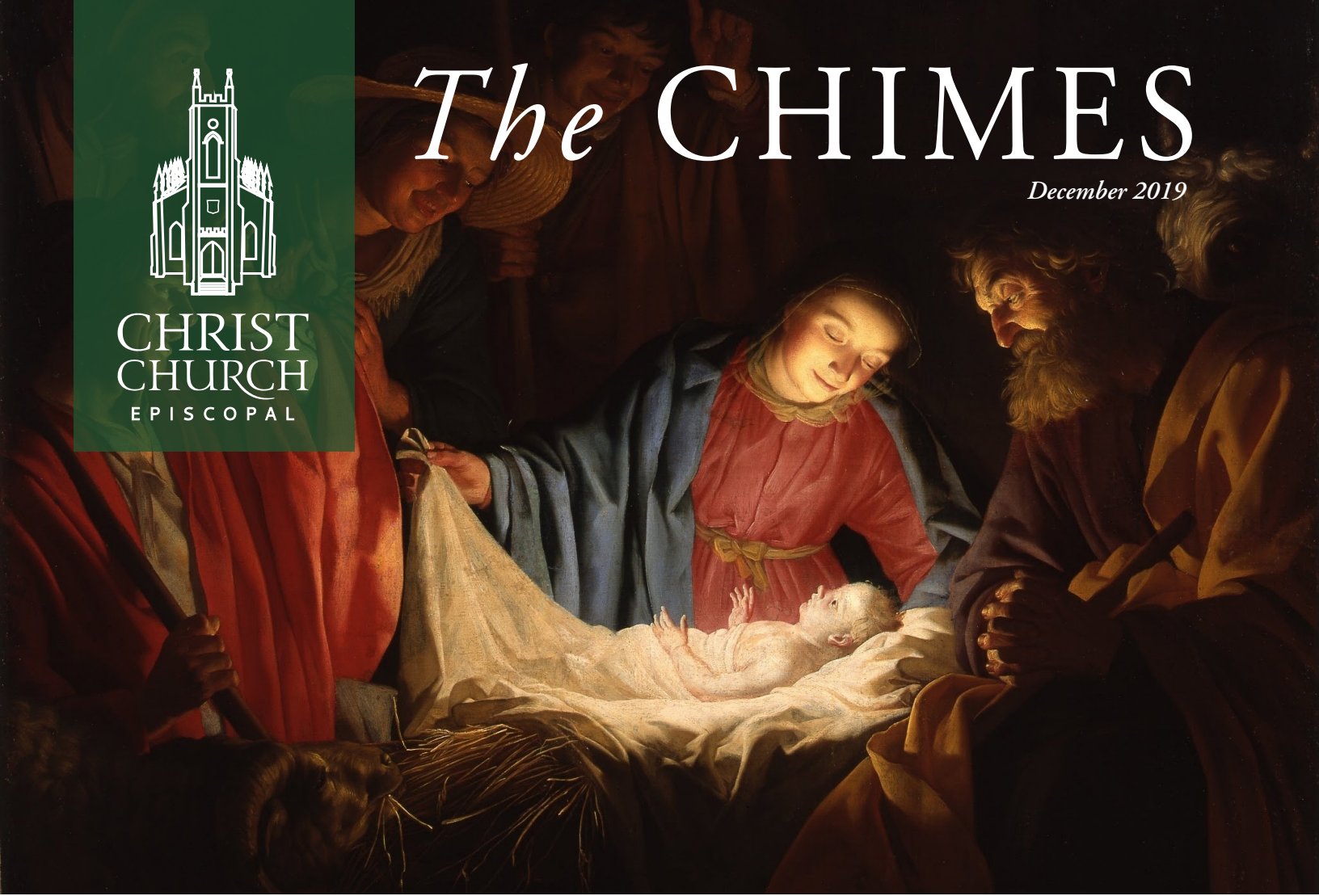




**CHRIST
CHURCH**
EPISCOPAL

The CHIMES

December 2019



SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

4:30 p.m.

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO & CANDLE-LIGHTING

10:30 p.m. *Christmas of the Fisk*

11 p.m. *Eucharist*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY




10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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Blue Christmas

A special service of healing.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturday, December 7

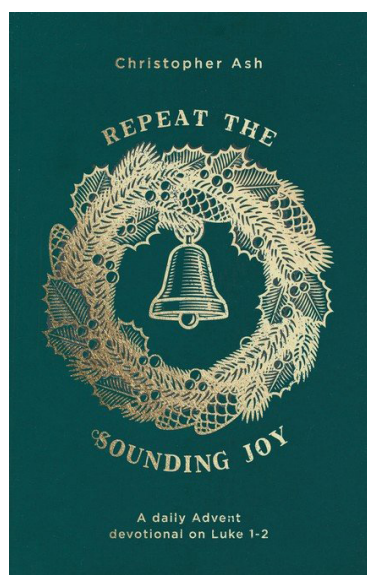
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pruitt Health (6190 Peake Rd)

We'll meet at Pruitt Health to sing some Christmas Carols. Carol books will be provided and Rachel Horkan will be accompanying us on the piano. We would love to have you join us as we bring some Christmas cheer.



CAROLING



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Repeat the Sounding Joy is our parish devotional for this Advent. In this journey through Luke 1 – 2, these familiar passages come to life with fresh insight, color and depth.

As you soak up the Scriptures, you'll experience the joy of Christmas through the eyes of those who witnessed it first hand, from Mary and Elizabeth to the Shepherds and Simeon. This devotional will help you to celebrate afresh the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah in history, and learn what it means to wait for him with joyful expectation today.

Each day's reading includes a short reflection, a prayer, a carol, and space to journal, helping you to treasure the Lord Jesus in your heart in the hectic run-up to Christmas. *Repeat the Sounding Joy* is available in the Cloister Shop for only \$12.

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!

GIFT OF GAB

December 12 @ 5:30pm | Home of Cynthia Knapp (964 Park Place)

We will be studying that very first miracle of Jesus- his birth- and the incredible love and grace of God demonstrated in the gift of His Son, the Word become flesh. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and focusing on the true gift of Christmas. RSVP appreciated but not required to cynthia@christchurchmacon.com.

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.*

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30pm | Nave

The Christmas Pageant is 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. Speaking parts will have a brief run-through at 12:30pm on the 8th. We will then 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!

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 10am | Parish House

On Sunday, December 22 all Sunday School classes will be combined in the downstairs Godly Play room for a wonderful Advent 4 lesson. I know many of you will be traveling but if you are in town please join us.

On Sunday, December 29 there will be no Sunday School for children. We will resume on Sunday, January 5 with our Epiphany lesson.



EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

OVERNIGHT @ CHRIST CHURCH

Friday, December 20 @ 8 p.m. to Saturday, December 21 @ 7 a.m.

Come join us as we spend the night at the church playing games though out the night and watching movies! Youth need to bring clothes and shoes to run in, a sleeping bag and pillow, a fun and cheap present for a Christmas gift exchange game, and drinks/snacks to share. Youth May also bring one friend!

2020 SKI TRIP

February 14 - February 17

Winterplace, West Virginia

Leaving at noon on that Friday and returning Monday

Cost: \$250 with additional money needed for fast food meals on the ride up and down along with two dinners out (reasonably priced).

A \$75 deposit to hold your youth(s) space or spaces is due by Sunday, December 15. Checks may be made to Christ Church.

Scholarships are available so don't miss out on account of costs!

PASSPORT YOUTH MISSION CAMP 2020

July 20-25

Save the Date! More details to come.

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.

OUTREACH DURING DECEMBER

RESCUE MISSION OF MIDDLE GEORGIA: *Giving Tree*

www.rescuemissionga.com

The Angel Tree will be in the Parish House on Sunday, December 8 with gift tags. Please tear the bottom portion of the tag off (leaving the top portion on the tree) and return the requested gift to the Church Office by Friday, December 20. Please wrap the gift(s) with the tag placed on the outside.

Since 1952, with the help of its generous donors, the Mission has provided residential shelter and meals to those in need in the Middle Georgia community. The long-standing relationship between Middle Georgia and the Rescue Mission has changed the lives of thousands of men, women, and children for over 60 years. The Middle Georgia community has helped the Mission, as it has "Provided a Path of Hope, Redemption, and Empowerment through Jesus Christ."

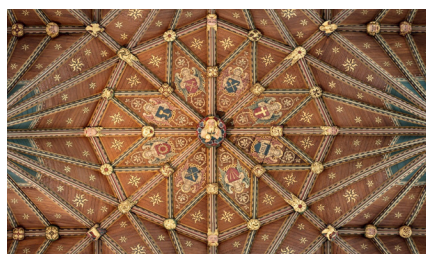


SOCKS FOR FLOCKS

Every year we gather socks for those less fortunate than us in our community. Please bring new packages of socks in all sizes and colors. Our very own sheep, Agnus Dei, will be in the Parish House where you may drop off socks.

If you would rather give a monetary donation to this ministry please make your check payable to Christ Church and write "Ministry of the Month" in the memo line.

MUSIC MINISTRY



SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

*December 6 & 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Catholic*

The Townsend School of Music and the Mercer Singers, under the direction of Dr. Stanley Roberts, will perform their annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Admission is free and open to the public.

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL COUNCIL

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL COUNCIL

The 113th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta was a big success. Hosted by the Middle Georgia Convocation, this year's meeting was held in Macon at the Edgar Wilson Convention Center and Marriott Hotel. The Right Reverend Victor Atta-Baffoe, Bishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, was Council's honored guest. In addition to Rev. Cynthia Knapp, Christ Church's delegates to this year's Council were Mark and Bonnie Smith, Tripp and Suzanne Maddux, and Lynn Waggonner.

Christ Church members Julie Groce and Richard Hughes and staff member Jonathan Poe helped to plan and oversee the opening Worship Service on Friday morning. We'd like to thank all of those who participated in the service: Richard Hughes, Head Verger; Bonnie Collins, Verger; Jack Minette, Thurifer; Julie Groce, Boater and Credence Table Server; Elijah and Sophia Hopper, torch bearers; and Harry Groce, who read the Second Lesson in Spanish.

All of the Convocational clergy, including our own Rev. Cynthia Knapp served as paten and chalice bearers for Eucharist, which was celebrated by The Right Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta. Jonathan Poe served as Organist and Choirmaster, and several members of the Christ Church Choir participated in the Convocational Choir.

Philip Groce built a temporary altar to match the dimensions of the Christ Church altar so that wine and host could be consecrated for nearly 550 worshippers from around the Diocese. Altar Guild Chairman Nan Harper coordinated the communion elements and linens, and Flower Guild Chairman Ginny Rozier and Barbara Domingos created a beautiful harvest arrangement surrounding the Appleton Memorial Cross, which rose behind the altar. Bonnie Collins and Christine Hoskins served as Verger/Tellers during the two-day Council Meeting. Laura Evans and Cacey Hopper worked as volunteers with Diocesan staff, and Lynn Wagonner and the Cloister Shop offered a wonderful selection of items for sale in the vendor area.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Julie Groce



JANET TIDWELL, *Archdeacon*
Recipient of the Bishop's Cross





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Monday—Thursday
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(closed 12–1 for lunch)

Friday: Office Closed



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Epiphany Party

Christ Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 5 @ 5 p.m.

A light supper will be provided in
the Cloister Room.

Bring a small branch of greenery
to place in the fire.