

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

Each Sunday we find visitors coming to Christ Church, taking a peek at what we do and who we are. We know that many visitors to churches in the Pacific Northwest wonder what kind of people they will encounter: “Will church people ignore us or greet us and greet us without pressuring us?” I am mindful of the first time I stepped into an Episcopal church so many years ago, unfamiliar with the Book of Common Prayer. A soft-spoken grandmother sitting close to me greeted me and then said, “If you need any help with ‘the books,’ I’ll be glad to assist.” No pressure. No assuming I was lost. Just a simple and kind gesture. “Oh,” I thought, “she noticed me.” How different that was from the choir director who rushed to welcome newcomers, asking them to join the choir after they had been in the church for less than 60 minutes!

Being attentive to others with a simple nod of the head or “Hello,” lets visitors know that we see them without pressuring them. At the same Episcopal parish I visited so long ago, a younger woman (who turned out to be the rector’s spouse), came up to me and said, “Could I get you a cup of coffee or tea?” The Bible reader in me thought: “I was thirsty and you gave me a cup of water.”

Such a simple question to ask, expressing a gentle and genuine hospitality.

MOVING
forward

Christ Church Parish



Friday, September 9, 2022

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Upcoming Events

- Wyatt Smith, Harpsichord, September 9
- Choir Open House, September 11
- Parish Writing Workshop, September 11
- Sign up for Small Group Dinners, September 11, 18, & 25
- Adult Formation, September 12, 19
- Choir Rehearsals Begin, September 15
- Third Friday Concert, September 16, with Marc Fitze
- **Moving Forward Sunday, September 18**
 - Sunday School begins, September 18
 - Jazz in the Courtyard, September 24
 - Sounds Wonderful Drum Circle, September 25
 - Coffee with the Wardens, September 25

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:

Stephen Behr; Doug Dahlgren; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks and her children; 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:

Elizabeth II; David Burton Grimes; Fred A. Heyn and Jan Shoop.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Germain, Hoodspoint • St. Benedict's, Lacey • St. Mark's, Montesano

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

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[Christ Church Calendar](#) • [Next Week at Christ Church](#)

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.

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.

[Episcopal News Service](#) • [Episcopal Church on Facebook](#) • [Diocese of Olympia Bishop Rickel's Blog](#)

Worship

September 18 is Moving Forward Sunday, and we are moving forward with a new musical setting of the liturgy, sung responses to the Prayers, and a new eucharistic prayer - all of this supported by our organist, **Dr. Paul Tegels**, our fabulous choir, and our choral scholars.

Adult Formation

How Our Regional Culture Shapes Church Life and Leadership: for good and for ill

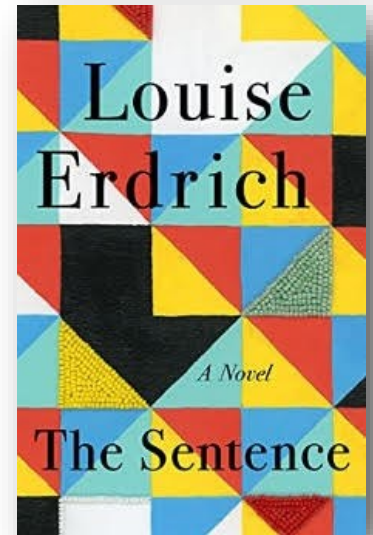
Mondays, September 12, and 19 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

As we consider our aspirations as a parish and look to new leadership, we do well to consider the ways in which the distinctive culture of the Pacific Northwest both *erodes* and *supports* spiritual life. And, as a bonus, we'll consider why many people under 40 (but not all people) have little interest in church life. Fr. Torvend has served as the director of the Center for Religion and Culture in the Pacific Northwest since 2011. We think you'll find this an illuminating series of presentations and discussions in this time of transition. Contact [Fr. Torvend](#) for information on the remaining two sessions.

Monthly Reading Group, Sunday, September 25th at 6:30pm

Meet **September 25 at 6:30pm**, at the home of **Sandy and Ronn Johanson** to discuss *The Sentence: A Novel* by Louise Erdrich.

Newcomers are welcome! Questions? [Contact Don Johnson.](#)



Children's Formation

Sunday School meets from **September 18** through early June. We use the Godly Play curriculum to develop and nurture faith formation in our children.

Please meet Children's Formation Leaders **Christi McCarren** and **David Pierce** in the Narthex at 10:30 am on the 18th so that we can head to the Wells Hall Sunday School rooms together.



GODLY PLAY

Service

Little Food Pantry

"Water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink." Ah, the "Rime of the Ancient Mariner." It reminds us not to shoot albatrosses and the difficulty of being adrift on the sea without drinking water. What a situation we are in. Puget Sound, full of non-drinkable water, and a weather condition which has closed off rain for us for so long and into the foreseeable future. Let it rain! Know any rain dances? Fortunately we have abundant potable water, unlike a growing number of places to our south. Fortunately also there are people who provide bottled water for our Little Pantry. Fortunate because water is a valued commodity. It may not be nutri-



tious but it is still the staff of life. Why not look in the frig on your way out of the house when coming to church and grab a couple of bottles of water? Either place them directly into the Little Pantry or place them in the basket to be presented and blessed at the altar. Let there be good water, water everywhere.

~ *The Little Pantry Team*

Street Teams Needed

Several of you have asked if we need help getting the word out about all of our upcoming events, and the answer is, **YES!** We need you! If you have some free time to pass around posters to local businesses and

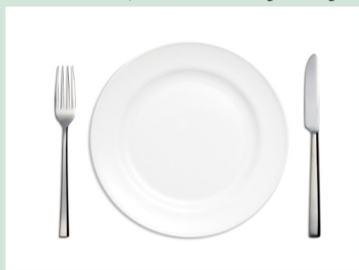
residences, [please let us know](#). We can have flyers printed and ready to go in a flash. And thanks so much!

~*Deborah*

Community

SMALL GROUP DINNERS

There's a place set for you.



If you're interested in being a part of Small Group Dinners this fall, please sign up at the glass table in the entry way or at a designated table at coffee hour. Sign up will occur September 11, 18, or 25. *Questions?*

Call or text Sandy Johanson, 253.905.1051.

Please join us for an **Open House** in the Choir Room **after our 10:30 a.m. Service on Sunday, September 11th.** Last June, Junior Warden **Nancy Gow Knudsen** and Choir Librarian **Anne Avery** acquired three gently used four drawer filing cabinets to replace

two spent four drawer files and a three drawer file in the Choir Room at one third of the cost of new. The idea was to create a bit of space in very full drawers.

That was done and then one

thing led to another. Nine weeks later over one thousand sets of music in the room have been relocated. The large wall cabinets which held nearly four hundred sets of music have been replaced by five more four drawer files from our original source, making this music far more accessible. The wall cabinets have found a new home in the church school. Large print music moved to file drawers opening access to a corner counter that hadn't been seen in years. Five drawers of Psalms also have new homes so that over nine hundred anthems are now filed in full numerical sequence.

Much of this work was accomplished by Anne Avery and **Susan Beer** who will suc-

ceed Anne as Choir Librarian on Sunday. They had lots of help! Interim Music Director **Paul Tegels** moved the project along much further than originally envisioned. Choir member and Organist **Van Hardison** used the music database to create and



print over eight hundred file labels. Congregants **Fran Blair, Pat Hendrix, Brianne Knudson, Vikke Pierson, Michael Menne** and others who are unknown answered our call and provided over six hundred gently used file folders. Sexton **Tim Williams** moved file and wall cabinets as well as rearranged the choir room to facilitate the work and disposed of our recyclables. Church Administrator **Deborah Breneman** also contributed to the project along the way. We were helped one day by **Meg Mansfield**, a former choir librarian, who shared some history of the collection. Our thanks to all! It was truly a community effort. We look forward to showing you the finished project!

Community

On **Friday, September 16, at 12:10pm**, Christ Church Parish welcomes organist **Marc Fitze**. Marc is titular organist at the Heiliggeistkirche in Berne, professor for organ at the Conservatory of Berne, and artistic director of the Baroque Center of Heiliggeistkirche.

He performs regularly in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Spain, Ukraine, Mexico, Israel, the Netherlands, the USA and Japan. In recent years he has taken part as a soloist in many prestigious concert series and performed at the Lucerne Festival, Minato Mirail Hall Yokohama, Eglise St. Clothilde de Paris, Victoria Hall Genève, International Organ Festival Rapallo, St. Bavo Haarlem, among others.

He has made radio and CD recordings in Switzerland and in the USA. He is a member of the Association des Amis de l'Art de Marcel Dupré, and vice-president of the international Jehan Alain association based in Romainmôtier.

Marc Fitze received his musical training at the Music Academy Basel in the organ class of Guy Bovet, and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with Prof. Yuko Hayashi. He completed his master diploma and soloist's diploma in Basel 2002.



Organist **Marc Fitze** appears on **Friday, September 16, 2022 at 12:10pm**, as part of Christ Church Parish's **Third Friday** series. *Donations gratefully accepted at the door.*

third friday concerts @ Christ Church

He was awarded the Hans-Balmer prize for the best organ diploma of the year. During and after those studies he participated in masterclasses with Marie-Claire Alain, Jean

Boyer, William Porter, Luigi Ferdinando Tagliavini, Peter Planyavsky and Joris Verdin.

He has also specialized in the art harmonium and its historical performance, and has a private collection of historical Mustel instruments. As harmonium player he has appeared in concerts with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra under Sir Mark Elder, Musikkollegium Wintherthur, Berner Symphonie Orchester, Zürcher Kammerorchester, and many more.

Civil Discourse Sessions

The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, the Arizona Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE), and Province VIII Black African Ministries (BAM) invite you

to join us to learn about civil discourse. Civil discourse is engagement in conversation intended to enhance understanding. In this curriculum, we will discuss and dialogue on the need for civil discourse and values-based conversations. This 4-week series will allow participants to work through what it means to enter civil discourse in a practical way.





Sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm PST on 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, and 10/4/22. Space is limited, please register by 9/10/22 using the link below. This is a FREE event with an optional suggested donation \$20. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkd0uuuqj4tE9G3bmBH_HGwqSsOKxW6XT7p
For more information [email](#) here.


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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
8:00pm



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Sounds & Wonderful COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

Join us
Sunday, September 25,
at noon
for our next Drum Circle.
No experience needed.
Drums provided.



Christ Church

Under ground

Meet Sr. Warden Christi McCarren outside
Wells Hall for a fun, fact-filled tour of the
Christ Church campus.



Sunday, October 2,
following the 10:30 am
Eucharist

Coffee

with the Wardens



Last Sunday of each Month

Join us for coffee, tea, and conversation
with

Christi McCarren, Sr. Warden, and/or
Nancy Gow Knudsen, Jr. Warden

MEET IN THE CHURCH



JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD

with Cassio Vianna, piano
and Jeff Chang, Sax

24 SEPTEMBER 2022

7:30PM

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\$10 Suggested Donation
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Blessing of the ANIMALS

*You are welcome to bring your pet to the
courtyard. Treats for humans
and pets provided.*

Sunday, October 2
4:00pm

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Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 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
christchurchtacoma.org/calendar

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

Visit Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar for weekday Morning Prayer,
Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service Schedule

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