

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from  
Fr. Torvend

## Blessed be the rule breakers among us!

On this day, July 29, in 1974, eleven women were ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church, a violation of the church's practice. And, here's the kicker: they were ordained by bishops who agreed that the ordination of women to public ministry was long, long overdue. On a very hot day in Philadelphia's Church of the Advocate, Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig presented themselves for ordination. A number of male clergy stood and voiced their opposition to what they considered a violation of church practice (the Episcopal Church had not yet approved the ordination of women as priests or bishops). Nonetheless, the liturgy proceeded without further interruption.



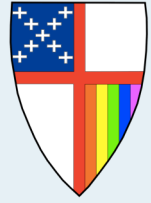
The Rev. Alison Cheek presides at  
the Holy Eucharist, 1974

Within three years, more than 100 women were ordained for public ministry as priests. Today women make up almost half of those ordained to the priesthood each year in the Episcopal Church. Roughly one-third of all Episcopal priests now are female and that number is growing.

**Blessed be the rule breakers** whose courage can open up new vitality in Christ's Beloved Community.

~ Fr. Tovend

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, July 29, 2022

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### Upcoming Events

- Jazz in the Courtyard, July 30
- Town Hall, August 7
- Third Friday Concert, August 19
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Mediterranean Uncorked, September 17

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MOVING  
*forward*

With increasing infection rates in the county, we strongly encourage masking during worship, mindful that we worship among people who need added protection. Masking not only protects us but also our neighbors.

## Need Help??

To add to our prayer list, email the [Parish Administrator](#). If submitting a name other than your own, please ask permission from that person first. Names remain on the list for **four weeks**, unless renewed by the one who submitted them.

In a pastoral emergency, please contact [Fr. Torvend](#).

**Parish Help Team:** Errands run, groceries, meals provided, medication pickup, vaccination transportation, etc., contact [Deacon Gen Grewell](#) or call her cellphone at 360.280.5593. You may speak with a deacon on Sunday at the **10:30am Holy Eucharist**.

# Christ Church Prayer List

*Our baptismal commitment calls us to pray for the world and the needs of our community, including those who are experiencing any sort of trouble, illness, or grief.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Members and Friends of our Community:

Patty Smith; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Leslie Brooks and her children; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson; and Joanne Chemin.

### Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:

Mary Lynn Morgan and Lyle Mason.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Matthew's, Brown's Point Tacoma • Holy Spirit, Vashon

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of West Africa



To submit an article to the *Christ church Weekly*, contact the [Parish Administrator](#). Articles must be submitted by Wednesdays to be included in the Friday edition, and may be edited. We never share your information outside the church family.

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or by appointment

### Sexton Hours:

Sunday - Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Tim Williams (x103) **before Friday** if you need access to the Church Friday/Saturday.

***We look forward to visiting with you!***

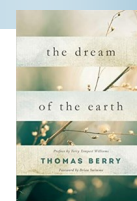
--Deborah (x 101), Tim (x 103), Pam, Cynthia, (x102) and Susan (x105)

### Land Acknowledgement

**We gather at 310 North K Street.** Let us give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people on whose ancestral land this church and many of our homes stand. Their descendants live among us still. For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude. May we never forget that their land was taken by force and broken treaty.

## Monthly Reading Group

Meet **August 7 at 6:30pm**, at the home of **Mary Marshall** to discuss *The Dream of the Earth* by Father Thomas Berry. Newcomers are welcome! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).



### SAVE THE DATE

## Townhall Meeting: August 7 at Noon

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### SAVE THE DATE

This is our opportunity to publicly discuss the results of the survey as analyzed by our diocesan consultant. Discussion groups will be led by Vestry members and assisted by members of the Parish Profile Committee.

A light lunch will be provided.

So please, **SAVE THE DATE**.

## News Re-Views

**Summer Choir at Christ Church** The Summer Choir continues to support the services on Sundays. Please sign-up [here](#) to sing when you can. All are welcome!

**Children's Formation** I am looking for individuals who will share in this ministry with me. I am willing to continue the planning and gathering of materials, but need assistance on Sunday mornings. If you feel called to support our children through this ministry, please contact [Christi McCarren](#).



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### Daily Office at Christ Church

- ◇ Monday 9:00am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*  
[Lectio Divina](#)
  - ◇ Wednesday 7:00pm\*  
[Conversation and Compline](#)
  - ◇ Thursday 7:30am\*  
[Morning Prayer](#)
  - ◇ Saturday 9:00am  
**Morning Prayer**
- \*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

## Worship at Christ Church

**Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma**  
**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2022:**

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel  
10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit [Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](http://Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar) for weekday Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service

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