

The Morning Service, eleven o’clock

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood – Revelation 1:5

† indicates the congregation standing if able • indicates seating for those detained

The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

The Welcome Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Prelude – O God, My Faithful God.....arr. Manz
Laura Doss, Organ

The Introit..... Churchill

Jesus Is King

Jesus is King! With joy we extol Him, give Him the glory, and honor His name.
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens, Word of the Father, exalted for us.
O Holy One, our hearts do adore Thee; thrilled with Thy goodness, we give Thee our praise. Angels in light with worship surround Thee, Jesus our Savior, forever the same.

The Scriptural Call to WorshipHebrews 12:28, 29

²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

The Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 6) TIDINGS

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

† The Confession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

† The Doxology – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 731).....OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Morning Prayer.....Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

• The Offertory AnthemScott

God Be In My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and my departing. Amen.
(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 460) ... AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace!

(On the final verse, children K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children’s Church.)

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:1 (Page 976)

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon..... Rev. Hendrick

THE RICHES OF CHRIST

PART I

I. The City of Ephesus – The People of the World (Acts 18, 19)

II. The Calling of Believers – The People of God

A.) Saints
B.) Faithful (Eph. 4:4)
C.) In Christ Jesus

– We are chosen in Him (Eph. 1:4)
– We are redeemed by His blood (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14)
– We belong to Him (1 Cor. 3:23; 1 Peter 2:9)
– We are connected to Him (John 15:4)
– We are united to Him (1 Cor. 6:17)

Romans 6; Eph. 2

Christ is our source of wisdom (1 Cor. 1:27–29)
It is in Christ that we are made alive (1 Cor. 15:22)

– We are a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
– We are all sons of God (Gal. 3:26)
– There is no condemnation (Rom. 8:1)
– We have been set free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2)
– We have eternal life (1 John 5:11, 12)
– We receive “grace and peace” (Eph. 1:2)
– We have the hope of glory (Col 1:27)

† The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 32) FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy Faithfulness

The Presentation of New Members

William Dyer Lisa Hayes

The Benediction..... Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – Trumpet Voluntary in B-flat..... Lasky

The Evening Service, six o’clock

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit – Ephesians 2:22

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The Prelude – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wisearr. Shackley
Cathie McClure, Piano

The Welcome..... Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 105:1–3

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! ²Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! ³Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 3)..... WARRINGTON

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

The Evening Prayer.....Rev. Hendrick

The Offering & The OffertorySchumann, arr. Rebecca Bonam

Lord, Speak to Me

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 30).....ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for Children’s Choir.)

The Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:6 (Page 802)

Leader: Faith comes from hearing
Congregation: And hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

The Prayer for Illumination

The SermonRev. Ryan Bigham

GOD UNCHANGING

† The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 59)DUKE STREET

Forever Settled in the Heavens

† The Benediction.....Rev. Bigham

The Postlude

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by John & Yvonne Clark.

All of this and more can be found at *christchurchpres.org*

Announcements

Graduating Seniors — Congratulations, High School Seniors!

Cami Beasley Eliana Lynch Preston Hood
Esther Doss Nichols Parish Jared Wade

Wednesday Night Summer Schedule — Make plans now to join us on Wednesday nights in the summer for food and fellowship! We will kick things off this Wednesday, May 15th, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a viewing of the video of *Objections Answered* by R. C. Sproul. There will also be activities for the youth and children. The menu this week is Pizza, Salad & Dessert. Please make a reservation for dinner using the Friendship Register or on the church website, *myccp.faith*.

Financial Report and Update — On May 19 all adult Sunday School classes will meet in Covenant Hall, and there will be a financial update concerning the church finances. Come and learn how we are doing and what we have done year to date.

Fellowship Luncheon — You are invited to join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon next Sunday, May 19, following the morning worship service in Covenant Hall. Members are asked to bring a generous side dish, salad, or dessert to share, and visitors are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP online at *myccp.faith* or with the insert in the bulletin today.

Memorial Day Picnic — Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a Memorial Day Picnic at the Lake on May 27! We'll be out at Pointes West Army Resort in Appling beginning at 10:00 a.m., and we'll enjoy food, fellowship, and fun for the day! Come and go as you would like. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, paper products, and ice will be provided.

Please bring the following to help out according to your last name:

- A–J bring sides,
- K–S bring desserts,
- T–Z bring drinks.

Please rsvp online at *myccp.faith*.

Vacation Bible School — VBS dates for this year are June 24–28. Join us in a world of wonder that will delight our senses while captivating our hearts and minds at The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation. We will cruise through jungle rivers, making stops at seven ports of call along the way—each starting with a C. These represent seven key biblical events—the 7 Cs of History. To register your student for VBS, go to the VBS menu on *myccp.faith*. We also need many adults to help facilitate a wonderful week for our covenant children and our surrounding community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Frances Gojda at *frances@christchurchpres.org*

Mark Your Calendars

- ◇ **Financial Report and Update** — May 19 at 9:45 a.m.
- ◇ **Fellowship Luncheon** — May 19 at 12:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Memorial Day Picnic at Clarks Hill Lake** — May 27 from 10:00–3:00, Lunch at 1:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Christ Church Concert Series Featuring The King's Brass** — June 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ **VBS** — June 24–28 (Registration now open at *myccp.faith*)
- ◇ **Youth Retreat — Ridge Haven** — July 1–5

Building Update

We continue to accept contributions to the capital campaign which will be applied to the principal of the outstanding loan. To date, \$980,666.23 has been received towards the \$1,200,000 expansion.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 62. What are the reasons added to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons added to the fourth commandment are God allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, His claiming a special ownership of the seventh, His own example, and His blessing of the Sabbath day.

This Week at Christ Church

Week of May 12 — May 18

SUNDAY, May 12

6:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
7:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
9:00 a.m. Donuts & CoffeeCovenant Hall
9:45 a.m.Sunday School
Nursery I (Birth–23 mos.)..... Nursery I
Nursery II (24–47 mos.)..... Children's Building
K4 through Grade 5 Children's Building
Grades 6–12 Youth Building
Adult..... Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m.....Morning Worship Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.Ladies Online Prayer Group
Diane Dunsmore (*ddunsmore777@gmail.com*; 706-401-4146)
Maria Russell (*edmamman@gmail.com*; 706-726-1703)

4:30 p.m.AYCSanctuary
6:00 p.m.Evening WorshipSanctuary

MONDAY, May 13

7:00 p.m. AHG..... Children's Building
7:00 p.m. Trail LifeCovenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 15

5:30 p.m. Fellowship DinnerCovenant Hall
6:00 p.m.Children & Youth Activities Assigned Locations
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study.....Covenant Hall
6:05 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers RehearsalSanctuary
7:05 p.m.Sanctuary Choir RehearsalSanctuary

THURSDAY, May 16

11:00 a.m.....WOCC Knitting & Crochet Spurr Home
6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting.....Church Office
6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study..... Boyd Home
FRIDAY, May 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer.....Church Office
10:00 a.m..... Ladies Bible StudyCovenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Mel Jewett & John Dunsmore.

Ushers are Allen Richardson, Andrew Norkus & Stephen Dyer.

The Deacon on Duty is Joe Beasley (wearing a red rose).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Charles McClure & Glynn Dyer.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Gary Cowart, Lee Carter & Rich Fishel.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Marion Butler.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week

Tim & Lana Higginbotham, NAIM

Prayer for their children is their highest priority. They ask that the Holy Spirit reignite the faith they professed as children.

Current Officers With Class Year

Elders

Mel Jewett (2024)
Charles McClure (2024)
Derrick Smits (2024)
Mike Boyd (2025)
Glynn Dyer (2025)
Ken Moody (2025)
John Dunsmore (2026)
Johan Hubenthal (2026)
John Norkus (2026)

Deacons

Marino De Rienzo (2024)
Rich Fishel (2024)
Gene Gojda (2024)
Dan Campbell (2024)
Ed Russell (2024)
Joe Beasley (2025)
Marion Butler (2025)

Gary Cowart (2025)
Matt Linton (2025)
Eddie Zamora (2025)
Lee Carter (2026)
Hank Gautreaux (2026)
Davis Mellick (2026)

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
Ephesians 1:1

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God's Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord's Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please call the church office.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*
Rev. Ryan Bigham, *Assistant Pastor*
Ms. Laura Doss, *Interim Director of Music/Organist*
Mrs. Frances Gojda, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Digital Media Director*
Mrs. Donna Sherman, *Administrative Assistant*
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