



CHRIST
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The CHIMES

November 2019



“BLESSING of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING”

People are often longing for a greater awareness of the presence of God. We can invite God's presence through prayers and songs of praise and thanksgiving. Consider devoting yourself throughout the month of November to beginning each day with praising and thanking God and see if you don't notice a difference! Don't know how or where to begin? Turn to the Morning Prayer service in our Book of Common Prayer especially pages 80-96, and 101. (If you don't have one, come to the office and we will give you one.) This spiritual discipline of beginning each day with praising God is part of our Episcopal heritage and the process of formation that our prayer book provides. There are also additional prayers of Thanksgiving on pages 836-841. Praising and thanking God shapes us to be vessels of his joy and love- the fruit of His Holy Spirit within us.

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The Episcopal Church Women
cordially invite you to

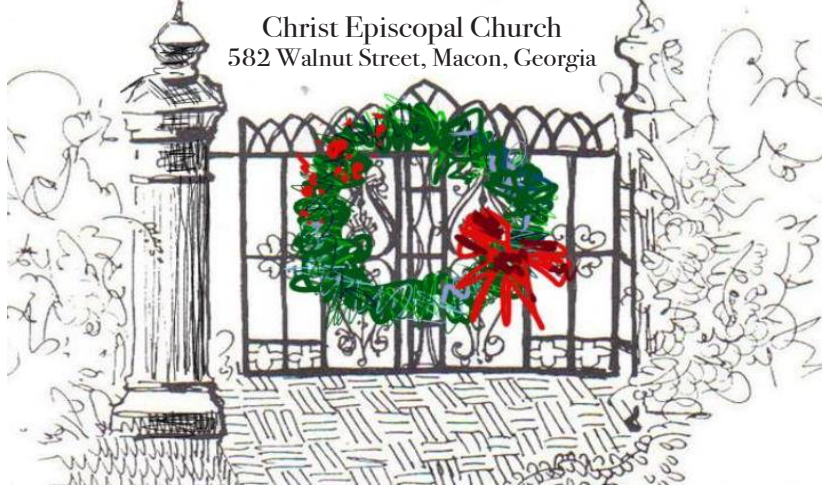
Garden Gate

~2019~

Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar

November 20th and 21st

Christ Episcopal Church
582 Walnut Street, Macon, Georgia



Scripture warns not to let any bitterness take root in you. Bitterness, negativity, and a critical spirit work as a roadblock to the Holy Spirit within just as praise and thanksgiving to God ushers in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's not enough just to try to stop doing the negative. We need to replace the negative with the positive. If it feels like an uphill battle, ask the Lord to give you the strength to do it. He is able even if we are not. Try this experiment for the month of November as a way of setting you up for a Thanksgiving and Advent season like never before!



Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp
Rector



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
5:00 p.m.

The holidays can be a struggle for those who are struggling with the loss of a loved one, an illness, or some other hardship that is preventing them from feeling joyful. This peaceful candlelight Eucharist service seeks to meet people where they are and draw them into the healing presence and love of Christ.

We will be joining forces with a number of other congregations for this service and intend for it to be available for any in the community who might be blessed by this ministry.

Please consider bringing someone you know who would benefit from being there.

When we recognize that we are connected as part of the larger Christian family and work together for good, each parish or ministry is strengthened in the process.



Quiet Days

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 7

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Daughters of the King will host their Annual Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 7 from 9-12:30. The Quiet Day will be in the Cloister Room at Christ Church. Our guest will be Jonathan Poe, Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church. His program will be "Praying and Singing of the Psalms." All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Dawn Key by December 3rd, if you plan to attend.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Sundays @ 10am | Cloister Room

Beginning November 10th, the Adult Sunday School will be teaching a series based on former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*, to gain a deeper understanding of some of the essentials of the Christian life. The dates and topics are as follows: Nov. 10: Baptism, Nov. 17: Eucharist, Nov. 24: Bible (Hearing God's voice within the context of the whole of Scripture), Dec. 9: Bible (the centrality of Christ), Dec. 15: Prayer (Prayer shapes us), Dec. 22: Prayer (Participating in God's divine purpose). Please join us in the Cloister room for any or all of these Sundays!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 7:15am | Cloister Room

The Wednesday morning Bible Study at 7:15am meets in the Cloister room. All men are welcome to join us. After the Bible study we walk downtown to enjoy food and fellowship. For more information contact Zac.

EARLY MORNING STUDY

Wednesdays @ 9am | Cloister Room

Women's Bible Study is beginning a study of the Gospel of Matthew using our Bibles as our text. This group meets in the Cloister room.

WISE WOMEN'S STUDY

Wednesdays @ 10:45am | Parlor

The Wednesday morning Wise Women's Bible Study meets at 10:45 in the Parlor. We are continuing our ongoing study of the Gospel of Luke using the Bible as our text.

CHRIST CHURCH CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Parish House Rm. 203

Christ Church Catechesis is our new Wednesday evening program. As parents and other adults got on board with CCC, I got the response of "Can we do this too?" I am excited to announce that there will be an adult version of CCC. Each week we'll cover a section of the Bible, and learn how it fits into the big picture. Each evening's format is based on our Anglican Tradition of Evening Prayer, and features songs, crafts, memory verses, and more!

YOUNG FAMILIES & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



NOVICE CHOIR

Wednesdays @ 5pm | Great Hall

The Novice Choir will meet prior to the family-style dinner from 5-5:25. This choir is available to all children who are in pre-K to 2nd grade. This fall we will learn how to sing the psalms and learn the classic Christmas carols of the church. The curriculum will follow the Royal School of Church Music series *Voice for Life*. This wonderful musical resource helps guide the chorister through proper vocal techniques in a fun and exciting way.

FAMILY-STYLE DINNER

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm | Great Hall

Each Wednesday at 5:30pm, beginning September 4, there will be a family-style dinner served for all participants. Everyone is welcome!

This is a wonderful way to spend time getting to know one another through food, fun, and fellowship. The meal will take place in the Great Hall and the programming will immediately follow in rooms 202 & 203 of the Parish House.



CHRIST CHURCH CATECHESIS

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Parish House Rm. 202

Christ Church Catechesis is our new Wednesday evening program for elementary aged kids. Each week we'll cover a section of the Bible, and learn how it fits into the big picture. Each evening's format is based on our Anglican Tradition of Evening Prayer, and features songs, crafts, memory verses, and more! *Childcare will also be provided for kids who are not old enough to participate in CCC.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Fall! Thank you to everyone who participated in the All Saints Service and Halloween festivities! A good time was had by all!!!

We are rapidly approaching Advent and Christmas. The Sunday School Schedule during that time will be as follows. On November 24 all classes will meet together in the downstairs Godly Play classroom, On December 1, everyone will meet together in the Great Hall for the Advent 1 lesson and we will make Advent wreaths. The wreath kits will be soaked and available for purchase. Please bring greenery to share. On December 22 all classes will

meet together in the downstairs Godly Play room for the Advent 4 lesson. This is a wonderful lesson to prepare your children for the miracle of the birth of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. If you are in town, I hope you will come. On December 29, there will be no Sunday School for children.

The Christmas Pageant is also right around the corner. Once again it will be on December 24. Please contact me, helenstewartgigi@gmail.com, or Whitney Kinney, whitney.r@me.com, to let us know that your child will be in the pageant. Our plan is to give out costumes and scripts on December 8. We will have a 2 part practice on

December 23 and really hope all participants can attend. The speaking parts and singing Angels will need to be at the church at 9:30 for an initial run through. All participants should be there by 10:15 so we can do a final run through at 10:30. As in the past we will certainly need adult volunteers as well. Whitney and I look forward to hearing from you and are excited about this long standing Christ Church tradition. There is nothing like a pageant with our precious children to set the stage for a glorious Christmas!

Contact Helen Stewart for more information (478) 731-8971.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS

At The Baxleys

Throughout the Fall, we will meet every other Sunday for regular EYC programming.

5-6pm: Middle School

6-6:30pm: Dinner for all EYC

6:30-7:30pm: High School EYC

ANNUAL COUNCIL OVERNIGHT

November 22-23

Edgar H. Wilson Convention Center, Macon

Each year at Annual Council, there is an overnight event for the EYC of the Diocese of Atlanta. The council is in Macon this year, so we are definitely going to be there! More details will be available as the event draws nearer.

Register Online!

<https://www.ecdioatl.org/>

JR DYC @ CAMP MIKELL

December 13-15 | Grades 6-8 | \$100

The Diocesan Youth Commission hosts its retreat, the DYC Retreat, twice a year. It is hosted annually at Camp Mikell the second week of December for middle schoolers and the first full weekend of January for high schoolers. The purpose of the retreat is to bring the inclusive love of Jesus experienced at Summer Camp into an abbreviated winter session. We even have Summer Staffers up to chaperone the weekend. The theme of the DYC Retreat changes yearly, but it is always an fun weekend that includes music, worship, morning program, afternoon activities, a dance, and 4 square!

More details will be available after registration officially begins!

CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITY



ROBERT C. WRIGHT
Bishop of Atlanta

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist

Looking to Join Christ Church?

If you are already an Episcopalian this only requires a letter of transfer that is easily arranged through the church office. If you are coming from another denomination or are new to church in general consider signing up for the Adult Confirmation Class that begins January 12th and meets twice a month in the church parlor until Confirmation. (Call the church office to sign up.) This class is also open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and using our Book of Common Prayer for worship and spiritual formation.

If you are joining the Episcopal Church coming from the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, or Presbyterian Church you would be "Received" into the Episcopal Church by the bishop. If you are joining us from another denomination and have been baptized you would be Confirmed. The Confirmation service for youth and adults will be at Christ Church on May 3, 2020. For adults who have not yet been baptized and would like to explore that possibility please speak with either of our priests at any time.

MUSIC MINISTRY



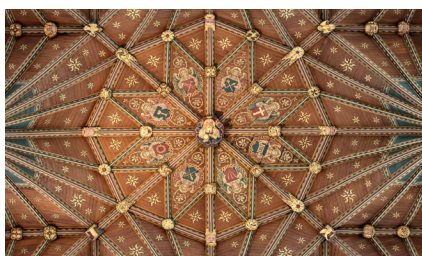
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS: *We Praise thee, O God!*

This was our theme at this year's Royal School of Church Music course in Durham, North Carolina. Each year I am blessed to join a world-class staff and 100 other choristers to make joyful music praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Words often fall short in their attempt to express the abundance of God's creation, and for many, only the power of music is able to excite the soul!

The *Te Deum* is an ancient hymn attributed to St. Ambrose (A.D. 397) and St. Augustine (A.D. 430) and like the Apostles' Creed it is divided into distinct sections praising the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What I find so special about this hymn of praise is found at the very end. *"We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting."*

"Because we believe in a God that can do more than we can ask or imagine, we are not defined by are brokenness or by our shortcomings, we are not shackled by our illnesses or our sadnesses, we are not chained to our possessions or our demographics, we are not bound up in the opinions of others or in our own bad behavior. Because we believe in a God who GAVE US ALL; then GAVE ALL FOR US, we are forgiven. We are loved. We are free." — *Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons*

This my friends is why God is worthy to be Praised. We praise thee, O God! We acknowledge thee to be the Lord! Thanks be to God, Amen! — *Peace+Love, Jonathan*



A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

December 1 @ 5 p.m.

Join us for our annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent. This service is the perfect way to prepare for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 13

7:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph's

The Choral Society of Middle Georgia and the McDuffie Center for Strings under the direction of Dr. Stanley Roberts will be presenting Handel's Messiah on Friday, December 13 for one night only. Contact Jonathan Poe to purchase tickets.



CHORISTERS

Sunday, December 22

On December 22 at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist our very own Christ Church Choristers will help lead music for worship. They will join the adult choir on all service music and sing an Anthem at the Offertory. They have been meeting each Tuesday afternoon and I am very pleased with their progress.

MINISTRY of the MONTH: *Appleton Episcopal Ministries*



"Sharing God's love by partnering with parishes in the Middle GA Convocation to support the health, safety, education and well-being of children and families."

Over the past five years, Appleton has helped parishes in the Middle GA Convocation to develop new ministries and support existing ministries with annual program grants and one-time discretionary grants totaling just under \$124,000.00. These monies help to make possible the Christ Church Weekend Lunch program, a diaper bank at Loaves and Fishes, a protein food pantry and backpack program in Eatonton, a food bank and utility support program in Milledgeville, and a garden and nutrition program in Montezuma; matched start-up fees for Path to Shine programs (PTS) at St. Christopher's in Perry; St. Paul's in Macon, and All Saints in Warner Robins and given operating support for Path to Shine Lynmore Estates and the three new PTSs; funded arts enrichment activities for young people in grades K-12; assisted Crisis Line/Safe House with special projects; established a new campus ministry program at Georgia College and State University; encouraged the Canterbury Club tutoring and mentoring program at Fort Valley State University; and supported construction of eight Little Free Libraries across Peach County. We also offer our 15-passenger van at a very nominal cost to provide weekly transportation for both Macon Path to Shine programs, for campus ministry trips, and for EYC outings and retreats.

In summer 2020, Appleton will present its fourth CDF Freedom School, a full-time, six-week literacy and enrichment program for 50 1st – 3rd graders at no charge to their families. This program costs \$62,000 in cash expenses, matched by more than \$60,000 in in-kind contributions.

We receive no money from the operating budget of The Diocese of Atlanta and rely on contributions from parishes and individuals like you. We need your help and support to make all of these programs possible. Please give generously. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL COUNCIL



NOVEMBER 22-23

Edgar H. Wilson Convention Center, Macon

Annual Council for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta is meeting in Macon November 22nd - 23rd at the Centreplex. Please keep the church in your prayers. We have a wonderful diocese and are looking forward to hosting this annual gathering in Macon!

Our delegates from Christ Church this year are: Mark and Bonnie Smith, Lynn Waggoner, and Susannah and Trip Maddux. Jack Minette is the youth delegate for the entire Convocation of Middle Georgia.

Because it is in Macon many others from Christ Church are involved in planning for and participating in this event. Thank you to all for your faithful service!



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday
9AM – 4PM
(closed 12–1 for lunch)
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