

The Morning Service, eleven o’clock
The Third Sunday of Advent
To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5
† indicates the congregation standing; • 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 — What Child Is This?..... arr. Hayes
Laura Doss, Organ

The Introit..... Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Scriptural Call to Worship.....Luke 1:46b, 47
“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

The Invocation

• † The Carol of Praise — (Trinity Hymnal, No. 203)..... MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

† The Confession of FaithThe 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 Lighting of the Joy Advent Candle... Dr. Charles McClure, Ruling Elder
Zephaniah 3:14–20 & Luke 2:8–20

The Morning Prayer

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

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

The Offertory Anthem arr. Sjolund
Away In a Manger
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky and stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

† The Carol of Preparation — (Trinity Hymnal, No. 200)CAROL
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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

The New Testament Reading Luke 2:1–20 (Page 857)
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 SermonRev. Hendrick
WHY IS EVERYONE SINGING?
1.) Moses (Exodus 15:1–18))
2.) Miriam (Exodus 15:21)
3.) Deborah (Judges 5:3)
4.) Psalms (Psalms 120–134)
5.) Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1–10)

I. Mary (Luke 1:46–56)
A.) Mighty (v. 49, 51)
B.) Majesty (v. 49)
C.) Merciful (v. 50)

II. Zechariah (Luke 1:68–79)
III. Simeon (Luke 2:22–39)
Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27; Phil. 4:7; Gal. 5:22, 23; Roman 5:1
IV. Our Song (Rev. 5:9)

† The Carol of Response — (Trinity Hymnal, No. 214)..... GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

The Installation/Ordination of Officers.....Rev. Hendrick	
<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Dan Campbell	Rich Fishel
Gene Gojda	Billy Hatcher
Jon Kunze	Charles McClure
Ken Lynch	Derrick Smits
Richard Turner	

† The BenedictionRev. Hendrick

The Postlude — Postlude on Antioch.....arr. Shackley



Christmas Season Worship Schedule

All are invited...

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons & Carols — This evening at 6:00 p.m.

The choir, Pastor Robbie and Tammy invite you to a dessert drop in at the Hendrick home tonight right after The Joy of Christmas program.
101 Hunting Tower Drive, Grovetown

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship — Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no Sunday School or Evening Worship Service on December 22 or December 29.

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

Church Staff Christmas Gift— Donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff. If you would like to contribute, please do so by today by placing it in the offering plate (marked staff gift).

Year-End Giving— Always being thankful for how the Lord has provided for each of us throughout 2024, please consider sharing His generosity with Christ Church through an end-of-the-year blessing. All gifts should be turned in to the office by Monday, December 30. Year-end gifts that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31. You may also give online.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship — Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve worship service. The service will include an extended prelude by the Church Strings and Piano, as well as congregational carol singing and Rev. Robbie Hendrick will share from the Word. We will conclude the service with singing Silent Night together by candlelight.

Men’s Bible Study Opportunities: Join us on Saturday, January 7, at 7 a.m. as we continue our study in Proverbs. Breakfast will be provided. If you plan to join us, please RSVP online at myccp.faith or by contacting the church office. We are also pleased to announce a new study, which will meet on the third Friday evening of each month, beginning on January 17th. This will be a topical discussion, guided by J.C. Ryle’s book, Holiness. If you are interested in learning more about these studies, please contact Pastor Ryan at rbigham@christchurchpres.org.

Christ Church Christmas Caroling — All are invited to come caroling on Thursday, December 19th. We'll begin at the church at 6:00 p.m. and then drive around to the nearby members in their homes. The music and route will be provided. After we have finished caroling, we will return to the church for some hot chocolate and cookies. Please bring a Christmas treat for everyone and your best singing voices.

Financial Report			
	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>2024 Budgted</u>
Tithes/Offerings	81,962.93	898,457.72	1,006,640.07
Expense	83,421.50	894,166.44	946,919.15
Income	(1,458.57)	4,291.28	59,720.92
Prior Month Mortgage Balance			2,390,160.83
Current Month Mortgage Balance			<u>2,362,755.44</u>
Monthly Mortgage Reduction			27,405.39



The Poinsettias
are given
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF

Our parents *by Anne & Bill Alston*
Peggy Beasley *by Joe Beasley and family*
Barbara P. Bowen *by Charles, Debbie & Greg Bowen*
Paul and Grace Cline *by Tim & Cindy Bufford*
Helen and W. J. Bufford *by Tim & Cindy Bufford*
Jason Clark *by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark*
Matthew Clark *by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark*
Louis Bates Folley, Jr. *by Martha Folley*
Paige Folley Christian *by Martha Folley*
Dean Ray and Barbara Miller *by their daughter Gloria Gill*
Debra Dunlap Hatcher *by Billy Hatcher*
Tim Hayes *by his wife Lisa Hayes*
Loved ones *by Janet Hesse*
Joseph “Joey” Johnson, Jr. *by his wife Margaret Johnson*
Joseph and Ruth Ladun *by Michael & Janet Ladun*
Talmadge and Annette Miles *by Michael & Janet Ladun*
My husband, Tom Loughran *by Frances J. Loughran*
Jackie Lynch *by Ken Lynch*
Leo Marquez *by the family*
Mr. W.S. Mauldin, Jr. *by Carol Mauldin*
Our parents *by Charles & Cathie McClure*
Our parents *by Dana & Patti McWhirter*
Rachel’s aunt, Mrs. Mina Miller *by Davis, Rachel, Charlotte, Caroline & Benjamin Mellick*
Parents and Grandparents, Mildred & Kenneth Norkus, Mary & Roger Rossman & dear family friend,
 Patricia Johnson *by John & Diane Norkus & family*
Pamela Wohlford Keith *by her sister, Sandy Rockman*
Mr. & Mrs. Harold B. Wohlford *by their daughter, Sandy Rockman*
Our parents *by Melissa & Charles Spurr*
Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. John C. Weidman and Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Frye *by Mary & Jay Weidman*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN HONOR OF

Our grandchildren, Bennett, Carter, Liam & Thomas *by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Boyd*
To the Glory of God *by Linda Brooks*
Shannon’s father, Rodney Riley *by Stu & Shannon Dawley*
Janet Reinking and her family *by her aunt, Linda Fleming*
David Moody and his family in honor of his ordination and installation *by his aunt, Linda Fleming*
To the glory of God *by Mel & Charlotte Jewett*
My wife Diann *by Jon Kunze*
My daughters, Gracie & Zoe *by Jon Kunze*
Our family near and far *by the Lintons*
To the Glory of God *by Bill & Linda McGowan*
Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Warren K. Milner and Dr. Larry & Jeanie Mellick *by Davis, Rachel,*
 Charlotte, Caroline & Benjamin Mellick
Mr. Ayham & Mrs. Yvonne Omary *by the Omary Family*
Dr. Robert Spence *by the Omary Family*
Dirk & Grace Smits *by Derrick & Hannah Smits*
Our children and grandchildren *by Melissa & Charles Spurr*
To the glory of God *by Jay & Mary Weidman*
To the glory of God *by Eddie & Jen Zamora*



This Week at Christ Church
Week of December 15 – December 21, 2023

SUNDAY, December 15
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
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
 Nursery I (Birth–23 mos.).....Nursery 1
 Nursery II (24–47 mos.).....Nursery 2
 K4 through Grade 6.....Covenant Hall
 Grades 7–12Youth House
 Adult.....Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.....Morning WorshipSanctuary
 (On the second carol, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children’s Church.)
6:00 p.m. The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons & CarolsSanctuary
7:30 p.m. Hendrick Christmas Drop-in.....Hendrick Home
 (101 Hunting Tower Drive, Grovetown, GA, 30813)
MONDAY, December 16
7:00 p.m. Trail Life..... Covenant Hall
7:00 p.m. AHG..... Children’s Building
WEDNESDAY, December 18
7:00 p.m.Sanctuary Choir RehearsalSanctuary

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption?
A. The Spirit of God makes the reading of the Word, but especially the preaching of it, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, to salvation.

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Mike Boyd & Rick Rezzelle.
Ushers are Eddie Zamora, Rich Fishel & Marion Butler.
The Deacon on Duty is Dan Campbell (wearing a red rose).
Elders greeting at the doors next Lord’s Day will be John Clark & Derrick Smits.
Ushers next Lord’s Day will be Tommy Samuels & Dan Campbell.
The Deacon on Duty next week will be Gene Gojda.

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)
John Dunsmore (2026)
Johan Hubenthal (2026)
John Norkus (2026)

Deacons

Dan Campbell (2024)
Marino De Rienzo (2024)
Rich Fishel (2024)
Gene Gojda (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, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

Luke 1:46 b, 47

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*
Mr. Johan Hubenthal, *Interim Director of Youth Ministries*
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*
Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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