

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Year B

January 28, 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>Andantino alla cantilena</i>	William Lloyd Webber
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	

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111 <i>Confitebor tibi</i>	BCP 754
Anglican Chant by Richard Massey	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 493
<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	<i>Azmon</i>
Holy Gospel	Mark 1:21-28
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>He Comes to Us</i>	Jane Marshall
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-155
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 339, 711
<i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	<i>Schmücke dich</i>
<i>Seek ye first</i>	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 448
<i>O love, how deep</i>	<i>Deus tuorum militum</i>
Postlude <i>Prelude in G major (BWV 541a)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

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 website can be found at www.christchurchsavannah.org. Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell. 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

BCP 754

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through



whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do



not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge,

eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Above: *La Divina Commedia di Dante (Dante and the Divine Comedy)*, fresco by Domenico di Michelino, in the nave of the Duomo of Florence, Italy.

Opposite page: *Exorcism of the Demons at Arezzo*. Giotto. 1297-1299. Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assisi, Italy.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was

in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Wolfe Harrison and Joseph Huger and Louise Lynah Harrison by their family.

Living Sunday, Every Day

Sunday School for All Ages continues with Living Sunday, Every day.

9:00 Breakfast; 9:30–10:10 Classes for all ages with nursery provided

2nd floor of Christ Church Parish House, Abercorn and Bryan St. (northeast corner)

Join the fun as all ages gather to explore what it means to be part of the Christ Church community on Sundays and people of faith the rest of the week. After breakfast and a 10 minute presentation, we break into small groups to discuss the ideas shared. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship, formation and worthwhile conversation. Below is the schedule of the remaining adult forums:

- January 28: Presenter: Bertice Berry—All are Welcome
- February 4th: Presenter: Andy Wright—Joyful Living
- February 11: Presenter: Ryan Chandler—Servant Leadership
- February 18: Presenter: the Rev. Michael White—Baptism and Eucharist
- February 25: Presenter: the Rev. Michael White—Scripture
- March 4: Presenter: Timothy Hall—Music and Spirit

- March 11: Presenter: Mary Raines— Ministries at CCE
- March 18: Presenter: the Rev. Patti Davis— Summary and Closing

Children and Youth will also have meaningful classes including Sunday Service Projects and exploration of the Book of Common Prayer, Eucharist and Baptism. For more information please contact the Rev. Helen White at helen.white@cCESSavannah.org.

The Rev. Sierra Wilkinson Reyes

It is with great joy that we share the news that the Rev. Sierra Wilkinson Reyes has accepted the call to serve as the next rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Denver, Colorado. Her official start date is February 5 and her first Sunday will be February 11. Please keep Sierra, Rudy, Julia Mae, and the people of St. Luke's in your prayers as they begin the journey of sharing life and faith together. The portrait below was painted by Catherine Varnedoe and will soon be sent to Sierra as a gift for her to remember her six years serving at Christ Church, Savannah.



Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Following our 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, please join us on Sunday, January 28 for Christ Church's Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. We will hear reports from our

Sr. Warden (reflecting on the church's mission), the Jr. Warden (sharing a summary of the updated Parish Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation), and Vestry Member and Art Historian, Dr. Gary Radke (sharing a brief slide show on the history of the Ascension Window using his research from the Georgia Historical Society). We will commission the Vestry for 2018 and then enjoy a festive reception hosted by our usual Evening Eucharist reception team.

Edward Wallace Debuts as Christ Church's Newest Acolyte

Last Sunday, Edward Wallace debuted as Christ Church's newest acolyte. Edward was born in Savannah and is the older son of Drs. Will and Heather Wallace and his younger brother is Thomas. His grandparents, Bill and Dale Wallace, are also active members of our parish. He is in the 3d grade and enjoys listening to Bruno Mars and the Beatles. His favorite sports are basketball and baseball.



Project Smile's Mission Trip to Belize

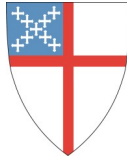
The Project Smile team leaves for Belize on Sunday, February 11, and we are in need of children's books—preferably new (but gently used will be accepted). Each child who receives dental care also receives a book to take home — which means we need lots of children's books! You may leave your gifts in the basket marked for Project Smile in the Undercroft. Project Smile began in 1992 under the leadership of Dr. Steve and Montie Acuff and, since its inception, they and their team have provided free dental care to over 12,000 children in Belize. The Acuffs have been faithful members of Christ Church for decades.

Photos from January 14, 2018—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany



Photos from January 21, 2018—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany





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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*
Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*; Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*;
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*;
Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Robert M. Davenport; Celia W. Dunn; Michael M. Franck;
John Thomas Gennuso; Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.; Laura Connerat Lawton;
Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; Denton W. Stone; and Andrew M. Wright

Sundays

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September—May)

Sunday School and Nursery are located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,
18 Abercorn Street. Nursery begins at 9:15 a.m. when Sunday School is in session and
at 10:15 a.m. on other Sundays.

Wednesdays 12 Noon

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Chapel

Christ Church's office address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

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

The telephone number is 912-236-2500 and the office hours are

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

www.christchurchsavannah.org

Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.