

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Year B

January 14, 2024



**CHRIST CHURCH
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Holy Baptism

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Benedictus* Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

Processional Hymnal 436

Lift up your heads *Truro*

(Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.)

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 299

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Officiant One Lord; one Faith; one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may
shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, wor-
shipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.



The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Samuel Relating to Eli the Judgements of God upon Eli's House, John Singleton Copley. 1780. Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Connecticut.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-13 Domine, probasti BCP 794

Sung by the choir

chant: George H. Fergus (b. 1991)

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Sequence Hymn

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488

Slane

Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the



law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”

And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Ladder of Divine Ascent, Sinai Festal Icon. 1612.

Sermon The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP 301

William Grant Stovall, Jr.

The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate BCP 305

Anthem at the Procession to the Font

The Lord bless you and keep you John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

(Numbers 6:24)

Thanksgiving over Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
<i>Brightest and best</i>	Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
The text for this anthem can be found at hymn 117 of the <i>Hymnal 1982</i> .	
Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
praise him, all creatures here below;	
praise him above, ye heavenly host;	
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-128
	William Mathias (1934–1992)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
From <i>Deutsche Messe</i>	Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)
(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 550, 490
<i>Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult</i>	<i>Restoration</i>
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	<i>Houston</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Recessional	Hymnal 492
<i>Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness</i>	<i>Finnian</i>
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude <i>Intrada</i>	Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Prayers of the People*

For our confirmands preparing to affirm their baptismal vows: that they will receive power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, and by grace grow into the full stature of Christ.

For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and places of conflict around the world: for strength, hope, perseverance, and protection; for liberation from violence and oppression; for the end of war and the laying down of weapons.

Also for Sylvia Severance, Ally Hall, Barbara and Rick Ireland, Don Uhl, Richard Johnson, Nevin Patton, Marney Sanford

For the Birthdays of Corrine Brown, Roy Yarger, Phil Walters, Isaac Bringman, Huntsman Childs, Yalanda Cooper, Caroline Holden, Maggie Mikell, Jacob Reeves, Helen Claiborne, Christopher Reed-McGlade, Stella Oelschig, Otto Immel, Todd Lerch, Jim Pember, Charlie Sachs, Oliver Brevik, Mathilde Brevik, Jack Lerch, Reese Bailey, Owen Myers, Baker Sumner, Jeff Bailey, Maureen Bailey, Kendall Beene, Rich Nelson, Jim Shipley, Richard Beattie, Stuart Childs, Caroline Harper, Carolyn Warren, Hannah Kumjian, Ken Brandt, Teddy Fergus, Mills Fleming, Jack Sumner, Fay Woodruff, Barrett Benton, Clementine Larvan, Anna Beth Baker, Paige Carson, Jenny Long, John Mikell, Mary Dugas, Felicia Burch, Hayes Carson

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Katharine and Chris Logan, Savannah and Will Young, Caroline and Sam Harper, Daniela and Mike Bringman, Karen and Kurt Oelschig

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Jane Wilson Howington, Floyd Roades, The Reverend Barbara Maynard, Robert R. Long III

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of William Grant Stovall, Jr.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 14

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal. *Choir for a Day*

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum. *Exploring Episcopal Worship*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, January 15

Church closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

10:00 a.m. MLK Parade

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit. *Justice, Peace, and Nonviolence*

Tuesday through Friday, January 16–19

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, January 17

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music. *If Music Be the Food of Love*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum. *Exploring Episcopal Worship*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Year-End Tax Letters

Letters will be sent soon from the office thanking you for your gifts in 2023. As required by IRS code, letters will be sent for gifts larger than \$250. The letters will reflect all actual gifts made from January 1–December 31, 2023 and often do not correspond with pledges if gifts were made toward your pledge outside the calendar year 2023. Please retain the letter for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Gussler, cmgussler@gmail.com or 912-222-0888.

Let us welcome the newly baptized

William Grant Stovall, Jr.

William Grant Stovall, Jr. was born appropriately on Labor Day, September 4, 2023 to parents Kristen and Grant Stovall, and sister Florence Elizabeth. Kristen is a lifelong Episcopalian who grew up in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta, GA and attended the Episcopalian-founded University of the South in Sewanee, TN. After a brief career in healthcare technology, Kristen and Grant moved from Atlanta to Savannah in 2019 for her to attend Mercer University School of Medicine. She is now completing her residency as a Family Medicine physician at Memorial University Medical Center. Grant grew up in Carbon Hill, AL and is a proud University of Alabama graduate and earned his MBA from the University of Georgia. He is a founder of two businesses, Capstone Resource Management, Inc., a construction and engineering staffing firm, and Bull River Capital, a financing company. Baby William will be baptized by his grandmother, the Reverend Lynn B. Prather. Godparents are John Peter Skeadas III of Savannah, GA and Fay Fitzsimons Walker of Houston, TX. Grant and Kristen are so grateful to have found such a welcoming and joyful spiritual home here at Christ Church for their growing family.



Exploring Episcopal Worship

Sundays, January 7–February 4, 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

During the season after the Epiphany we will take a close look at the gift of our worship tradition. Come and learn more about *The Book of Common Prayer*, *The Hymnal 1982*, our Sunday morning liturgy, the ministry of the Altar Guild and the role of Deacons in worship.

On Sunday, January 21, the Rev. Samantha McKean will lead an exploration into the heart of our Sunday morning worship: the Eucharist. What structure does our Eucharistic liturgy take, and why? How does an Episcopal theology of Communion compare to those of other traditions? What's really going on with the bread and the wine, and what difference does it make for our lives beyond Sunday morning?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Monday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church invite all to join the Savannah Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade on Monday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. The parade route begins at East Broad Street and Liberty Street and ends in front of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (1401 MLK Jr. Blvd). We will have a walking group and a trolley-riding group. Marchers and riders may park cars at St. Matthew's beginning at 8:45 a.m. (enter the parking lot behind the church from Burroughs Street and W Anderson Street) and get dropped off at the parade starting point. The last shuttle will leave at 9:45. After the parade, St. Matthew's will host a brief worship service and a lunch reception.

In the Spirit

Monday, January 15, 5:30 p.m.

"In the Spirit" is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us on Monday at The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Road), where you can grab something to eat or drink as we spend time together. We'll gather at 5:30 p.m. and begin our discussion at 6. This week's topic is *Justice, Peace, and Nonviolence*.

Choral Evensong and Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.

Join us and experience the beauty of Choral Evensong, sung by the Christ Church Parish Choir. This service of sung evening prayer lasts about a half hour, and will be followed by the Annual Meeting, at which the new slate of vestry members will be officially installed and we will have a presentation on the organ project. Reception to follow in the undercroft.

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza

Saturday, February 3, 11:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family to learn more about Christ Church's historic pipe organ in this kid-friendly event! Dynamic organist and TikTok star Wesley Hall will demonstrate the kaleidoscope of sounds available in a pipe organ, explain how an organ works, and even lead us on a behind-the-scenes sneak peek inside the organ. And if that's not enough, how about a chance to play the organ?? All participants are invited to join us for a pizza lunch in the undercroft following this 45-minute event.

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.

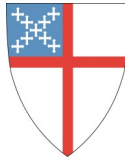
The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, the Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, will make his visitation to Christ Church on Sunday, February 11th. Our youth confirmation class will be confirmed together on that day.

Coming Events

- January 26–28—Confirmation Retreat at Honey Creek
- February 4—Concerts at Christ Church: *Wesley Harrison Hall, organ*, 4:00 p.m.

Gospel Sing-along at St. Matthew's Sunday, January 7





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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Sarah K. Jones, *Senior Warden*; Stephen R. Rilee, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Charles H. Chewning; Washington C. Dender; Katherine J. Griffith;

Stephanie C. Lindley; Rosemary W. Mackey; Roger Moss, Jr.; Rena K. Patton;

Elizabeth L. Pember; Molly C. Taylor; Paul H. Threlkeld; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

The telephone number is 912-236-2500

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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. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site.