

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

Year B

January 7, 2018



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733





CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733

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>How brightly shines the Morning Star</i>	Niels Gade
Processional	Hymnal 117
<i>Brightest and best</i>	<i>Morning Star</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 299
Collect of the Day	

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29 <i>Afferte Domino</i>	BCP 629
Epistle	Acts 19:1-7
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 121
<i>Christ, when for us you were baptized</i>	<i>Caithness</i>
Holy Gospel	Mark 1:4-11
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Lee Magdalene Mikell

Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Baptismal Hymn	Hymnal 296
<i>We know that Christ is raised</i>	<i>Engelberg</i>
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>This is my beloved Son</i>	Dan Uhl
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 124
<i>What star is this?</i>	Puer nobis
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 119
<i>As with gladness men of old</i>	<i>Dix</i>
Postlude <i>Hornpipe from "Water Music"</i>	G. F. Handel

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.

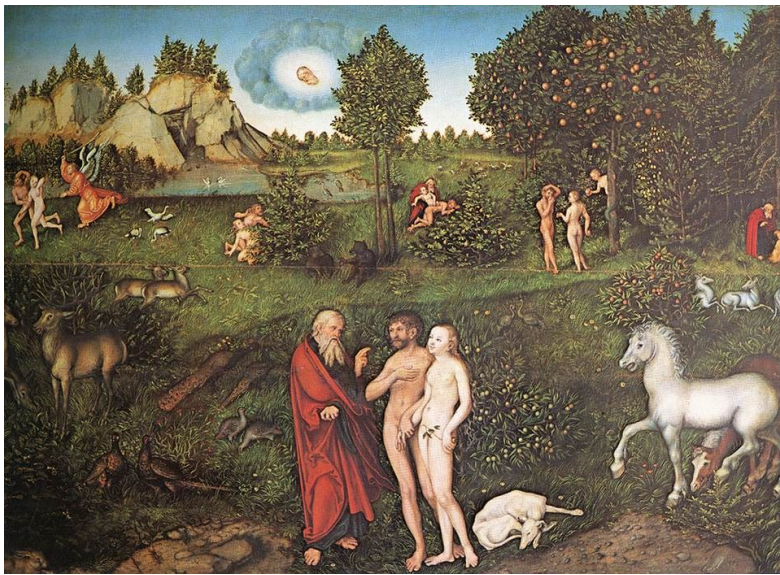
*Children ages Pre-K-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the Cross at this time. Younger children and caregivers are also invited to participate in Children's Chapel.

**All Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Eden (Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1472–1553)

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

BCP 629

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf; *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on

them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.



Henry Ossawa Tanner. *The Three Wise Men*. 1925. Private Collection.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

+ + +

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Eaton Prince Cobb, Dr. Charles L. Prince III, Charles L. Prince IV, Dr. Elliot A. Cobb, and Katherine Prince Wilcox by Staige and Michael DeBenedetti and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Lee Magdalene Mikell by Christ Church.

The Holy Baptism of Lee Magdalene Mikell

Today, Lee Magdalene Mikell will receive the sacrament of holy baptism and be marked as Christ's own forever. Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ. Maggie was born on January 6, 2017. Her parents are Dr. John and Jane Mikell and her older brothers are John and James (both of whom were baptized at Christ Church, too). Maggie's grandmother, Dr. Julia Mikell, and uncle, Sam Mikell, are also faithful communicants of our church. Maggie's maternal grandparents are James and Joan Lancaster and her godparents are Pierce and Lollie Owings.



Bus Ride to Presiding Bishop's Revival Service on Sat., Jan. 20

Gordon Varnadoe is organizing a Christ Church bus to this exciting event at Honey Creek. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, will be the primary preacher at this outdoor festival/revival event entitled, "Fearless Faith, Boundless Love." There will also be food trucks where lunch can be purchased and special music from the Savannah Children's

Choir and the Albany State Choir. The service begins at 1 p.m. Please bring a \$20 donation to the bus. A common meeting time and place will be announced soon. If you would like a seat on the bus, contact the church office at 912.236.2500 or leslie.parker@ccesavannah.org. If you have questions, please speak with either Gordon, the rector, or Leslie Parker. Seats on the bus will be first come first served. In addition to reserving a place on the Christ Church bus, all attendees are asked to register for the event online at www.gaepiscopal.org and follow the “Revival” link. If you registered for the original Revival service that was scheduled last September but had to be postponed due to Hurricane Matthew, you are automatically registered for this new date as well.

Living Sunday, Everyday

Sunday School for all ages begins January 21

As the community of Christ Church, worshiping together on Sunday is our defining experience. In Holy Eucharist we are joined together as the Body of Jesus Christ. During our worship we sing hymns of praise, hear readings from Holy Scripture, confess our faith and our sins, and offer the prayers of our hearts to God. We share a meal that is sacred to Christians— the bread and wine which joins us to the Risen Christ and to one another. So what happens on Monday?

Beginning January 21, join other members of Christ Church for eight Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. During Sunday school for all ages, we will embark on an exploration entitled, “Living Sunday, Everyday.” If you match one or more of the following descriptors, you are especially encouraged to attend:

- You desire (for yourself and/or your children) to deepen your faith, get more out of worship on Sunday mornings, and connect faith to daily life Monday-Saturday.
- You would like to be formally received as a member of Christ Church from another faith tradition.
- You would like to get to know fellow Christ Church members on a deeper level and learn from their faith experiences.
- You would enjoy a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings with friends.

Here is the schedule:

- 9:00-9:30 — Coffee, light breakfast and fellowship offered for all ages
- 9:30-10:10 — Adult forum and classes for children and youth. A nursery will be provided.

Please contact the Rev. Helen White (helen.white@ccsavannah.org) if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.

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 the Rector, Senior Warden and Treasurer and commission the Vestry for 2018.

Welcome New Acolytes

Under the leadership of Samantha McKean, Christ Church’s Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, we are pleased to announce the following new acolytes: Faye Brandt, Wiley Chandler, Jack Lerch, Margaret Maxwell, Anna Reeves, Abigail Smith, Finn Taylor, Edward Wallace and Boone Wiesner. Last Sunday, Wiley made his debut. Wiley is the youngest of Ryan and Tory Chandler’s three children and his two older brothers, Ryan and Jack, are also acolytes.



Announcements and Upcoming Dates

- Monday, January 15—MLK, Jr. Parade
- Saturday, January 20 at 1 p.m.—The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at Honey Creek.
- Sunday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages resumes. Also, the anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr.'s consecration as the 9th bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.
- January 23—Anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase's consecration as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.
- January 28—6 p.m. Evening Eucharist followed by our Annual Meeting.
- Tuesday, February 13—Christ Church's Mardi Gras at Kehoe Iron Works -Trustee's Garden from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Project Smile's Mission Trip to Belize

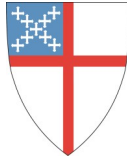
The Project Smile team leaves for Belize on Sunday, February 11, and we are in need of children's books—preferably new (but gently used will be accepted). Each child who receives dental care also receives a book to take home — which means we need lots of children's books! You may leave your gifts in 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 of Christ Church and the January 3, 2018 Snow Storm



Photos from December 31, 2017
The First Sunday after Christmas Day





CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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.