

The Morning Service, eleven o’clock

First 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 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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Robert Lau

The Introit 13th Century Hymn

Emmanuel Shall Come

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 95:1–3

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! ³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 194) VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† 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 HUNDREDTH

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 Hope Advent Candle The Zamora Family

Jeremiah 33:14–16, Luke 2:1–7

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 Anthem arr. Gustav Holst

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in His hand,

Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,

Lord of Lords in human vesture in the Body and the Blood.

He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way

As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day

That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,

Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most High! Amen! Amen!

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

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196) HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

The New Testament Reading Hebrews 2:5–9 (Page 1001)

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

- DOMINION
- I. Dominion Given (v. 5; Gen. 1)
- II. Dominion Lost (v. 8; Gen. 3)
- III. Dominion Restored (v. 9; Rom. 5:6–8)
- A.) Through His humiliation (v. 9; Phil. 2:8)
- B.) Through His exaltation (v. 9; John 10:18; Matt. 28:18)
- IV. Dominion Delayed (v. 5)

Takeaways:

† The Hymn of Response – (Family Songs, No. 7) THRONE ROOM

Before the Throne of God Above

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Friedrich Zachau

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 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes

The Welcome Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 147:1–5

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 310) DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

The Evening Prayer Rev. Hendrick

The Offering & The Offertory arr. Larry Shackley

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 481) LEMMEL

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(Children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for Children’s Choir.)

The New Testament Reading Matthew 15:1–20 (Page 820)

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 SIN OF OBEDIENCE

- I. Tradition (v. 1, 2)
- Ex. 19:10; Lev. 16:28; Num. 19:7; Ex. 30:17–21; Lev. 15:11
- II. Transgression (v. 3–9)
- A.) Accusation (v. 3, 7–9)
- B.) Illustration (v. 4)
- C.) Explanation (v. 5, 6)
- III. Transformation (v. 11–20)
- A.) Dead plants uprooted (v. 13)
- B.) Ditch-walking blind men (v. 14)
- C.) Defiled heart (v. 17–20)
- IV. Truth About (What to Do)
- A.) Rules of the Bible
- B.) Ideals of the Bible (principles)
- C.) Biblical narratives
- D.) Biblical images and symbols
- E.) Biblical Psalms and prayers
- F.) Doctrines of God

† The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 585) HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude

All of this and more can be found at *myccp.faith*
Announcements

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary — Today is the last day to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please complete the form given with this bulletin and place it in the offering plate along with payment. The cost of each plant is \$15.00. Additional forms may be obtained from the Welcome Table. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, and you are encouraged to take your flower(s) home afterward to enjoy on Christmas day.

Christmas Missionary Love Gift Dinner — December 3 is our annual Christmas Missionary Love Gift Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. This is a special time to worship our Savior as we celebrate His birth and to honor church-sponsored field missionaries by bringing monetary donations for a Christmas gift supporting the work of God’s kingdom. Meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a generous dish according to the guidelines below. Today is the last day to RSVP.

Last names beginning with:

- A-D:** Salads
E-N: Sides (rice, vegetables, starch, etc.)
O-Z: Desserts

Children’s Christmas Party — Please make plans to join us on December 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for a fun Pajama and Pizza movie night to celebrate the Christmas season. We will enjoy a pizza dinner in Covenant Hall and then cozy up (wear your pajamas and bring your blankets and pillows) to watch the Christmas classic The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Parents are always welcome to stay for the fun, or you can use this time to drop and shop. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Children’s Building or email Frances Gojda at *frances@christchurchpres.org*.

Church Staff Christmas Gift — Donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate by Sunday, December 7 marked specifically for that purpose.

Congregational Meeting — There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 14, following the morning worship service for the express purpose of officer election for the Class of 2028.

AYC Christmas Concert — The Augusta Youth Chorale invites you to their annual Christmas Concert! It will be in our sanctuary on Friday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. AYC has grown by leaps and bounds this year. We have fifty-five singers, and they sound really great! They’ll be singing selections such as O Holy Night, O Magnum Mysterium, Shepherd’s Pipe Carol, Silent Night, Polar Express, Carol of the Bells, and more! Some of the youth will be playing instrumental selections as well. This is a ticketed event and proceeds from ticket sales go to fund our Spring Tour. Please consider coming out to support this great organization! Tickets can be purchased at *www.augustayouthchorale.ludus.com*

Inquirer’s Class — Led by Rev. Robbie Hendrick, this class is for anyone who is considering membership and/or wanting to know more about our church. This six-week class will be held during the Sunday school hour beginning January 4. Please sign up at the Welcome Table or call the church office at (706) 210-9090.

Mark Your Calendars

- ◇ **Missionary Love Gift Dinner** — December 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Congregational Meeting** — December 14
- ◇ **AYC Christmas Concert** — December 19 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ **The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols** — December 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** — December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Do this in remembrance of Me.” *Luke 22:19*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a means of grace instituted by our Lord to commemorate His death and to commune with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament during **Evening worship** on Sunday, December 7. The leaders of Christ Church strongly encourage Christ Church, Presbyterian members to make plans and preparation to be present and partake of this wonderful means of grace.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

This Week at Christ Church

Week of November 30 — December 6

SUNDAY, November 30

6:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts

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9:00 a.m.Donuts & Coffee.....Covenant Hall

9:45 a.m.Sunday School.....Assigned Locations

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 Various Locations

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 (*edmamam@gmail.com*; 706-726-1703)

4:00 p.m.AYC Rehearsal Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.Evening Worship Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 1

7:00 p.m.AHGChildren’s Building

7:00 p.m.Trail LifeCovenant Hall

TUESDAY, December 2

6:30 p.m.Young Adult Bible StudyChildren’s Building

7:00 p.m.Augusta Bible Study..... Moncrief Home

WEDNESDAY, December 3

6:00 p.m.Missionary Love Gift DinnerCovenant Hall

7:15 p.m.Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 4

11:00 a.m.WOCC..... Barinowski Home

7:30 p.m.Ladies Online Prayer Group

FRIDAY, December 5

7:00 a.m.Men’s PrayerChurch Office

SATURDAY, December 7

7:00 a.m.Men’s Bible StudyCovenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning’s service are Johan Hubenthal & Derrick Smits.

Ushers are Matt Linton, Michael Carter & Marion Butler; security is Jon Kunze.

The Deacon on Duty is Davis Mellick (wearing a red rose).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord’s Day will be Mel Jewett & Mike Boyd.

Ushers next Lord’s Day will be Dan Campbell, Hank Gautreaux & Campbell Bailey.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Joe Beasley; security will be Hank Gautreaux.

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

Mike Boyd (2025)

Glynn Dyer (2025)

Billy Hatcher (2025)

John Dunsmore (2026)

Johan Hubenthal (2026)

John Norkus (2026)

Rich Fishel (2027)

Charles McClure (2027)

Derrick Smits (2027)

Deacons

Joe Beasley (2025)

Marion Butler (2025)

Gary Cowart (2025)

Matt Linton (2025)

Eddie Zamora (2025)

Lee Carter (2026)

Hank Gautreaux (2026)

Davis Mellick (2026)

Dan Campbell (2027)

Gene Gojda (2027)

John Kunze (2027)

Ken Lynch (2027)

Richard Turner (2027)

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord’s Day, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.
Hebrews 2:9

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 talk with an elder standing by the piano after the service.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*

Rev. Ryan Bigham, *Assistant Pastor*

Dr. John L. Wilson, *Director of Music Ministries*

Mr. Jonathan McKenzie, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Mrs. Frances Gojda, *Director of Children’s Ministries*

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