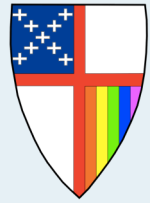


Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from
Fr. Torvend

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma



Friday, August 5, 2022

Saturday, August 6, marks the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. Should you want to meditate on the scriptural readings appointed for this day, you will find them here: <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Transfiguration.htm>. On one level, the feast points us to the possibility of ongoing conversion into the life of Christ and his kingdom of love and forgiveness, justice and peace; that is, an openness within us to the movement of the Spirit, the transfiguring Spirit in our lives so that what we say and do in worship shapes our daily lives in the world. Does this ring a bell: "Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart." No easy thing to do, to be people committed to peace and single-minded in our love for others, especially those who annoy us or oppose us.

On the same date, August 6, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, killing almost 70,000 instantly: the first time a weapon of massive destruction was used in human warfare. Tens of thousands of civilians died in subsequent years from burns and radiation poisoning.

On this day we behold the radiant light that surrounds Jesus as he is called God's beloved on a hilltop and the blinding light that fell upon a city of civilians bringing death and destruction. "Send us now into the world in peace," we pray right after receiving holy communion, welcoming the presence of the wounded and risen Christ into our lives. Peace or war? Where will our energies go?

~ Fr. Samuel Torvend



Gori Danielle, "Transfiguration of Christ," 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Town Hall, August 7
- Laudato Si, August 10
- Acolyte/EM Training, August 13
- Third Friday Concert, August 19
- Drum Circle, August 21
- Wellspring Ensemble, August 21
- Jazz in the Courtyard, August 27
- Mediterranean Uncorked, September 17

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.

Christ Church Prayer List

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**.

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:

Michael Peterson; Al Buck; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; Jim Pierson.

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

Darren Hamby; Patty Smith; Mary Lynn Morgan; Lyle Mason, Elizabeth Henderson.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Aiden's, Camano Island • Transfiguration, Darrington

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the West Indies



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.

Worship and Adult Formation Information

We could use your help

If you are interested in serving as an acolyte or an eucharistic minister, we will train you, kindly and clearly. Join us on **Saturday, August 13, at 9:30** in the church. If this is of interest, please [send Fr. Torvend an email](#) by Thursday, August 11. Thank you.

In Memory of Patty Smith

Friends of Patty Smith, Christ Church member who recently died, are invited to make donations in her memory to the following: Tacoma Community College Foundation; NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation; or Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington.

Delving deeper into care for our common home

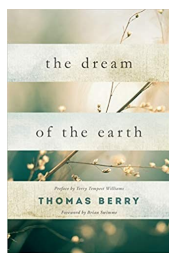
For those who are interested, we will gather on **Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00 PM** on Zoom to discuss the spiritual masterpiece, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis' clarion call to all Christians and people of good will to care for our earth, wounded by fossil fuels, pollution, and spillage. The question we'll consider is this: *What one or two key principles do you pick up in your reading of his letter that can inform our commitment to become a greener parish?* If you plan to join us, [send Fr. Torvend an email](#) by Monday, August 8. *Laudato Si* can be found here, for free: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Townhall Meeting: August 7 at Noon

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.

Sounds Wonderful—A Joyful Drum Circle on August 21st

We will be in the courtyard or Wells Hall from 12:00 noon-12:45pm, listen for the joyful noises! Please join us again for a musical experience with hand drums and percussion instruments. Percussion instruments will be provided or you can bring your own. All ages and musical abilities welcome. No musical experience is required. All are welcome—invite a friend or bring a guest. For more information contact [Sherina](#).



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](#).

Service

Inflation

and the Little Food Pantry

Yep, the cost of food keeps going up, and there doesn't seem to be an end. The cynical among us will wonder if the prices ever come down. Or maybe it is the experienced among us who observe that prices rarely come down. In any case, there are still the hungry among us and as God's people we know what means to share, even as we ourselves suffer higher prices. Let's keep on keeping on. There is always the need for non-perishable foods—even the occasional

containers of salt and pepper. If you, a member of Christ Church, are having financial difficulties and need some food, remember that the pantry is there for everyone.

~ William Tudor



Community: Small Group Dinners

Building Community Through Fellowship and Conversation



The Christ Church vestry is sponsoring the inauguration of small group, simple, potluck dinners scheduled to start in the fall. In early September, you will have the chance to sign up to participate. These dinners will be held throughout the year at the homes of parishioners. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the narthex come September! For more information, please feel free to click to contact [Sandy Johanson](#) or by phone at 253.905.1051.

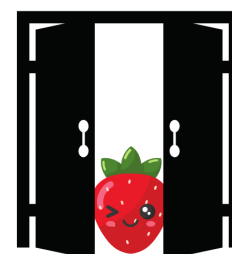
~ Sandy Johanson

Door Jam—have you picked up yours?

Thanks to the efforts of Jam Makers **Rodney Blackburn**, **Mary Hanneman**, and **Robert Hicker**, the Wells Hall door repair/replacement fund total is now at **\$1,268!** If you haven't picked up a jar of delicious Henrietta's Kitchen Strawberry Jam, there

are still a few jars available on Sunday mornings.

Read more about Henrietta and the jam in the [July 15 Weekly Newsletter](#).



Upcoming Third Friday Performers

September 16: Marc Fitze

October 21: Andrew Koch

November 18: Cheryl Drewes

August's Third Friday

For decades, organist **Dana Robinson** has created programs of the finest repertoire carefully chosen to capture the essence of each unique instrument he performs on.

Described in *The Diapason* as “an “organists’ organist” with “faultless accuracy, rhythmic drive, and astounding musical sensitivity,” Dana has also been lauded in *The Tracker* for offering “the pièce de resistance of the evening . . . put[ting] heart and soul into the four movements of Widor’s monumental *Symphonie Gothique*.”

His credits include performances for the national conventions of the Organ Historical Society and the Westfield Center for Early Keyboard Studies, as well as for regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. In duo concerts with Paul Tegels, Professor of Organ at Pacific Lutheran University, Dana explores repertoire by J. C. Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Mendelssohn, and Saint-Saëns, among others. His recording of J. S. Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* is available on the Arsis label, and his recent video recordings on a rare antique pedal piano of works by Robert Schumann can be viewed on the YouTube channel, “Dana Robinson Organist.”

As Associate Professor of Organ and Chairman of the Keyboard Area at the School of Music at the University of Illinois, Dana has taught students who have gone on to earn top honors at The National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance of the American Guild of

Organists, the Shanghai Conservatory

International Organ Competition, the Albert Schweitzer

Competition, the Arthur Poister competition, and the Franz Schmidt International Competition (Austria.)

Dana previously taught at Central College (Iowa) and Luther College. He has served as Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa, and is currently Organist at Grace Lutheran Church in Champaign, Illinois.



Organist **Dana Robinson** performs J.C. Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Mendelssohn and more, on **Friday, August 19**, at **12:10pm**. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

Christ Church History

Lemuel Wells (1841-1936) for whom the Christ Church Parish Hall is named, was born in Yonkers, New York. He graduated from Berkeley Divinity School (at Yale University) and was ordained in 1869. In 1871 he went west to serve in the mission in Walla Walla. He was called to Tacoma in 1885 and served as rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a forerunner to Christ Church. During the Civil War Lemuel Wells was commissioned as Second Lieutenant with Company F, Wisconsin and served in the mounted infantry. The following is an excerpt from his autobiography.

~ Mary Hanneman

CHAPTER IV. CIVIL WAR DAYS

Another important part of my preparation for a missionary was my army experience in the Civil War...

...We were soon ordered to Memphis, Tennessee, to patrol that city as a provost guard because it was found that the city government was in league with the rebels....

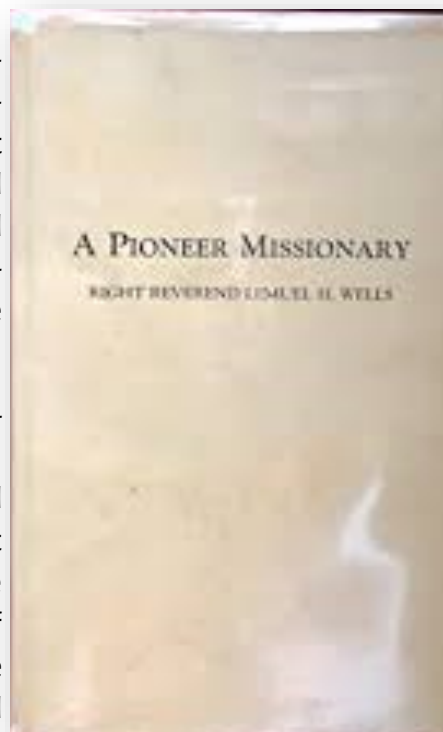
My company was quartered in the Overton Hospital which had been closed on account of the war. We were assigned to the care of one of the wards of the city and I made a round every few hours. The

town was full of rebels and one always had to keep a cocked pistol in his hand to be ready for any emergency. As you turned a corner you would sometimes meet a fusillade from a group of rebels or you would be passing a house and someone would throw up a window and begin to fire at you. My escape from death was certainly miraculous....

General Sherman had made several attempts in vain to take Vicksburg and was succeeded by Grant who invested the city May 18, 1863. On May 19, he made an assault and failed and I reported to him for duty the next day. The commander of his body guard had been killed and he had asked General Veech to send a proper person for the post. As I was in command of the provost guard of our division he sent me although I was only a lieutenant. When I reported to the chief of staff for duty he

told me that a desperate attempt was being made to murder the General and that I must always have him surrounded with a guard and admit no stranger to his quarters and when he went outside of his quarters I must always follow behind him with a pistol cocked and ready to fire.

Soon after my arrival a general assault was made upon the city and the enemy exploded an enormous mine under our advancing troops and blew hundreds of them into the air. The sun for a few minutes was obscured by legs and arms and heads and bodies mingled with



History continued

dust and stones. So we were repulsed. It was a terrible slaughter.

General Grant turned to me hastily and said, "Take a guard and immediately arrest all newspaper reporters and bring them to me. Captain Eckles will show them to you as he knows them. Also stop all outgoing mail."

When I brought them to the General he said, "Gentlemen, this disaster must not get out until I give permission. Just now it would be disastrous and if any of you sends a report of it to his paper I will have him shot instantly." The news did not get out until Vicksburg was taken, and I have never seen it in print. Immediately following the disaster he ordered me to summon the division commanders to a council of war. When they were gathered in his quarters he asked each in turn what he advised. They all advised to raise the siege. When all had spoken he said, "Generals, you have all given sound military advice but by the eternal (and seizing a bottle standing at his elbow, he raised it aloft and brought it down on the table with a crash) we will take the city" and the glass and whiskey spattered us all. But at the next attempt we took the city. ~ **Lemuel Wells, A Pioneer Missionary, (Seattle: Progressive Printing, No Date).**



The Rt. Rev. Lemuel H. Wells, 1st Bishop of the Missionary District of Spokane.

Thank you to Mary Hanneman for putting together this excerpt. Mary is a Professor of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs at the UW Tacoma, and a member of the Christ Church Vestry.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH PRESENTS

Jazz in the Courtyard

Saturday, August 27 at 7:30pm

David Joyner, Jazz Pianist

Suggested donation \$10
(cash/check)

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Who's Got the Keys?

The Parish Office will be conducting an Inventory of **ALL** Parish keys beginning now through **September 16, 2022**. So that we can keep track of **who** has **which** key, **please bring your key(s) to the Parish Office by the 16th**, and we will make sure your key is in our records. We do need to see the key in person. Office Staff is available Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm.



Alternatively, if we are unable to complete our inventory, we would need to re-key our locks, which we would rather not do, as **this would be incredibly expensive.**

Please contact the [Parish Office](#) (email) or 253.383.1569 x 101 with any questions.

Coming this Fall: New Church Directory

Beginning on **September 18**, our first Sunday of the new fall season, Parish members will have the opportunity to add, subtract, and change church directory information on Sunday mornings. A new directory will then be available by the end of 2022. Be sure to review your information in September.

News Re-Views

Seeking Volunteer Office Help We are still looking for a few folks who have interest in joining us in the office Mondays-Fridays. No skills necessary. We come up with fun projects AND we have air conditioning. Please contact the [Parish Office](#) if you are available.

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](#).



[View the June Budget](#)



Christ Church Columbarium

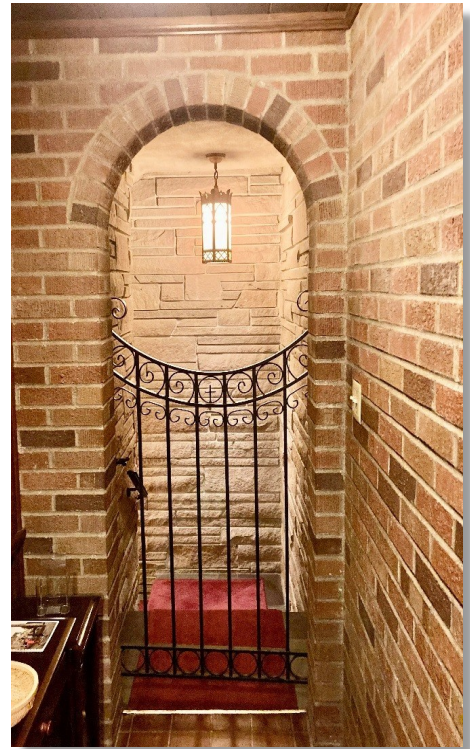
What IS a columbarium? A Columbarium is a room or structure designed as a final resting place to house cremated remains. It is a permanent structure with banks of cremation niches (similar to cubbyholes, but with secure fronts) that hold cremation urns. A columbarium can be large or small, private or public.

When Trinity House, the building between the sanctuary and Wells Hall, was built in 1958, it included a Columbarium beneath the Chapel. The entrance is to the right of the door, through a beautiful gate.

The Columbarium was designed by the architect Marshall W. Perrow. It has five banks of niches. Each niche was designed to hold three copper urns. The initial set of niches were reserved for parish members who contributed to the capital campaign for Trinity house. Since 1958, many parish members have purchased niches for burial and future burials. We have many niches reserved for future internment of parish members. Currently there are three niches that remain open. It is a quiet and peaceful place in which our loved ones are honored, where one can sit quietly and pray. One of the curiosities of our Columbarium is that the copper urns designed to fit in the niches are too small to hold all the ashes of a person. Families are welcome to take the remaining ashes, to scatter or keep as they wish. For those who do not take the remaining ashes, we periodically have an internment service, where the clergy scatters the ashes in the garden around the reflection pool.

~ **Cynthia Anthony**

For many months now, our Tuesday Morning Volunteer, **Cynthia Anthony**, has been spending hours pouring over decades of Columbarium records, updating and ensuring that all the names and dates have been correctly preserved. We are so grateful for Cynthia's careful research, and her incredible generosity of time and talent. *Thank you, Cynthia!*



Columbarium Entrance from Trinity Chapel



Inside View of the Christ Church Columbarium

SINGING THE POETRY OF LANGSTON HUGHES

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AS IT BEGAN

AUGUST 20TH | 7:00 PM

PHINNEY RIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH
7500 GREENWOOD AVE N, SEATTLE, WA 98103

AUGUST 21ST | 4:00 PM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
310 N K ST, TACOMA, WA 98403

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For tickets to the 4:00pm August 21 Wellspring Ensemble performance here at Christ Church, visit their [website](#), (\$20) or purchase at the door (\$25).

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022:

Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Tuesday 7:30am*

[Lectio Divina](#)

◇ Thursday 7:30am*

[Morning Prayer](#)

◇ Saturday 9:00am

[Morning Prayer](#)

*zoom link available at

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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

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