

Day of Pentecost  
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June 9, 2019



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10:00 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 *Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit (BWV 667)* Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional\*      Hymnal 225

*Hail thee, festival day!*      *Salve festa dies*

Opening Acclamation and Response      BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis      Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Word of God

First Lesson      Genesis 11:1-9

Gradual Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*      BCP 735

Epistle      Acts 2:1-21

Sequence Hymn      Hymnal 510

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*      *St. Agnes*

Holy Gospel      John 14:8-17

Sermon      The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>If ye love me</i>	Thomas Tallis
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-155
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 516, 513
<i>In this very room</i>	Ron Harris
Maria Zouves, soprano	
<i>Come down, O Love divine</i>	<i>Down Ampney</i>
<i>Like the murmur of the dove's song</i>	<i>Bridegroom</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 525
<i>The Church's one foundation</i>	<i>Aurelia</i>
Postlude <i>Choral variation on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'</i>	Maurice Durufé

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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). Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

\*Children ages Pre-K-6th 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

## Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled



there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and

let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*The Tower of Babel.* 1958. Endre Rozsda.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*  
Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

BCP 735  
*Sung by the choir*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

### Epistle

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues,

as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation



under  
heaven  
living in  
Jerusalem.  
And at this  
sound the  
crowd  
gathered  
and was  
bewildered,  
because  
each one  
heard them  
speaking in

the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and

they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Pentecost.* Morgan Kuhn. 2010. Private Collection.

### Gospel

### John 14:8-17

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

### Prayers of the People

For the Sick and Those in Need +Loy, +Ronnie, +Charlie Aponick, +Felicia Wentway, Barbara Sullivan, Fred Sullivan, Martha, Dale Thorpe, Jane Bockius, Michele Wright, Lauren Milmine, Diane Sellers, Joan Nichols, Hugh Nichols, James, Rose, John Noyes, Cindy Dear, Holly Dean, Kelly, Karen Higgason, Shirley Ritter, Erik, Ron Coley, Patty Ronning, C. Daniel Motsinger, Mary Reynolds, Michele Price, Josephine Hall, Diane, Farzad Ruchi, Bonnie Jean Small, Evans Wilson, Ryan Sabatos, David Howard, Ken

Sorenson, Thomas Marsh, Molly, David Templeton, Emily, Barbara Benton, Hannah O'Malley, Becky Johnson, Joellen Evans, Cindy Murphy, Blythe Bailey, Stewart Thames, Ben Burrell, David Shephard, Jerry Miller, Louis Dent, Sidney Fowler, Fenton McEvoy, Tommy Herrmann, Charles Flannigan, Yvette Taylor, Meredith Vertili, Danny Hill, Lisa Butler, Ted Miller, the Rt. Rev. Henry Louttit, Jr., Aline Callahan, Tommy Seipel, Taylor Summerell, Amy L. Johnson, Laura Angell, Ruth Stone, Will Ronning, Clara, Ronnie MacPherson Severance, Justin Elkenberry, Sandy Thornton, John Garner, Cindy King, Tara Hughes, Sam Varnedoe, Anita Clay, the Rev. Robert Horn, Judy Tschetter, Warren Fowler, Virginia

**For the Birthdays of** Caroline Keller, Crawford Lerch, Stephen Gerard, Gene Marshall, Lawrence Carson, Jim Gerhart, Harris Brown, Marisa Sauer, 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, William Holden, Frank Chappell, Margaret Dickens, Harris Stone, Audrey Griffith, Denton Stone, Jud Hill, Garrett Zajac, James Mikell, Meredith Dulany, Henry Christian, Alex Lynch

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Catharine & Gordon Varnedoe, Montie & Steve Acuff; Kathie & Les Anderson; Donna & Jeremy Blalock; Wanda & Karl Bohnstedt; Angela & Ken Brandt, Barbara Powers & Kris Brenard; Bonnie & John Grieco; Lynn & Hudson Harrison, Elizabeth North & Wes Woolf; Rena & Nevin Patton; Holly & Peter Ruhlin; Brooke and Denton Stone; Judy & Phil Walters

**For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:** +Clay Careny, +Eunice Bell, +Elaine Carleton, +Mar Wright, William C. Rhangos, Frances Grimbball Maclean

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

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.



## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theodora Lippitt Gongaware by her children and grandchildren.

### **Thank You to Janet Stone!**

Janet Stone has been one of the chairs of our Altar Guild since we re-formed in 2007. Earlier, in the 1990s, she and Virginia Maxwell were co-leaders, but when we returned to Johnson Square and Virginia assumed responsibility for lay readers, Janet recruited Holley Helfrich to assist as co-chair of the group that prepares the altar for each and every service held by the church. The primary duties of the Altar Guild are to set out the bread and wine for the Eucharist and to care for the linens and silver used in our services. These duties typically occur on Sunday and involve setting up and cleaning up before and after each service. They also order the bread, wine and candles and take care of seasonal changes of banners and hangings and the veils for the crosses. Many thanks to Janet for her over ten years of leadership in ensuring our worship services are seamless. She will remain in service on the Altar Guild. Janet is a retired History Professor from Armstrong Atlantic University. She not only serves the church on the Altar Guild, but she also leads tours of our church when requested by special groups. She also works in the church office once a month. Holley will remain as leader and Wanda Bohnstedt will join Holley in her duties and in helping to train new members of the Altar Guild. If you are interested in helping in this “behinds the scenes” ministry to our congregation, please contact Catherine Gussler ([admin@ccesavannah.org](mailto:admin@ccesavannah.org)), Holly, or Wanda.



### **Day of Pentecost**

Today we mark the end of the Great 50 Days of Easter with the Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the infant church. At Pentecost, we celebrate the gift God gives us of being able to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the various languages of the whole human world. The Gospel is not the property of any one group, any one

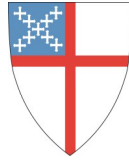
culture or history, but is what God intends for the salvation of all who will listen and respond. The peace of Christ is an energy driven by love that reorders all things according to God’s desire, not our own. “We have the mind of Christ” says St. Paul (I Cor. 2.16); and, as the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople has recently written, this means that we must have a “kenotic”, a self-emptying approach to each other in the Church. May the Spirit create this in us daily and lead us into that wholeness of truth which is only to be found in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

**Photos from June 2, 2019—7th Sunday of Easter**



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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 Christian Formation and Children's Ministry*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

**Vestry**

Denton W. Stone, *Senior Warden*; Karen H. Oelschig, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; William B. Haile, *Treasurer*;

Montie Acuff; Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Spencer R. Burch; Michael M. Franck;

Clayton Gagne-Thomas; Laura C. Lawton; Julia L. Mikell, M.D.;

Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; Jerry H. Reeves V;

William H. Wallace, M.D.; and Louise E. Wyche

**Sundays**

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Nursery

The Nursery is located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street.

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

The telephone number is 912-236-2500

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