

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

## A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

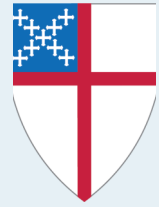
If you open the Book of Common Prayer to page 828, you'll find a prayer for rain - yes, a prayer for rain, one that I have prayed throughout the incredibly dry days of September and October, especially as various forest fires brought the air quality index into the danger zone: *O God, send us, in this time of need, rain and showers.* As our diocesan convention was called to order on October 21, with its theme focused on care for God's creation, the rains began to fall.

As members and friends of Christ Church Parish, we are part of a regional diocese, transnational church, and global communion clearly committed to the protection of the land, water, air, and diverse species the Bible calls God's creation. The Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church support the international Paris Climate Accords intended to decrease the rush toward global warming. Indeed we know now the disastrous effects of burning fossil fuels - gas and oil - into earth's atmosphere: higher temperatures produce more forest fires; increased flooding and mud slides follow in regions where fires have burned out green ground growth; air pollution increases; and warming seas, holding much of earth's increasing heat, kill species - all of this part of life in and around our beloved Evergreen State.

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MOVING  
*forward*

## Christ Church Parish



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- Adult Formation: Native American Perceptions of Thanksgiving Day, November 20
- Choir Rehearsal **Tuesday**, November 22

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:

Mark Nassutti; Stephen Behr; Christinna Olsson; Pat Trytten; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks; 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:** Jan Shoop.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Episcopal Retirement Communities • Earth Ministry

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

## Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma Weekly Newsletter

The Rev. Samuel Torvend, Priest for Worship, Adult Formation, and Pastoral Care

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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.

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The worship we encounter in the Book of Common Prayer 1979 was the first in North America to include texts that focus our attention on care for the creation. And since our worship offers us a vision of life together on God's earth, the wise stewardship of the earth to which we are called by Holy Baptism and nourished in the Holy Eucharist invites us to consider carefully those who ask for our votes in the elections of 2022 and 2024. Does a candidate for local, state, or federal office have *a record of action* - not just rhetoric - in supporting legislation, agencies, and NGOs committed to the protection of our home, the earth? Or does a candidate not care one bit about the fate of the earth and what our grandchildren will inherit?

This past August, Anglican bishops throughout the world met in Canterbury and at Lambeth Palace London (the offices of the Archbishop of Canterbury) for their decennial gathering. Many of those bishops were from the United States and Canada. They were in full agreement that one of the most pressing issues facing the world and thus Anglicans in the world is the fate of the earth. To get a glimpse of their work, go to: <https://>

[www.lambethconference.org/global-environmental-restoration-plan-launched-at-lambeth-conference/](https://www.lambethconference.org/global-environmental-restoration-plan-launched-at-lambeth-conference/).

## Worship

**Sunday, October 30**

### **Prayer and Committal of Jan Shoop**

At 2 PM on Sunday, October 30, we will hold a brief service of commendation followed by the interment of Jan Shoop's ashes in the garden by the reflecting pool. The service of commendation will take place in Trinity Chapel.

### **All Souls**

#### **All the Faithful Departed,**

#### **November 2**

The Episcopal calendar includes a feast for **All the Faithful Departed**, commonly called **All Souls** (November 2). This day is devoted to remembering our beloved dead and praying for them "because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve God will grow in God's love" (BCP 862). On **Wednesday, November 2, at 7 PM** we will celebrate the feast of All Souls at Holy Eucharist and, for the first time, use the beautiful readings, prayers, and songs appointed for this day. This solemn liturgy will include the reading of the names of our beloved dead.

## Worship

### Altar of Remembrance

As in the past, we will have an **altar of remembrance** in the church, thanks to **Sue Stibbe**, where you can bring a framed photograph of your beloved dead and light a candle in their memory. The altar of remembrance will be present in the church during the month of November through the Feast of the Reign of Christ, Sunday, November 20. You'll find it close to the glass window that overlooks the reflecting pool.

### All Saints, November 6

On the Episcopal calendar, the feast of All Saints (November 1) is a baptismal feast day in which we renew our baptismal vows within the communion of all the saints: the women and men of heroic virtue who serve as guides for living as Christians in the world today. Their names are found on pages 19-30 of the Book of Common Prayer or you can find them here, with a short biography (<http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>).

### Mark Your Calendar

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**

**Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist  
at 10:30 am.**

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Advent Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am.**

**Advent Lessons and Carols at 4:30 pm.**

## Adult Formation

**Monday, October 31**

### Seeing Jesus: Sacred Art as a Dimension of Faith

7 PM on Zoom with **Don Johnson**

The Monday, October 24 meeting, has been moved to Monday, October 31, from 7:00 to 8:00PM.

### How We'll Exist in Heaven, November 6

#### 12 Noon in the Parish Library

**Dr. Robin Okumu**, expert in Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*, will discuss the 14th c. poet's remarkable view of our corporal and relational union with God and all others souls in heaven. During the month of November when we consider "the last things," Dr. Okumu's presentation will be a truly eye-opening glimpse of this great master's vision of Paradise.

### The Gift of Preparation:

#### Make Your Wishes Known!

**Mondays, November 7 and 14 at 7 PM  
on Zoom**

We have no idea when death will usher us into what the prayer book calls "the heavenly country." A great gift to family and friends is the preparation you make now that will relieve them of wondering what to do as they bid farewell. In this two-part series, **Fr. Torvend** will discuss the beautiful funeral rites of the Episcopal Church and what participants can do to make their funeral wishes known to family and friends. To register for this important class, send your [email registration](#) no later than Thursday, November 3. In the subject heading of your email, type: Preparation.

# Adult Formation

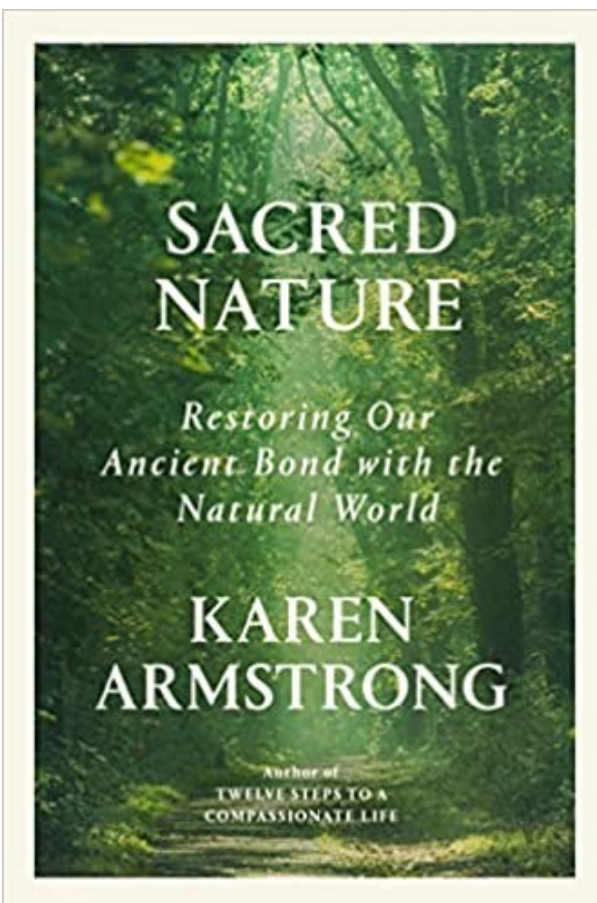
**Saturday, December 3**  
**Advent Quiet Morning**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
**The Rev. Jen Rude**

## **Nature as Advent Mentor**

With a spirit of curiosity, openness and learning from ancient wisdom, we'll engage some of the elements of biomimicry as spiritual practices for more deeply reflecting on and entering into the season of Advent and its themes of waiting, watchfulness, preparation, and hope.



The Rev. Jen Rude presents "Nature as Advent Mentor," on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00am—noon.



## **Monthly Reading Group**

**Sunday, December 4 at 6:30pm**

Meet at the home of **Deb Hammond** to discuss *Sacred Nature: Restoring our Ancient Bond with the Natural World* by Karen Armstrong.

Newcomers are welcome! Questions?

[Contact Don Johnson.](#)

## A Little Pantry Trick And Treat Trick

Yep, here's a good trick: some find that if they are thinking during the week of food to provide the Little Pantry, that they, then and there, at that moment on a Thursday or Tuesday, whenever, get something off the shelf then and there and put it right in the car! So no Sunday morning hassle. It's all done. Whatever trick you use to remember to bring non-perishable items to the church, what you bring will be a treat for someone in need. Bless you!



Holy Cats! Holy Coats! What a difference one letter makes, and what a difference one week makes! On Sunday October 16 a total of 13 coats had been donated. Then last Sunday, October 23, the last Sunday of the flash Coat drive, a total of **THIRTY-FOUR COATS** were piled to overflowing in the same box. Fab-u-lous. Thirty-four asylum-seekers, coming out of the Detention Center in Tacoma will be grateful and warm this coming winter. Christ Church comes through again! Thank you. Please note that though this flash campaign is over, if you still have a warm coat to contribute, it can be dropped off at the church office, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. Thanks again for your generosity .

~CSLT Team

## Veterans Village Update

On Monday, Christ Church provided another hot dinner to the residents at the Veterans Village\*. This time, we made hearty meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, and baked squash with a parmesan cheese and bread-crumbs topping. Yumm!!! Also, dinner rolls, iced tea, and dessert brownies.

The residents enjoy these meals. When we arrived to set out the dinner, a resident was at the microwave. He saw what we were laying out, expressed, "I love meatloaf – it is such an American classic! I will save my pancake for tomorrow. Thank you so much!" Yes, he was going to have a pancake for his dinner. Until we arrived.

We saw the sign pictured below as we entered. We all just paused and let our hearts be full.

Our next meal will be on **November 28**, and we will be making chilli and cornbread. Please let [Deacon Donna](#) or [Len Johnson](#) know if you'd like to help out!



\*The Veterans Village, operated by FOB Hope, provides safe, semi-permanent housing to veterans who were previously homeless, as well as mental health and other services. Read about them here: <https://www.fobhope.org/>.

## Service

### Your Assistance is Needed

Many members and friends of Christ Church Parish know that the Community Service Team and deacons are supporting the Veterans Tent Village in East Central Tacoma with a monthly meal.

The village is home to veterans and spouses who are off the streets and moving toward housing and work.

We have just received news that on Monday, October 24, one couple's shelter caught fire and burned to the ground. The staff and other veterans sprang into action and contained the fire.

The couple, however, lost everything they had. This couple needs our help.

We have been asked if Christ Church could assist by collecting a number of clothing items.

Would you consider bringing one or more of the items in this list to church on Sunday, October 30, and placing them in the container marked "Veterans Village"? The container will be located in the narthex.

- ◇ Shoes: men's size 9; women's size 8
- ◇ Pants: men's size 32x30; women's size 28x30
- ◇ Shirts: men's medium, women's small
- ◇ Men's boxers, size medium
- ◇ Women's underwear, size 5
- ◇ Blankets
- ◇ Towels
- ◇ Hair products

Thank you so much!

In Christ, ~**Deacon Donna Arellano, Archdeacon Gen Grewell, Len Johnson, and the entire CSLT team**



## Jazz at Christ Church

### featuring **94 Strings Attached**

Saturday, October 29 | Wells Hall

7:00pm

**Elliott Turner, guitar** | **Joshua VanCleave, jazz piano**



*94 Strings  
Attached*



# Community

## Senior Warden Communication to the Parish

### Stewardship Campaign

Our **Moving Forward** Stewardship Campaign is underway. The Vestry supports a more abbreviated approach this year due to the number of events and activities already taking place. A Stewardship Website is being built and will be populated with additional items over the course of the next month. **Ingathering Sunday is November 20 – Reign of Christ the King.**

### Financial Status

Summary: We continue to track well with our 2022 budget. As of the end of September our revenue was behind budget by \$643. During the same period expenses were under by \$55,648 primarily from salaries (Rector) and facilities. While better than budget, our expenses continue to exceed our income by \$104,912. We close this gap with Fund transfers. [Click here to view the September 2022 Budget Report.](#)

### Small Group Dinners

Our Small Group Dinners are beginning to meet. I am happy to report, that I had a wonderful evening at the home of Ron and Harriett Fields. Even though we all knew one another, we learned things about each of us that we found surprising. For example: Did you know Phyllis Gill grew up in Tonasket, WA?

I'm sure many of you don't know where that is, but I do. My mother grew up in Okanogan, not far from Tonasket. Both are small, rural communities in north central

Washington. The Small Group Dinners are a way to connect more personally with fellow parishioners, learn new things...and have fun doing it!

Please contact [Sandy Johanson](#) if you would like further information.

### Did you know?

We have a Leadership Team that meets every Monday. Participants include the Wardens, Fr. Torvend, Deacons, Music Director, Treasurer, Parish Administrator, and our Sexton. It is at these meetings that we coordinate calendars, discuss issues and make many operational decisions. But we also do one very important thing of which you may not be aware: we discuss (confidentially) who needs pastoral care, newcomers/returners and those who have been missing from church. We make sure we have a follow-up plan for every individual. This practice began in 2022. If you know of individuals who should be added to any of these lists, [please contact me](#) -

In closing, this is a great time to be at Christ Church. I thank you all for your dedication, participation, support, and enthusiasm for our parish.

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

God's Peace,

**~Christi McCarren, Senior Warden**

# It Came to Pass

## It Came to Pass...

It has been said by many, that understanding where we come from is important to know where we are going. That seems especially fitting in our present lives at Christ Church Parish in 2022, as we reimagine our future together.

To that end, we offer an opportunity to read, learn and appreciate our history as a parish. Over the next few weeks, we will be printing sections of the book, ***It Came to Pass: A History of Christ Church Parish (Tacoma, Washington)***. This is the story of the authentic history of Christ Church, Tacoma, Washington, from birth as Trinity Chapel in 1889 through 1964, its 75th Diamond Jubilee Year. *It Came to Pass* was written by Jessie Drummond Bronson, a popular novelist in the Northwest and life-long member of Trinity-Christ Episcopal Church. At the suggestion of the rector, The Reverend Arnold A Fenton, *It Came to Pass* was written as a story. We learn about our past through the eyes of the Lutrich\* family, but told with true historical fact and details.

\*The name was formed from the names of three churches in our history: St. Luke's, Trinity and Christ—spelling LUTRICH.

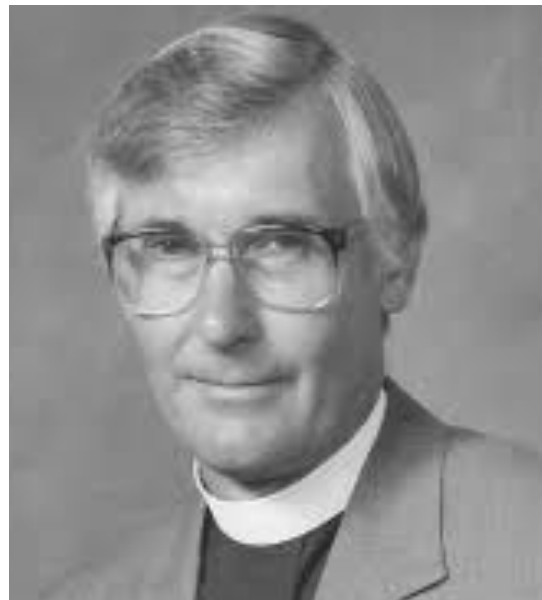
I enclose an excerpt from *It Came to Pass*, (Page 36). The quote is attributed to Reverend Sydney James, from the 1929 Annual Meeting. Reverend James was Rector from 1926-1939. The remark was made in response to ongoing financial challenges associated with securing funding and paying off the building loans for Wells Hall.

*"Life is a flying shuttle, but the pattern grows, the web is wrought. It takes both dark threads and golden to work out God's design. 'All things work together for good to them that love God.' Give God time to put this and that, the dark threads and the bright together, and complete the purpose of His Providence. In this New Year let us*

*think less of our present desire and more concerning the Divine Weaver's design."*

I found the book inspiring. The challenges we face today have been encountered and overcome by this congregation since its inception. Faith, hope and love are not ours alone in this time and space. It is shared across the many generations of Christ Church members – past, present and future. God's Blessings,

~Christi McCarren, Senior Warden



The Rev. Arnold A. Fenton

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### ***A History of Christ Church Parish***

*by Jessie Drummond Bronson*

#### FOREWORD

The Church is not a building. It is people. This is one of the favorite sayings of the clergy, and it happens to be true.

The building of Christ Church Parish will be 75 years old next month. It has survived a number of wars, crises, winds, hailstorms and a disproportionate amount of rain. This is of little significance. It is, after all, only a building. The Church is people.

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We commemorate the 75th year of this parish. We recall the famous and infamous, known and unknown, well-endowed and poorly endowed people of God who over the years have been the Church. We have asked Jessie Drummond Bronson to be the chronicler of their lives.

Anatole France once said, "All the historical books which contain no lies are extremely tedious." This should prove to be an extremely tedious book for the stories herein are all true. Through painstaking research Jessie Bronson has collected an incredible variety of anecdotes and incidents which have resulted in a composite picture of Christ church reflected in the lives of the Lutrich family. Even the events of their lives are based on fact. Except for some obvious inaccuracies regarding the present rector of the parish, it is all very precise.

History is a process of selection. In a parish which currently lists over 1,000 communicants it is impossible to include every name which has appeared over a 75-year span. We regret the omission of "those known only to Thee or forgotten by us" and apologize to their descendants.

In any parish history there is one great inponderable—the measure of grace and spiritual growth. No author could hope to record this and should not try. God alone knows whether those who appear in his book grew in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as they grew in age. We who today make tomorrow's history may follow their examples and persevere in running the race that is set before us.

~Arnold A. Fenton  
St. Michael and  
All Angels, 1964  
Christ Church Parish  
Tacoma, Washington

This is the story of the authentic history of Christ Church, Tacoma, Washington, from birth as Trinity Chapel in 1889 through 1964, its 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Year. It is written by Jessie Drummond Bronson, whose popular novel of the Northwest, *No Haverin'*, was published recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Drummond, who came to Tacoma from Scotland in 1890.

Jessie Bronson was confirmed in Antelope, Oregon, the small town featured in her novel, by the Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Robert Paddock, son of Bishop John Adams Paddock, first Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia.

Mrs. Bronson received her education in Tacoma schools, is a graduate of the University of Washington, and did graduate work at the University of California. She is the wife of Richard Lea Bronson, a retired lumberman, also a native Tacoman, and a life-long member of Trinity-Christ Episcopal Church.

Regarding *It Came to Pass*: Through the suggestion of the present rector of Christ Church, the Reverend Arnold A. Fenton, that this account be told as a story rather than becoming a list of statistics, the author has created a personal atmosphere throughout the pages, at the same time relating true history. To do this, the Lutrich family was created by Mrs. Bronson. This family is composite in substance and name. It represents all members, past, present, and future of Trinity-Christ Church. The name is formed from the names of the three churches: St. Luke's, Trinity, and Christ – spelling LUTRICH.

Therefore, because it represents all of you, IT CAME TO PASS is dedicated to the Lutrich family.

# It Came to Pass

Appreciation for collaboration is extended to:

Mrs. Lawrence McClelland  
Mrs. Marie Austin  
Mrs. Donald McKay  
Mrs. Charles Welch  
Mrs. Ernest Price  
Mrs. Maurice Finnigan  
Mrs. T. H. Monroe  
Mrs. Nancy Hilton  
Mrs. W. Yale Henry  
Mrs. Edmund Hilton  
Mrs. Allan Drummond  
Mr. Charles B. Welch  
Mr. Percy Stevens  
Mr. Lea Bronson  
Mr. J. E. Pinkham  
Mr. George Roskos  
The Reverend Arnold Fenton  
The Reverend Gerry Snapp  
The Reverend Morris Hauge  
Canon Arthur Bell  
Mr. Lionel Schmitt  
The Bible & Prayer Book  
Tacoma Public Library  
Church Records  
Pioneering God's Country,  
by Thomas Jessett  
History of Tacoma, Washington,  
by Herbert Hunt  
A Pioneer Missionary,  
by Bishop Lemuel Wells

## CHAPTER I

### *The earth is the Lord's – Psalm 24*

Trinity Sunday, June 16, 1889, had been a radiant, sunny day. Now, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, shadows cast by great ever-green trees gave quiet assurance that the Peace of God attended this occasion when the corner stone for the new Trinity Chapel would soon be laid.

Six-year-old Johnnie Lutrich, called the "second" because his father was a Johnnie Lutrich also, held tightly to his pretty, young mother's hand. They walked along the narrow path, hedged by wild salal and huckleberry bushes. Johnnie heard the rustle of his mother's new black taffeta dress and made a mental note to find out what a "bustle" was. He had heard his father laughing about that "new fangled business" at breakfast. The lad was also busy protecting his sailor suit from the dusty bushes. It was new and like those which the sailors from the big ships in the harbor wore.

"Mama," the boy asked, "why did Papa go ahead, and why did he wear his tail coat and shiny black hat?" His mother held her full skirt high above her best black, buttoned shoes as she answered,

"He is with the bishop and the other gentlemen. And, sonny, you must be a real gentleman, too, for this is one of God's most important occasions. A corner stone is to be set in place. This will be a hallowed spot.

Johnnie groaned, and asked, "Mr. Hallow owns this place, too?"

"What are you saying, child?" Mary Lutrich gasped, and her son answered, "Well, like we say, 'Father whart in Heaven. Hallow is his name. Thy Kingdom...' "

"Johnnie," she yanked his hand, "I thought you had been saying the Lord's Prayer wrong. It is 'Who art is Heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name' and it is not 'Thine is the Powder,' but 'Thine is the Power.' Oh, Johnnie, I'll explain it when we get home."

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Johnnie, apparently, had not noticed the rebuke in her tone. He was gazing up into the surrounding tall fir trees and he said, cagily, "Do you think there might be a bear up in the tree, Mama?"

"Ssh, Ssh," she cautioned, but Mary Lutrich also hoped there would be no bear. One was reported seen in this locality.

They had reached the flattened rise of ground about which a group of men and women was gathered. Bishop John Adams Paddock, a balding man with busy eyebrows above keen eyes, whose firm mouth was almost hidden by heavy Galway type whiskers, was impressive in his bishop's vestments. At his side was the young Reverend Lemuel H. Wells, who was rector of St. Luke's but was slated to become rector of the new Trinity Church. Always dapper in appearance, it seemed to Mary Lutrich that he wore his vestments with more than usual fitness for this ceremony. She joined her husband beside the broken ground as Bishop Paddock approached, reciting the words of a hymn, "Christ is our corner stone. In Him Bishop John Adams Paddock alone we build."

The ritual for laying a stone was recited, and then the Bishop spoke of the hope for great advancement in church work through the new Chapel. As he finished his talk, the architect for Trinity Church, Mr. Cook with his associate, Mr. Daniels, presented Bishop

Paddock with a small, wooden mallet. The stone was placed in the prepared ground and the Bishop struck it with the mallet three times, saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." He then declared the corner stone duly laid.

The Reverend Lemuel Wells now spoke further on the beginning of great church work. He said that a stone church had been suggested, but the need for the new Chapel was so urgent that a wooden structure of Gothic type had been decided upon.

Whereupon, a visiting clergyman from London, England, the Reverend Mr. Bodd, addressed the gathering, and, among other things, remarked that he predicted the growth of Trinity Parish would be so great that in a few months all the tree stumps in the vicinity would be replaced by handsome residences.

A glorious sunset spread across the

western sky as the Doxology was sung.

## CHAPTER II

*Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth—Psalm 65*



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It proved a lasting blessing that two such spiritual and forth-right men as Bishop John Adams Paddock and the reverend Lemuel H. Wells were leaders of the new Trinity Church during its first years. Both were exceptionally well trained and experienced churchmen, possessing personalities that quickly gained the confidence of people.

John Adams Paddock had been rector of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. before he was chosen by the General Convention to be the first bishop of Washington Territory. He was 55 years old when consecrated. He was in a measure a frail man, but he did not spare himself in his responsibilities over the fast-growing Washington Territory. New

work became so great that the General Convention elected Lemuel H. Wells to be first Bishop of Spokane in 1892. Bishop Paddock then called his new jurisdiction of Western Washington "the Diocese of Olympia," which name still remains.

During Bishop Paddock's episcopate 39 new parishes and missions were started. The "Associated Guilds" were formed in 1885. Later this name was changed to the Washington Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew started its first chapter in St. Luke's Church, Tacoma in 1887. But throughout all his work after his arrival in the northwest in 1881 the great sadness he experienced because of the death of Mrs. Fannie Paddock, his gentle helpmate, was at times almost overwhelming.

She had come with him from the East in 1882 and they were guests at St. Helen's Hall in Portland, Oregon. The Bishop was scheduled to preach his first Easter sermon in his new Diocese at the Episcopal Church in Vancouver, Washington. Mrs. Paddock insisted on accompanying him, although the weather was cold. As a result of the severe weather, she developed pneumonia and died a month later. Bishop Paddock survived her by 13 years—years filled with great Christian service. He died in California, March 4, 1894.



The original church, photo from 1890.

railroads and a large lumber industry flourished. The population had increased by more than 400%. With the aid of such able workers as the Reverend Reuben Nevius, D. D., the Reverend George Herbert Watson and the reverend L. W. Applegate, the Bishop spread the missionary work rapidly over Oregon and Washington Territory. The

The Reverend Canon Thomas E. Jessett S. T. D., D. D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Olympia, has written "Never since has the church grown so rapidly, and time has vindicated the wisdom of most of the choices

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and the courage of these ventures of those days.

The Bishop was buried in The Tacoma Cemetery and the remains of his wife were brought from Vancouver, Washington to be laid beside him.

Crosses mark their resting places. Today, should one visit these graves, he will notice that within a radius of some 200 feet graves, he will notice that within a radius of some 200 feet there are other crosses. They stand above the



John Adams and Fannie Paddock

burial sites of Bishop William Morris Barker, whose episcopate lasted from 1894 through 1901; of Bishop Frederic William Keator, 1902-1924, a period of great expansion in growth of the church; of Bishop Lemuel H. Wells, and of the Reverend Charles Ysla Grimes.

Here is it thought well to note that Fannie Paddock, the Bishop's wife, who had been an energetic president of the Woman's Auxiliary in Long Island, N.Y. prior to coming west in April 1881, started a church hospital with money given by the Long Island Churchwomen. This was built in Old Tacoma and was under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Miles, but Mrs. Paddock died before seeing the result of her donation. However, new Tacoma was growing rapidly and in 1887

Bishop Paddock raised more money and obtained a block extending from South Third to South Fourth between J and K streets from the Tacoma Land Company. The original hospital in Old Tacoma was added to the new building and in memory of the Bishop's

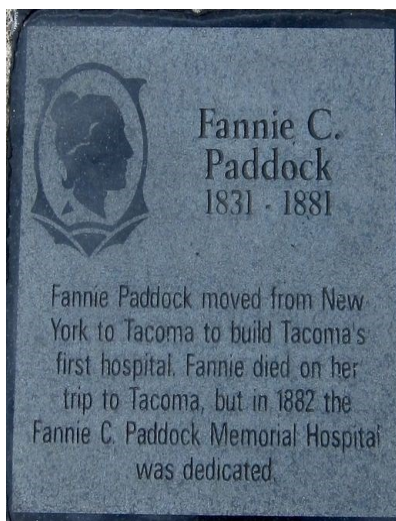
wife was called Fannie Paddock Hospital. It was in the same location on which the recently dedicated, magnificent, modern Tacoma General Hospital stands, diagonally across on K street from Christ Church.

In the hearts of many remain the memories of Fannie Paddock Hospital and the splendid "family" doctors, many of whom were members of Trin-

ity Church. They tended not only to the physical needs of their patients, but were their friends, advisors, confidantes. They seemed able to care for any ailment of any part of the body. The "altogether specialist" was rare. Some of those beloved physicians were Dr. Charles Case, Dr. Charles

McCutcheon, Dr. Yokum (Elsie Walter's father), Dr. Coleman (Emily Roudebush's father), Dr. Schug, Dr. Gove, Dr. Goldsmith, Dr. Hicks, the Drs. Wm. And Chas. McCreery, Dr. Quevli, Dr. E. M. Brown ...

Among them was another well-loved doctor, an unpretentious man. Let us drop in on the Lutrich family for this incident.



Historic marker at the site of the original Fannie Paddock Hospital,

## It Came to Pass

It was Friday, December 6, 1889, and Mary Lutrich had taken young Johnnie II with her to the new Trinity Chapel while she prepared the altar for the first services to be held there on the following Sunday, December 8. While she worked, Johnnie visited with the old Scottish gardener, Mr. Bruce, who was tidying up the church yard. Suddenly, Johnnie burst into the church and called,

“Mama, Mr. Bruce says I can ride with him in his cart and hold the horse’s reins for a little way, if you let me. Please, Mama.”

“All right, Johnnie, but do just as Mr. Bruce says, and go only as far as the hospital.” He rushed out.

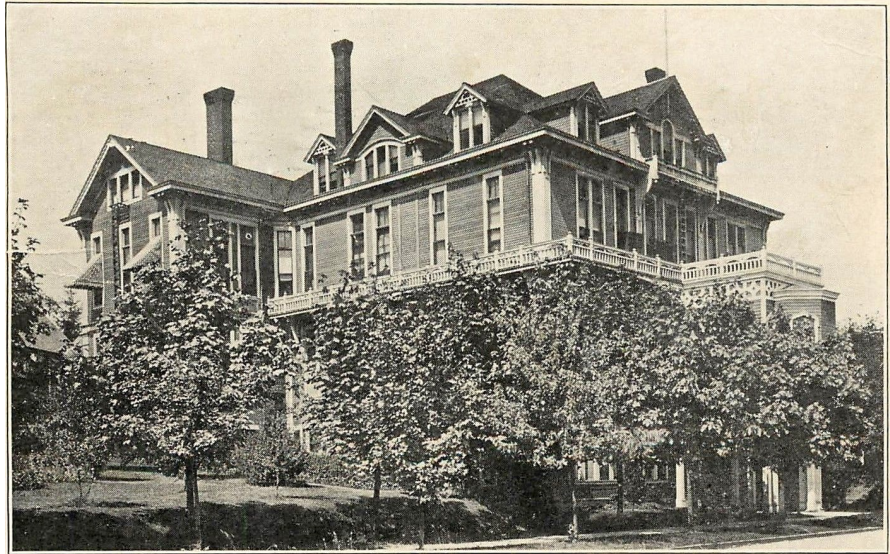
In a few minutes Mary went to the church entrance from where she could see the gardener’s cart stopping for her son

to alight. Immediately, the horse reared and Johnnie fell to the street. Mary reached him in seconds and helped Mr. Bruce carry the boy into Fannie Paddock Hospital. Her eyes were moist when Johnnie whispered, “It don’t hurt much, Mama.”

A mild mannered, older doctor answered the emergency call. He had tended the Lutrich family before and Mary was relieved to see him. He called Johnnie “a brave, little man,” then quickly arranged for the operating room to set Johnnie’s arm. Perhaps some will remember this good man. He was Dr. Memory Lee Doom.

When Johnnie’s father called for him in the evening of this eventful day, the lad was in high spirits. He was eating ice cream and was very proud of his splint-protected left arm. He reported between mouthfuls that Mr. Wells had been in to visit the lady in the next room, then had come in to see him. Johnnie said,

“He told me that he broke his arm when he



The Fannie Paddock Hospital, which was renamed Tacoma General in 1912.

was my age, but he hadn’t been a very good boy when that happened; that he went skating on a pond where his father told him not to go, and he fell down. He said I had been a better boy than he was. And he gave me some gum drops.

So, it was a proud Johnnie Lutrich II, obviously pleased with his white bandage, such as none of his contemporaries could boast, who accompanied his mother and father to church on December 8, 1889, to attend the first service held in the new Trinity Chapel.

# Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma  
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 30, 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](http://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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Lectio Divina, and Conversation & Compline Service Schedule

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