCP 724

*Plainsong, Tone II.1*

*Sung by the Choir*

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

### Epistle

### Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Gospel

## John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is

not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."



Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper

is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*The Woman at the Well.* Artist Unknown. Private Collection. 2005.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Theodora Gongaware by the Christ Church Episcopal Flower Guild.

### **Christ Church's Historic Silver**

Christ Church Historic Silver. From the first Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday, we will be using our historic silver chalices and paten at the 10:30 service. The engraving on these vessels states: "Presented to Christ Church by the Ladies of the Congregation 1816." The silver is very plain but very large. The chalices are very deep. If you drink from the chalice, please assist the chalice server, who will not be able to see if you have actually received the wine. Some people may find it easier to stand to receive the chalice. Parents may want to help children who drink from the cup. For over 200 years, worshipers at Christ Church have received bread and wine from these vessels. We follow in a long line of those who came before us. We give thanks for the love of God that continues from generation to generation.

### **Today's Preacher—The Rev. Dr. David Seyle**

We welcome today as our preacher the Rev. Dr. David Seyle. David and his wife Claudia were born in Savannah and have been members of our parish



since 2014. After they married in 1971, they moved to Atlanta where David took a position as Music Director at a United Methodist Church, while also studying at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. He earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1975 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1976. Meanwhile, Claudia worked at various positions in administration and social work at another Methodist church, Georgia State, and Hospice. David began his career as a pastor in Midway, Georgia, moving on to Macon in 1979 where until 1984 he was pastor at Bass United Methodist Church. Claudia finished her BA degree at Wesleyan College, also in Macon, in 1982, the same year they both earned pilot's licenses. They returned to Savannah for seven years while David was pastor at Whitefield United Methodist Church. In 1991 they moved to Cuthbert, Georgia. David was pastor at Cuthbert United Methodist Church and Chaplain at Andrew College, while Claudia held various positions in the admission department. In 1993 David became Associate Professor of Religion and two years later he was appointed Academic Dean and Professor of Religion. In 2006 he was asked to serve as President of Andrew College. Having earned her MA in Humanities at Florida State in 1999, Claudia became Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Humanities at Andrew. They retired in 2014 and returned to Savannah.

### Today at Christ Church

- **6:00 p.m. Evening Contemplative Eucharist.** The Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant. We invite and encourage you to come for this and the following two Sundays in Lent and experience the gift of God's transforming love for you. Come and discover how the prayer of the heart grounds your life in simplicity, stability and peace.
- **Music News—Upcoming Youth Choir Rehearsals**
  - 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 thru Friday, May 30 - June 2, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- **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 attended New Beginnings at Honey Creek! 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 Reverend Sierra know if you're interested in attending!
- **Bruce Feiler in Savannah.** Savannah native and New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler will make two Savannah appearances to discuss and sign his new book The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us on April 1 at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Washington Avenue and April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance on Abercorn Street.

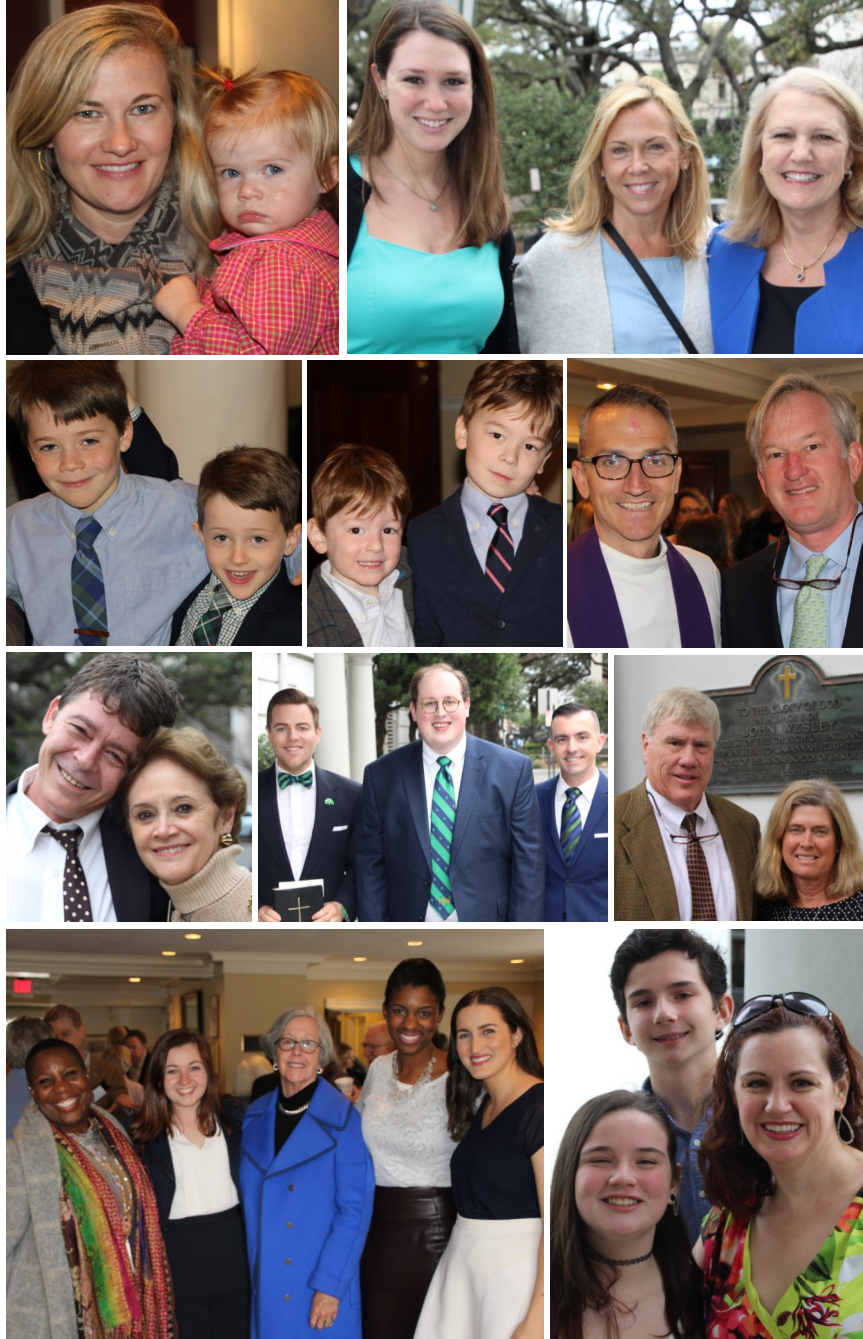
### **Christ Church Children's Ministries (pre-K through 5th grade)**

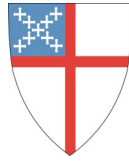
Many thanks to all who donated children's books and supplies for Project Smile! We collected over 200 books along with many great toys, pencils, markers, etc. The Sunday School kids had a great time packing things up, and the boxes will head to Belize next week.

### **Operation Paperback Sends More Books!**

Christ Church's Operation Paperback team currently boxes and sends 150-175 paperback books per month to active and hospitalized U.S. military personnel both stateside and overseas. Priscilla Carrington, who helps to organize this effort, says, "The Operation Paperback team is successful only because parishioners and others donate sufficient numbers of quality paperbacks in suitable condition. Please continue to leave your paperback books in the Undercroft Collection Basket so we can continue supplying books to our service men and women."

Photos from March 12, 2017—Second Sunday in Lent





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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*  
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