Christ Church

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

"Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry"

The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026 | 10:30am

"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."

Welcome to Christ Church

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. Restrooms are located in the Parish House to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card *(located in the pew)* and place it in the offering plate. Clipboards containing materials for children are available in the Narthex.

Nursery care is provided next door in the Parish House; however, all children are welcome in our services.

Christ Church is an active and vibrant parish in the heart of Downtown Macon since its founding in 1825. We are a forward-looking parish that values our heritage, liturgy, and outreach to the greater community. To learn more please visit us online via our website at www.christchurchmacon.com. The Parish Office is open from 9a–4p Monday through Thursday. You can reach us by calling (478) 745-0427.

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christ Church welcomes all people and no matter where you are on your faith journey, you have a place here. We hope to see you soon.

Upcoming Services

All Souls' Evensong
Sunday, November 1
6:30 pm in the Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

Compline
Sunday, November 8
6:30 pm in the Church

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

Compline
Sunday, November 15
6:30 pm in the Church

Holy Eucharist at Carlyle Place
Thursday, November 19
10:30 am in the Lower Level Activity Room

Holy Eucharist & Healing
Every Wednesday
Noon in the Church

Compline
Every Wednesday
8:45 pm on Facebook

The Entrance Rite

Opening Voluntary: *Preludio 'Sine Nomine'* Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

The People stand.
Hymn in Procession: For all the saints, who from their labors rest
Hymnal, 287 vv. 1–2, 7–8

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, p. 355
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria Hymnal, S 278

The Liturgy of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

The People sit.
The First Lesson Revelation 7:9–17
A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on

their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

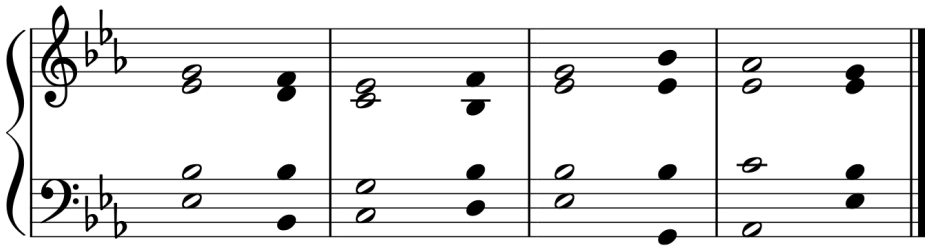
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 34:1–10, 22



1 I will bless the Lord at all /times; *
his praise shall ever be in my /mouth.

2 I will glory in the /Lord; *
let the humble hear and re/joice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the /Lord; *
let us exalt his Name to/gether.

4 I sought the Lord, and he /answered me *
and delivered me out of all my /terror.

5 **Look upon him and be /radiant, ***
and let not your faces be a/shamed.

6 **I called in my affliction and the Lord /heard me ***
and saved me from all my /troubles.

7 **The angel of the Lord encompasses those who /fear him, ***
and he will de/liver them.

8 **Taste and see that the Lord is /good; ***
happy are they who trust in /him!

9 **Fear the Lord, you that are his /saints, ***
for those who fear him lack /nothing.

10 **The young lions lack and suffer /hunger, ***
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is /good.

†22 **The Lord ransoms the life of his /servants, ***
and none will be punished who trust in /him.

The Epistle — 1 John 3:1–3

A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence: By all your saints still striving — Hymnal, 232

Verse 2 (All Saints' Day text):
Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness is only known to you—
by walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew.

The People remain standing.

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:1–12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.
The Sermon The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

The People stand.
The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The People kneel.
The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: To the one who has called us to holiness and has made us righteous in the blood of the Lamb, let us offer our prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Please add your own prayers of praise and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor: For your holy Church: for those who have gone before us and those who inspire our faith in our time,
People: **we give thanks.**

Intercessor: For those who will come after us as lights in the generations,
People: **we rejoice in hope.**

Intercessor: For those on our hearts, and those unknown to us, who hunger for the riches of your grace,
People: **give them strength for today and for tomorrow.**

Intercessor: For those who hold earthly power throughout the world, give them grace and

courage to uphold justice and peace, we pray especially for those serving in the military: Alivia, Austin, Cameron, Donald, Georgia, Joe, Lorraine, Sam, and Theodore,

People: **give them strength for today and for tomorrow.**

Intercessor: For those whose faith is fragile, who are beset by doubt and wounded by memories of hurt among your church, we pray:

People: **give them strength for today and for tomorrow.**

Intercessor: For all who suffer and for those who care for them, especially: Anderson, Anne, Al, Bailey, Becca, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Christy, Claire, Dennis, Ed, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Ellen, George, Gibson, Gracie Marie, Griffin, Hadley, Helen, Jaime, JB, John, Kristie, Lee, Libby, Lowe, Margaret, Matthew, Nancy, Pat, Patricia, Pete, Phil, Pud, Rodney, Sammy, Tommy, Trisha, William, and Wright.

People: **give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Jack Minette and Lillian Binner.

Intercessor: May we, too, sing your praises in harmony with those throughout the ages who have looked to you in hope, and have seen your glory. Give us joy, we pray and,

People: **give us strength for each day and each tomorrow.**

Intercessor: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Celebrant will conclude with a suitable Collect.

The People remain kneeling.

The Confession & Absolution of Sin

BCP, p. 360

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The People stand.

The Peace

The People sit.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

Installation of the Chapter President for the Daughter's of the King

Clergy: We are gathered here to install Christine Hoskins as president of the Holy Spirit chapter of the Daughters of the King. In the presence of God and each other, let us here covenant with God and with one another to do the things we believe He would have us do and try to do well whatever we attempt. Let us offer ourselves to God that He may continually work through us.

(To the officers) You have been chosen by these your sisters to serve in a position of responsibility. To you, comes the call of leadership; upon all rests the obligation of cooperation. Receiving now the responsibility placed upon you, will you agree to devote yourselves to the task that your office demands, continually seeking to be used by your Lord Jesus Christ?

Officers: I will with God's help.

Clergy: *(To the members)* As members of The Order of the Daughters of the King your duty this coming term is to cooperate with the officers you have chosen and to work together to fulfill the Rules of Prayer and Service here in this congregation and beyond.

Members: We promise to pray for and support and cooperate with our officers, offering our best efforts to fulfill the mission of the Order. We declare our loyalty to our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, to His church and its work, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength in all that we undertake.

Clergy: May God richly bless you in all your efforts to the glory of His Name. For His Sake. Amen.

The Holy Communion

We come together as the Body of Christ, we partake in the Body of Christ, to go out into the world to be the Body of Christ. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer for healing, please remain at the rail after receiving Communion with your hands in an attitude of prayer and our prayer ministers will pray with you and anoint you with oil for healing.

The Offertory

The People stand.

Anthem at the Offertory: "The Souls of the Righteous — Stanley Merchant (1883–1949)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Hymn at the Presentation: Praise God from whom all blessings flow — Hymnal, 380 v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B — BCP, p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy Lord — Hymnal, S 128

The People kneel.

Words of Institution — BCP, p. 368

Memorial Acclamation — BCP, p. 368

The Great Amen — BCP, p. 369

The Lord's Prayer — BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God — Hymnal, S 163

Invitation to Holy Communion

During Communion, please observe a holy and respectful silence to allow for private prayer.

Hymn during Communion: Let all mortal flesh keep silence — Hymnal, 324

The People kneel.

The Post-Communion Prayer — BCP, p. 366

The Blessing

The People stand.

Hymn in Procession: Ye holy angels bright — Hymnal, 625

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: *Choral Prelude on 'Darwall'* — Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

The Saints of Christ Church Who Died in the Past Year

Lillian Solenberger Binner
Howard Collins
Charles Madden Cork, Jr.
Susanne Yarbrough Draeger
Margaret Easterling
Bill Elder
Sherry Salter Green
Billy Greer
Bonnie Hollingsworth
Catherine Johnston
Amelia "Parks" Leonard
George Malcolm Logan
Becca McGann
Anne Tracy Felton Moore
Susan Corn Conway Olyphant
Thomas Frank Richardson, Sr.
Mickey Rivers
Randy Sanders
Lisa Smith
Willie Hearn Smith
Kelly Allen Solomon
D. Philip Stembridge
Ellen Tinker
Martha Sue Still Waters

Assisting in Worship

Celebrant, Gospeler, & Preacher
The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

Verger
Sandy Duke

Acolytes
Andrew Whitaker, *crucifer*
William Whitaker, *clergy cross*
Kitty Maddux, *torch*
Henry Maddux, *torch*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Chris Blake
Wendy Johnson

Altar Guild
Karen Baxley
Peggy Puryear

Flower Guild
Laura Evans

Healing Prayer Minister
Virgil Warren

Ushers & Greeters
Samuel Adams
Stephen Boltja
Irene & Roger Marxsen
Tori & Walker Stewart

Vestry Welcomer
Margaret Boltja

Audio/Visual Technicians
David Knapp

The Christ Church Choir

Weekly Calendar

Parish Office Hours | Monday—Thursday 9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm | Closed Friday

Sunday, November 1: The Feast of All Saints

Daylight Savings Time Ends
8 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken) — *Church*
9:30 am Children's Sunday School— *Parish House*
9:30 am Youth Sunday School — *Youth Suite*
9:30 am Adult Discussion of Sunday's Scriptures — *Great Hall*
9:30 am Bishop's Podcast Discussion Group — *Parlor*
9:30 am Christ Church Choir — *Church*
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (With music) — *Church*
Lemonade on the Lawn — *Cloister Garden*
11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*
5 pm Sunday Evening Supper — *Great Hall*
5:30 pm Alpha Course — *Cloister Room*
5:30 pm Adult Bible Study — *Youth Sunday School Room*
5:30 pm EYC — *Youth Suite*
5:30 pm Knitting Group — *Parlor*
5:30 pm Choir School of Macon — *Choir Room*
6:30 pm All Souls' Evensong — *Church*

Tuesday, November 3

5:30 pm Alpha Marriage Course — *Great Hall*
7:30 pm Apollo5 Concert — *Church*

Wednesday, November 4

9 am Women's Bible Study — *Parlor*
10:45 am Wise Women's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
12 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing — *Church*
8:45 pm Compline — *Facebook*

Thursday, November 5

7:10 am Men's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
6 pm Christ Church Choir — *Choir Room*

Friday, November 6

Parish office is closed
Diocesan Annual Council — *Cathedral of St. Philip*

Saturday, November 7

Diocesan Annual Council — *Cathedral of St. Philip*
11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*

Sunday, November 8: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken) — *Church*
9:30 am Children's Sunday School— *Parish House*
9:30 am Youth Sunday School — *Youth Suite*
9:30 am Adult Discussion of Sunday's Scriptures — *Great Hall*
9:30 am Bishop's Podcast Discussion Group — *Parlor*
9:30 am Christ Church Choir — *Church*
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (With music) — *Church*
Lemonade on the Lawn — *Cloister Garden*
11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*
12 pm Stewardship Luncheon — *Great Hall*
5 pm Sunday Evening Supper — *Great Hall*
5:30 pm Alpha Course — *Cloister Room*
5:30 pm Adult Bible Study — *Youth Sunday School Room*
5:30 pm EYC — *Youth Suite*
5:30 pm Knitting Group — *Parlor*
5:30 pm Choir School of Macon — *Choir Room*
6:30 pm Compline — *Church*

Parish Announcements

(Please send announcements to communications@christchurchmacon.com)

Tonight's Sunday Evening Supper Menu: Pizza

All Souls' Choral Evensong

TONIGHT at 6:30 pm

The next Choral Evensong will be held on the evening of Sunday, November 1 beginning at 6:30 pm in the church. This will be a service of solemn remembrance for all the Faithful Departed. There will be a time during the service for people to come forward and light candles for their departed loved ones, if they would like. It will be a time to join together in both grief and thanksgiving for the lives of those who have gone before us.

APOLLO5 in Concert

Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm

The British vocal group APOLLO5 will be in concert at Christ Church in the main church building on Tuesday, November 3 beginning at 7:30 pm. They last visited Christ Church during our Bicentennial year in 2025 and it was a truly captivating show encompassing a wide variety of sacred, secular, and traditional pieces. The concert is free and open to the public.

Annual Diocesan Council

November 6–7

The Annual Council for the Diocese of Atlanta will be held this November 6 & 7 at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Please remember all the delegates in your prayers, especially those from Christ Church: Ginny Butler, Maureen & Richard Hair, Jed Hill, Steve Welsh, and Ray Ross is our youth delegate.

Stewardship Luncheon

Sunday, November 8 after the 10:30 am service

On Sunday, November 8, we will conclude our 2027 Annual Giving Campaign with a Stewardship Luncheon in the Great Hall following the 10:30 am service. This will be a time for fellowship and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings on this parish and for the Stewardship Committee to address the congregation and announce the results of the campaign. Please submit all pledge before the luncheon so they can have accurate numbers. These pledges are extremely important for our staff and vestry as they craft the budget for the coming year.

Young Family Supper Club

Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm

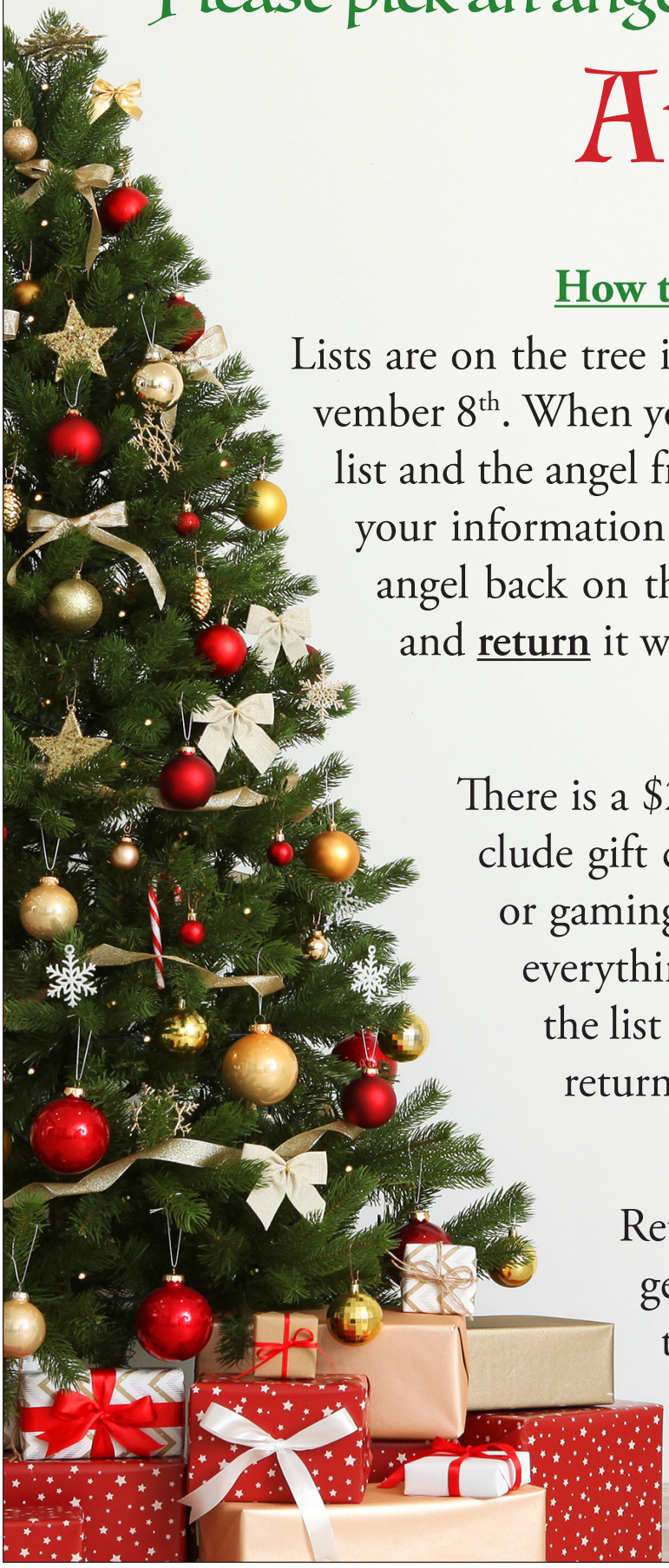
Sarah and Samuel Adams are hosting our Fall Young Family Supper Club Saturday, November 14 beginning 5 pm. This is an opportunity for our young families and families with children to get to know one another and spend some time in fellowship. Kids are welcome! RSVP using the QR code on the right.

Sunday Evening Friendsgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 15 at 5:00 pm

Our evening meal for Sunday Evenings at Christ Church on Sunday, November 15 will be a "Friendsgiving" Thanksgiving potluck! The church will provide turkey and everyone else is asked to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert. We will eat at 5:00 in the Great Gall as normal, then proceed with our usual Sunday evening activities. Scan the QR code for a sign up list so you can let us know what you are bringing. If you don't have anything to bring, don't worry! Just bring yourself.

Ministry of the Month: November



Please pick an angel from the

Angel Tree

How to pick an "Angel"

Lists are on the tree in the Parish House beginning November 8th. When you make your selection, **remove** the list and the angel from the tree, **fill out** the angel with your information and the list number and **place** the angel back on the tree, then **take** the list with you and **return** it with the gifts.

What to Bring

There is a $200 limit per list. Please do not include gift cards, bicycles, computers, laptops, or gaming systems. You **DO NOT** need to buy everything on the wish list. You may share the list with another person, just be sure to return all the gifts together.

How to Return

Return labeled, unwrapped gifts together, with the list enclosed, either to the Parish House or Harrold House by Sunday, December 6th.

Vestry

Jed Hill, *Senior Warden*
Rob Wilkin, *Junior Warden*
Steve Welsh, *Treasurer*
Chris Hair, *Clerk*

William Baxley
Jan Beeland
Margaret Boltja
Christine Hoskins

Keri Jones
Molly Muse
Jeff Powers
Nancy Wilkerson

Clergy & Staff

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop*
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop of Atlanta*
The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*
The Rev. Harriette J. Simmons, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Dr. John F. McCard, *Priest Associate*
Hope Westervelt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Rachel Horkan, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Jonathan A. Poe, *Director of Music & Liturgy*
Lacey Chaney, *Associate for Children's Music*
Nidia Svare, *Parish Administrator*
Timothy Hoskins, *Director of Communications*
Laurel Eady, *Parish Bookkeeper*
Hal Brickle, *Director of Weekend Lunch Ministry*
Robert Hubbard, *Sexton*
Markisha Carter, *Assistant Sexton*

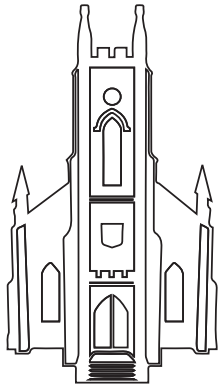
Scan to donate online:

Fill out a visitor card:

Office hours: M-Th 9-12 & 1-4
Phone: 478-745-0427
Website: www.christchurchmacon.com

Christ Church
582 Walnut Street
Macon, Georgia 31201

www.facebook.com/christchurchmacon
www.instagram.com/christchurchmacon
www.youtube.com/@christchurchmacon



CHRIST
CHURCH
EPISCOPAL