

The Morning Service, eleven o’clock
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 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 – Away In a Manger.....arr. Dan Marvin
Brass Ensemble: Fabio Mann, Tom Strayer, Tony Kirkland, trumpet;
Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, Ben Rezendes, trombone; Kay Lovingood, tuba

The Introit English Carol
Noel
Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

The Scriptural Call to WorshipPsalm 71:23
My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my soul also, which
You have redeemed.

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Carol of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 208).....ADESTE FIDELES
O Come, All Ye Faithful

† 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 Gloria PatriGLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, Amen.

The Lighting of the Joy Advent Candle The Linton Family
Zephaniah 3:14–20 & Luke 2:8–20

The Morning Prayer.....Mr. Johan Hubenthal, Ruling Elder

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 Anthemarr. Dan Forrest

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”
Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

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

• † The Carol of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 223)..... CHRISTMAS
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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

The New Testament ReadingLuke 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 Sermon.....Rev. Hendrick

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS
Joy: a deep, supernatural gladness or delight in God
I. Who Were the Shepherds (v. 8)
II. What Caused Fear
A.) The appearing of Angels (v. 9)
B.) The Glory of God (v. 9)
C.) The human condition
III. What Produced Joy
A.) Pronouncement of the Angel (v. 10)
B.) Person of God (v. 11)
1.) God’s love
Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8; Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:10; Jer. 17:9; Gen. 6:5
John 3:16; 1 John 3:1, 4:8; Ps.136:26
2.) God’s faithfulness
Jer. 31:3; Lam. 3:22, 23; 2 Thess. 3:3; Heb. 10:23; 2 Tim. 2:13; Ps. 33:4;
1 John 1:9; Rom. 10:9; John 3:16; Acts 16:31
3.) God’s salvation (v. 11)
– Savior
– Christ
– Lord
4.) God’s plan of redemption
Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:7; 1 Cor. 6:11
5.) God’s power
Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8; John 11:25; Rom. 6:9

† The Carol of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 211)..... GOD REST YOU MERRY
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

† The BenedictionRev. Hendrick

The Postlude – O Come, All Ye Faithfularr. Dan Marvin
Brass Ensemble & Organ

The Evening Service, six o’clock
You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit – Ephesians 2:22
† indicates the congregation standing if able • indicates seating for those detained

The Prelude – Hark the Herald..... arr. Shackley

The Welcome..... Rev. Ryan Bigham

The Scriptural Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1–3a
¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live”

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 83)..... RICHMOND
O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

The Evening Prayer.....Rev. Bigham

The Offering & The Offertory

The Augusta Youth Chorale.....Ryan Heritage, Director
Carol of the Bells
O Little Town of Bethlehem

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 411).....LEONI
Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord

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

The Old Testament ReadingRuth 2:1–23 (Page 222)
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. Bigham
THE KINDNESS OF BOAZ

† The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 637).....DOWNS
What Shall I Render to My God

† The BenedictionRev. Bigham

The Postlude



Christmas Season Worship Schedule

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols — Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Congregational Meeting — There will be a congregational meeting today following the morning worship service for the express purpose of electing officers. The officer candidates are as follows:

The Office of Elder — Class of 2028
Joe Beasley

The Office of Deacon — Class of 2028
Ed Russell

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

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols — Join us for a service of worship and praise featuring our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Handbells, and congregational carol singing on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. There will be an extended prelude beginning at 5:45 p.m.

December 21 & 28 Sunday School and Worship Schedule — There will be no Sunday School on December 21 & 28. Also, please note on Sunday, December 28, we will have Morning Worship only at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship — Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on December 24 at 5:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featuring the Christ Church Strings, congregational carol singing, and Pastor Robbie sharing from the Word. There will be an extended prelude beginning at 4:45 p.m. and we will conclude the service singing Silent Night together by candlelight.

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.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week
Kurt & Pat Nelson, East-West

Please pray that God would bless and protect all of the families involved with East-West globally, as well as their ministry and national partners.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

This Week at Christ Church
Week of December 14 — December 20

SUNDAY, December 14
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 & 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 (edmamman@gmail.com; 706-726-1703)
4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary
MONDAY, December 15
7:00 p.m. AHG Children's Building
7:00 p.m. Trail Life Covenant Hall
WEDNESDAY, December 17
6:00 p.m.Sanctuary Ringers Rehearsal..... Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
THURSDAY, December 18
11:00 a.m.WOCC Knitting & Crochet.....Parish Home
7:30 p.m..... Ladies Online Prayer Group
FRIDAY, December 19
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Church Office
6:00 p.m. AYC Concert Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. AYC Potluck Covenant Hall
SATURDAY, December 20
9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Charles McClure & John Clark

Ushers are Gary Cowart, Allen Richardson & Stu Dawley; security is Marion Butler.

The Deacon on Duty is Gene Gojda (wearing a red rose).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be John Norkus & John Dunsmore.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Rick Rezzelle, Brady Downs & Darrell Horton.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Marion Butler; security will be Hank Adam Gautreaux.

Current Officers With Class Year

Elders

Mike Boyd (2025)	John Dunsmore (2026)	Rich Fishel (2027)
Glynn Dyer (2025)	Johan Hubenthal (2026)	Charles McClure (2027)
Billy Hatcher (2025)	John Norkus (2026)	Derrick Smits (2027)

Deacons

Joe Beasley (2025)	Lee Carter (2026)	Dan Campbell (2027)
Marion Butler (2025)	Hank Gautreaux (2026)	Gene Gojda (2027)
Gary Cowart (2025)	Davis Mellick (2026)	John Kunze (2027)
Matt Linton (2025)		Ken Lynch (2027)
Eddie Zamora (2025)		Richard Turner (2027)

Christ Church, Presbyterian
The Lord's Day, December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people”.
Luke 2:10

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*
Ms. Laura Doss, *Organist & Social Media Director*
Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Digital Media Director*
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