

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Year B

June 17, 2018



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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>Andante</i> ( <i>Sonata No. 6</i> )	Felix Mendelssohn
Processional	Hymnal 544
<i>Jesus shall reign</i>	<i>Duke Street</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Word of God

First Lesson	Ezekiel 17:22-24
Gradual Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 <i>Bonum est confiteri</i>	BCP 720
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 533
<i>How wondrous and great</i>	<i>Lyons</i>
Holy Gospel	Mark 4:26-32

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
The Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
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	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 302, 558
<i>Father, we thank thee</i>	<i>Rendez à Dieu</i>
<i>Faith of our fathers</i>	<i>St. Catherine</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 657
<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
Postlude <i>Rigaudon</i>	<i>André Campra</i>

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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).

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

\*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 Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

**First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
    from the lofty top of a cedar;  
    I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
    from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
    I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
    and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
    in the shade of its branches will nest  
    winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
    that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
    I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
    and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
    I will accomplish it.

**Psalm 92 *Bonum est confiteri***

**BCP 720**

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*

and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

### Epistle

### 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has



died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Woman Sowing.* Robert Gwathmey, n.d. Smithsonian Museum of Art.

## Gospel

## Mark 5:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then



the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which,

when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

William H. Johnson. *Sowing.* 1940. Smithsonian Museum of Art.

## Prayers of the People

### **For the Sick and Those in Need**

+Bill Miller, +Mary Anne Thames, Marie Dent, Warren Fowler, Jimmy Butts, Freda and the Payne Family, Cary Smith, Charles Flannigan, Yvette Taylor, Miriam Green, Diane Gustafson, Meredith Vertili, Lisa Butler, Shanique Boyd, Elizabeth Odgen, Art Matthews, Ted Miller, Bates Lovett, The Rt. Rev. Henry Louttit, Jr., Sally Hotchkiss, Tim Cooper, Connor Moffett, Chad Jacobs, Barbara Young, Aline Callahan, Tommy Seipel, Roseanne Griffith, Bobby Polo, Courtenay Espy, Gene Smith, Yolanda Costa, Leslie, Cameron Fearon, Edward Long, Kevin Jackson, Jack McDermett, Alton Sellers, Taylor Summerell, Ruth Moore, Jerry, Robert Geier, Sissie Morris, Kelso Taylor, Frank Derrickson, Amy L. Johnson, Laura Angell, Susan Kearney, Ruth Stone, Joe Phelps, Pem Jenkins, Ed Maynard, Diane Strickland, Will Ronning, Stephen Sellers, Clara, Fred Sullivan, Beth Evans, Ronnie MacPherson Severance, Howard Morris, Justin Elkenberry, Sandy Thornton, John Garner, Cindy King, Linda, Tara Hughes, Sam Varnedoe, Anita Clay, The Rev. Robert Horn, Bonnie Cay, Judy Tschetter, Virginia and Dede Austin

### **For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families**

+Timothy Taylor, +Carl Espy, +Frances Ravenel Maclean, +Danny Hill, +William C. Rhangos, Albert B. Lufburrow, Claude A. Wilson, Jr. Karl Holmen, Marion Bohnstedt

### **For the Birthdays of**

Avary Fleming, Caroline Keller, Crawford Lerch, Stephen Gerard, Gene Marshall, Lawrence Carson, Jim Gerhart, Harris Brown, Rivers Hall, Catharine Varnedoe, Clay Bush, McKenzie Lynah, +Henry Louttit, Bob Christian, Mollie Dugas, Audrey Agyei-Gyamfi, John McGinn, Pam Muccio, Larry Austin, Smith McGinn, Nora Smith, Alex Lawrence, Oliver Williamson, Shannon Hill, Heather Crampton, Rhett Bentley, William Holden, Frank Chappell, Margaret Dickens, Harris Stone, Audrey Griffith, Denton Stone, Jud Hill, Garrett Zajac, James Mikell, Meredith Dulany, Henry Christian, and Alex Lynch

### **For the Wedding Anniversaries of**

Catharine and Gordon Varnedoe, Montie and Steve Acuff; Kathie and Les Anderson; Donna and Jeremy Blalock; Wanda and Karl Bohnstedt; Angela and Ken Brandt; Barbara Powers and Kris Brenard; Bonnie and John Grieco; Ann and Bill Miller; Elizabeth North and Wes Woolf; Rena and Nevin Patton; Peter+ and Marion Fleming; and Jan and +Henry Louttit

### **Prayer Requests**

For prayer requests, please contact our clergy. You may also contact our prayer list coordinator, Erin Waterman, at [cceprayforme@gmail.com](mailto:cceprayforme@gmail.com). or by phone 203.856.6361. + Indicates new prayer request.

## **Announcements**

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and with love for our wonderful fathers James Bockius and Mark Suwyn by Dan and Kim Suwyn.

### **Our Hospitality Ministry**

The hospitality ministry began in November of 2007 when Ann Miller was so excited about the energy after our first Sunday together that she called the then-senior warden Mills Fleming and offered her services to provide a reception



for our congregation. Now in her eleventh year of providing fellowship for us after church, her team is well-organized. Damon Fowler, Kathie Anderson and Ann prepare the food. Ann sets up the reception before church. Marie Dent has become a vital part of this ministry. She organizes those who help as hosts/hostesses during and after the reception.

They need some volunteer assistance this summer to refill beverages, remove empty trays and to assist with cleanup. If you are available to help on any Sundays from June—August, please sign up in the kitchen after church or contact Catherine Gussler at [cmgussler@gmail.com](mailto:cmgussler@gmail.com) or Marie Dent at [DENT\\_MM@mercer.edu](mailto:DENT_MM@mercer.edu). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Photo: Marie Dent (l) and Ann Miller ®



### **Save The Date!**

WHEN: Sunday, September 9 after the 10:30 a.m. service

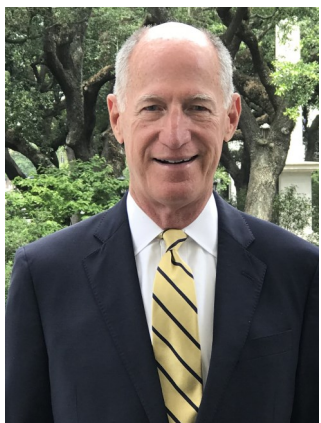
WHAT: Welcome Back and Fall Kickoff Lunch Celebration

WHO: In honor of ten years of service of our rector Michael White and organist/choirmaster Timothy Hall

WHERE: Charles Morris Center, 10 East Broad Street

### **Bill Haile Appointed Christ Church's Treasurer**

Christ Church is pleased to announce that Bill Haile was elected last Wednesday, June 13, by the vestry to serve as Christ Church's treasurer. Bill has been



a member of Christ Church since 1974. He was appointed to fill the position vacated by Catherine Gussler's move to Director of Administration of the church. The vestry is very thankful for Bill's willingness to assist in this capacity. Bill was a former Senior Warden of Christ Church. He has been chairman of our finance committee for eleven years and has been instrumental in setting our financial policies and approving our budget. Bill has also been instrumental in overseeing the care and maintenance

of our church's properties and the restoration of the Ascension Window last year. Bill retired as Chairman, President and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Georgia in 2011. He and his wife Gigi have lived in Savannah since the early 1970s. They have two sons: Fitz, who lives in San Francisco, and Rob, who lives in Brooklyn with his wife Christy and daughter Louise. We are grateful to Bill for his continued service to our congregation.

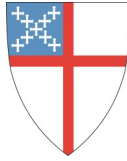


Photos from June 10, 2018—Third Sunday after Pentecost



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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*  
Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

### Vestry

Mary E. Raines, *Senior Warden*; Denton W. Stone, *Junior Warden*;  
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; William B. Haile, *Treasurer*;  
Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Spencer R. Burch; Michael M. Franck; Laura C. Lawton;  
Karen H. Oelschig; Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; William H. Wallace, M.D.;  
Andrew M. Wright; and Louise E. Wyche

### Sundays

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:15 a.m. Nursery  
The Nursery is located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,  
18 Abercorn Street.

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