

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

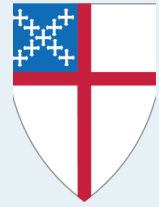
Winter uses all the blues there are. | One shade of blue for water, one for ice, | Another blue for shadows over snow. | The clear or cloudy sky uses blue twice - | Both different blues. And hills row after row | Are colored blue according to how far. | You know the bluejay's double-blur device | Shows best when there are no green leaves to show. | And Sirius is a winterbluegreen star.

The poem by Robert Francis expresses something of the short but much-loved season of **Advent**: blue is its natural color. The deep blue of the sky, for instance, that precedes the dawn; the yearning heard in the blues of jazz; and feeling blue - something so common at this time of the year. For the past forty years or so, Anglicans and Lutherans have employed a deep blue as the color for the season: better yet, they have restored the seasonal color present in Salisbury Cathedral, home of the distinctive English form of the Mass throughout the Middle Ages. Ah, blue: It stands in its calmness against the glitter and garishness of the holiday market season. It invites a more self-reflective spirit as we prepare to celebrate God becoming human in Jesus of Nazareth ... and in us (and in us: imagine that). Surveys in Europe and North America indicate that blue is the color most frequently associated with confidence and a calm spirit.

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4:00pm Holy Eucharist
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9:30pm Festive Holy Eucharist
- **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
December 25, 10:30am**

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:

Lois Garriott; Edith Abicht; Lani Frisch; Stephen Behr; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Leslie Brooks; Morrie Stafford, and Jim Pierson.

Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them: Those killed in Charlottesville, and Moscow, and Denver.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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Christ Church Calendar

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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What springs to mind is the confidence of John the Baptist who figures so prominently in this season and the calm commitment of the Mary of Nazareth when she receives the announcement that she will give birth to the messiah. Who doesn't need a god measure of confidence these days?

The temptation to jump into Christmas is ever present and difficult to resist in a culture obsessed with sales and profit. But resist we can. After all, who wears the wedding dress or tux a month before the wedding? Let us welcome Advent and allow the season to do its holy work within us.

Sunday, November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

Advent Holy Eucharist

at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

Advent Lessons and Carols
at 4:30 pm.

On November 27, just a few days after Thanksgiving, we will enter into a new year of grace with the first Sunday of Advent: a new color, wonderful Advents hymns and anthems, a new setting of the liturgy, two guest preachers, and a set of lec-

tionary readings intended to prepare us for the celebration of God taking flesh in human form: in Jesus of Nazareth and in us through the action of Holy Baptism. Did you know that Advent was originally a season of baptismal preparation of six weeks (not four) leading to baptisms on the feast of the Epiphany and later on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord? Advent's short season seems to be a beloved time for many as its liturgies serve as a blessed oasis from the frantic buying and noise of the market.

Save the Date: December 11

On Sunday, December 11, there will be one *Sunday Eucharist* at 10:30 AM. The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton will preside and preach, and she will confirm Ann Welton and David Pierce as they enter into Episcopal faith and life. Bishop Skelton is the former rector of St.



Paul's Seattle and served as Fr. Torvend's supervisor until he became interim priest after her election as the bishop of New Westminster (Vancouver, BC).

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Worship

Wednesday, December 21
Comfort My People

As promoted by the media and some church people, the “holidays” are supposed to be a time of “good cheer” and “warm family gatherings.” But that message can ring hollow for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, a friend, a job, or for those who are just plain lonely or anxious. On Wednesday December 21 at 7:00 PM - the longest night of the year - join Fr. Torvend in Trinity Chapel for a *Longest Night Service* that focuses on the comfort God offers God’s people in the midst of grief, loneliness, or struggle.

Adult Formation

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



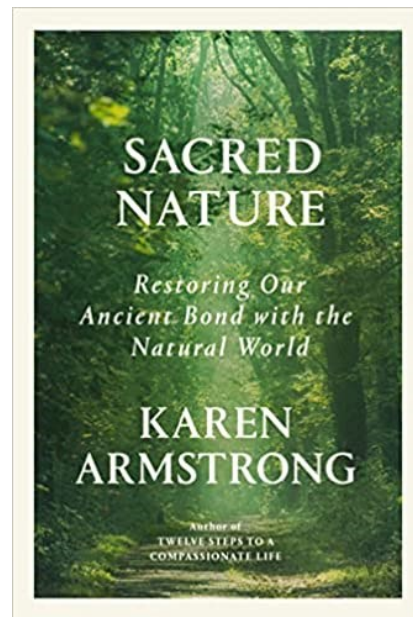
With a spirit of curiosity, openness and learning from ancient wisdom, we’ll engage some of the elements of biomimicry as spiritual practices for more deeply reflecting on and entering into the season of Advent and its themes of waiting, watchfulness, preparation, and hope.

Sunday, December 4
Meeting an Adult Christ at Christmas
12 Noon in the Parish Library

Given the sentimentality that easily obscures the deeper meaning of the Christmas Mystery, we’ll spend time as *thoughtful adults* considering what the distinguished biblical scholar, Raymond Brown, refers to as the adult Jesus we encounter at Christmas. Get ready for a few surprises!

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 Season of Light

Sunday, November 27

Advent Lessons and Carols at 4:30 pm in the church

Saturday, December 3

Advent Quiet Morning with the Rev. Jen Rude
Nature as Advent Mentor, 10 am-12 noon in the church

Sunday, December 11

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am in the church
Bishop Melissa Skelton, preacher

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist at 4:00 pm
Carols and anthems with the choir at 9:00 pm
Festive Holy Eucharist at 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am in the church

Sunday, January 1, The Holy Name of Jesus

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am in the church
The Rev. Catharine Reid, preacher

For the full schedule of Sunday services go to:
christchurchtacoma.org

A Season of Light at Christ Church Parish
A welcoming parish in the Stadium District

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info@christchurchtacoma.org | 253.383.1569

Community

Giving Tree • For the past several years, we have had a “Giving Tree” for one of our Parish Families in need. Because of the age of the children, we felt it would be better to provide the father with a gift certificate to a local department store for each of the kids and himself. If you would like to support this family, please consider a donation to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund noting “Christmas Family.”

Sunday, November 27 Ingathering of Wine for the Holy Eucharist

You are invited to bring a bottle or bottles of *ruby port* to church as we enter a new year of grace. You can place your offering of ruby port on the table provided in the church. Thank you!



Advent Wreaths

Advent is fast approaching and members of the Parish Life team have decided to have a do-it-yourself wreath making following worship in Wells Hall on **Sunday, November 27** which is Advent I. Candles, ribbon, and forms in which to place candles will be provided. We are asking church members to donate greens and other plant material items that may be used in the wreaths. Any questions or suggestions, please contact **Carol Gregory** at 206-619-6061 or [email her](#).

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Number of Pledges: 62
Total Amount: 292,200

Community

Christ Church Parish presents

Advent LESSONS and CAROLS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 4:30PM

featuring the Christ Church Choir and Organ

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Each week we are including another installment of the history of Christ Church Parish written for our 75th Anniversary in 1964: “It Came to Pass,” by Jessie Drummond Bronson. To access Chapters I through VI, please see the *Weeklys* starting October 28, or click [here](#).

CHAPTER VII

He maketh the storm to cease – Psalm 107

The sixth rector of Trinity Church was the Reverend John Philip Anshutz. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1890. His parents had come from Alsace-Lorraine in 1885. John Philip was the second of their six children. He was educated in the public schools, then was graduated from Amherst before studying at Harvard.

He preached his first sermon in Trinity Church on Thanksgiving Day, 1920. During his six-year stay there was a steady growth in the parish. The church school classes were taught by exceptionally well trained teachers. The school overflowed its accommodations, and the need for a new parish house was strongly felt.

There was a large choir particularly noted for a boys’ vested section, and as Mr. Anshutz reported in a church bulletin, “Trinity seeks to foster the musical and artistic talent of the young. Free classes in art and woodcarving are offered at the parish house, and each week rehearsals of the Ensemble Violin Club

and Oratorio group are welcomed there.”

Although he desired a large choir, he did not favor highly paid vocalists. However, three of Tacoma’s finest musicians were in Trinity choir at this time: John Jones, Jeanette Evans, H. Nunn, each receiving \$20.00 a month. And Clayton Johnson, organist, who also was paid a similar amount. Mr. Anshutz required that the best music be purchased and month after month bills from Tacoma’s music stores amounted to well over \$100.00. The church music library became so large that one of the parishioners, a mill owner, had cupboards built to hold it.

The guilds were particularly active and a loyal branch of the Woman’s Auxiliary made the support of missions its special care. The Young People’s Fellowship, The Girls’ Friendly Society, the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Boy and Girl Scout organizations flourished.

Trinity Church realized that it had an energetic, new rector and parishioners were proud of him when early in his rectorate they received a copy of General Orders, No. 10, Headquarters, 4th Division, citing the conduct in the battle of the Reverend John Philip Anshutz, who served in France as Chaplain with the Ivy Division. The text of the citation by the command of Brigadier General George H. Muir, Division Commander, follows:

“The Reverend John Philip Anshutz, formerly first Lt. (Chaplain) 47th Infantry, near Sergy, France, July 28, 1918, to August 1, 1918. Chaplain Anshutz showed great coolness and utter disregard for his personal safety by remaining in an area which was under intense artillery fire and carefully attending our

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wounded and burying our dead.”

The Reverend Mr. Anshutz was commissioned as Chaplain from Billings, Montana. He returned to that city after the Armistice and in 1920 was called to be rector in Tacoma.

It is reported that Mr. Anshutz was severely gassed during this World War service, and it is probably that his health, so effected, accounted for his sensitive, rather stormy reactions. In some respects he proved to be a non-conformist, who preferred to have church matters managed along lines he prescribed without benefit of the vestry. Such a problem developed after his departure from Tacoma because he had “mutilated” some \$1800.00 in Liberty bonds, belonging to the Sunday School treasury, by endorsing them so that transfer could be made only on the signature of the rector. This highly unorthodox arrangement on his part required lengthy correspondence with Washington, D.C., before clearance.

In part, his troubles increased because he disagreed with Bishop Frederic Keator in church matters, trifling but aggravating. He maintained that a rector is supreme in his own parish, and that the bishop of the Diocese has no right to enter it, for example, by performing marriage ceremonies. The rector’s anger increased when a prominent Tacoman desired Bishop Keator to officiate at his son’s wedding. This affair was transferred to St. Luke’s Church at Bishop Keator’s request. Also, another controversy raged within the church over the selection of a bishop to succeed Bishop Keator. Mr. Anshutz was in the midst of this.

Turbulent times these were within Trinity Church. Then followed the marital troubles of Mr. and Mrs. Anshutz. These, finally, caused his resignation. Yet, this Servant of God left a record of helpful, spiritual well doing and as Mr. Johnnie Lutrich II, who was a staunch friend of the unpredictable Mr. Anshutz, said,

“How many of the Holy men in history have not dragged feet of clay at times?”

CHAPTER VIII

*We took sweet counsel together
and walked in the House of God as
friends – Psalm 55*

The first important meeting of Trinity vestry after the resignation of the Reverend Philip Anshutz was held January 28, 1926, at the home of Mr. W. Yale Henry. Prayer was offered by the Rector-in-Charge, the Right Reverend Lemuel Wells. The vestrymen present were: W. Yale Henry, Lea Bronson, F. N. McCandless, A. L. Babbit, Glen Darling, George W. Osgood, A. D. Willoughby and J G Newbegin. Mr. Newbegin and Mr. Henry were appointed Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively, by Bishop Wells. Prior to this meeting, Bishop Wells, now 85 years old, was asked to take full charge of Trinity Parish as long as his health would permit. His appointment was ratified at this meeting.

Further business of this evening was the appointment of Mr. Lea Bronson, superintendent of the Sunday School, to hold in his cus-

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tody all Sunday School money until a regular Sunday School treasurer could be elected. Following this the proposition of appointing a committee from Trinity Church to meet with an appointed committee from St. Luke's to consider the amalgamation of these two churches was introduced by Mr. Henry. This was not a new proposal, for as far back as 1910 in a report of a meeting at that time, the following notice was given by Mr. J. H. Chandler, secretary of that gathering:

“At a joint meeting of the vestrymen of St. Luke's and Trinity parishes of Tacoma, held Friday evening, December 16, 1910, the question of the amalgamation of these parishes into one central parish, looking toward the unification of the church work along more progressive lines was presented and thoroughly discussed, it was resolved that: 1—That the individual members of said vestries endorse and approve such action. 2—That the said vestrymen will present the matter to their respective parishes for consideration and action.”

So, in fact, it took 16 years of much prayerful consideration by the vestries and parishioners of these churches before final consolidation began in 1926.

Voting on the proposition was first begun on March 11, 1926, at a meeting of Trinity parish when 69 of the 99 members present voted for the union. Senior Warden J. G. Newbegin presided. However, although the vestry acted fully within the canons of the church in calling this meeting, out of deference to Bishop H. A. Huston's request, it was agreed that within ten days all

of the other members of this church would be given an opportunity by mailed ballots to vote on the issue. On March 27 the report of the ballot canvass showed a vote of 178 for and 51 opposed to the proposition. These ballots added to the 69 for and 30 against, cast at the meeting of March 11, showed a total of 247 in favor and 81 opposed reported by Trinity parish.

The parishioners of St. Luke's were also thoroughly canvassed. Printed notices written by the clerk of St. Luke's vestry, Mr. D. J. Kinzie, were sent to all these parishioners on March 31, 1926. As a result, 94 communicants voted for the merger and 26 against it.

On April 22, 1926, Bishop Huston was advised by a letter, signed by D. J. Kinzie, clerk of St. Luke's vestry, and by G. W. Osgood, clerk of Trinity vestry, that a detailed vote of both churches showed a total of 341 in favor and 107 against the amalgamation. In response to this report the Bishop wrote that he would be glad to cooperate to bring about the merger of the two churches at the earliest date possible.

The actual merger, which would give Tacoma one of the four strongest parishes in the Diocese of Olympia, took place two weeks later. The formation of the Corporation of Christ Church required a longer time and much financial consideration. It was fortunate that men with business acumen were members of the united vestry.

The merger of the two churches had a sentimental, emotional angle, too. Many of St. Luke's men and women opposed any change to their beautiful, stone, ivy-

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covered St. Luke's Memorial downtown church. They were devoted worshippers in the memorial established in 1882 by Charles P. Wright in honor of his wife and daughter. To many other Tacomans this church had become a beloved feature of their city.

However, as years passed, more of the parishioners found it difficult to attend a church so far away from their homes. Many had changed their memberships to Trinity Church and the expense of maintaining the old church became too great.

Withal, the approximately seven years after the amalgamation, St. Luke's stood on its old foundations. The thick walls of Wilkeson sandstone remained solid but the frame, roof, and artistic, slender spire had become so weakened that collapse was feared by Tacoma's building inspector, C. S. McCormick, who requested removal or repair of the church. Boys had broken many of the windows and other miscreants violated

the interior. Taxes amounted to \$1700 because the church was not now being used for religious services. Repairs to the church had already cost \$3000. Frank Latcham, Senior Warden of the new Christ Church vestry, an attorney, stated that his church could

not afford to assume such expense.

The suggestion that old St. Luke's be demolished brought storms of protest from all quarters. Architects appealed to Tacomans to preserve this structure, of which they said, "While it is very simple and plain, it is one of the best examples of Gothic architecture in this section of the country. It is a rare gem of architectural



The Reverend Arthur Bell holding rocks that will decorate the completed sanctuary on the site of St. Luke's Memorial Church on North Gove Street. Behind Rev. Bell are the stones that are "lettered with an intricate code to fit into the niches they occupied in the original building at 6th and Broadway." (UW Special Collections)

beauty."

Women's clubs, Garden clubs, Civic clubs joined in the protest. Most determined among the opposition was Mrs. Isabel Wilkeson. She was a true pioneer; had come

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around Cape Horn in 1853 with her father, Elwood Evans, first judge of Washington Territory. She was the widow of Samuel Wilkeson and was one of the first planners for the construction of St. Luke's. In fact, she had planted the ivy which eventually nearly hid the stone edifice.

Thus, it is comprehensible how this loyal St. Luke's parishioner instituted a lawsuit as a member of St. Luke's parish and in the name of its rector and vestry against the rector, wardens and vestry of Christ Church parish and Edward J. Dunn of the Dunn's Housewrecking Company.

After months of litigation, the case, which sought to restrain the vestry of Christ Church from ever tearing down St. Luke's Church was denied. Judge Ernest Card's decisions concluded with, "The vestry of Christ

Church parish is appointed as trustee to receive the proceeds from the sale of the church property in controversy, and is directed to apply the same to preservation of the bell and memorial tablet from St. Luke's church and to the building fund of the parish. In so providing, the court is attempting to follow the intentions of the donor as nearly as possible under the changed conditions."

For some this was a bitter decision, but to the great satisfaction of many, and, as far as possible, old St. Luke's was preserved by the effort of the Reverend Arthur Bell. He had come from Canada in 1923 to become rector of St Mark's Church at North 36th and Gove Streets in Tacoma.

In the early 1930s this church had become too small for its growing congregation and at this time, also, there was a dispute over what should be done with the vacated downtown St. Luke's Church. It was

then that Mr. Bell and the parishioners of St. Mark's decided to buy the material of the old church and build a new St. Luke's on North 36th and Gove. All of the building stones and beams were numbered. As the



St. Luke's Memorial Church at its present home on 36th and Gove streets.

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work progressed under supervision of Arthur Bell, this material was placed in its proper position. The achievement took years of perseverance and much money, on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, was well as hard manual work. Much of that was done personally by Mr. Bell. Often in inclement weather the rector labored with the workmen to produce a magnificent structure, authentic in many details with the memorial built by Charles Wright.

It stands in tribute to Canon Arthur Bell, a great Christian, whose kindly understanding will forever remain in the hearts of all who have known him and his helpful wife, Helen. Their influence will live on from generation to generation.

We return to the subject of amalgamation: Several names for the amalgamated church were suggested. Finally, “Christ Church” was chosen. The Reverend Sydney James, rector of old St. Luke’s church was appointed rector but for several months Bishop Lemuel Wells continued on at Christ church while Mr. James arranged to leave St. Luke’s. He continued to hold Vesper services in the old building, and he maintained his great work for seamen in the St. Luke’s parish house until that wooden structure on St. Helens and 6th Avenue was torn down. This building consisted of a small chapel, a large, completely furnished kitchen and a dormitory with 30 beds. Seamen, at that time, were quite primitive and unmanageable when intoxicated. This caused Sydney James to arm himself for protection. His weapon was a knife since the Portugese and other foreign sailors seemed to respect that sort of de-

fense. However, the knife was never used and Jr. James treated his “boys” as friends. Often he cooked their meals and tended to their physical ailments. He prayed with them, told them they were “children of God,” and many became Christians.

The business of amalgamation continued and at a meeting on June 4, 1926, a new vestry was chosen. It consisted of four members from the old Trinity vestry, W. Yale Henry, Lea Bronson, J. G. Newbegin and George W. Osgood, and four members from St. Luke’s: E. J. Hackett, D. J. Kinzie, Frank Roberts and George Rounds. A ninth member had to be chosen and Mr. Charles B. Welch was selected.

Now it came to pass that at this meeting other vital matters arose for which the vote of all members, including that of Mr. Welch, was required immediately. He advised of his selection and told that his presence was imperative right away.

He objected over his home telephone, saying, “I’m working in my garden. Can’t come in these old clothes.”

“Yes, you can,” the Senior Warden said, “and get over here at once.”

Johnnie Lutrich II and his wife, Jane, neighbors down the street of the Welch family, saw dignified Charles B. Welch, editor of the Tacoma News Tribune, in garden togs, jump into his car and speed away.

“Well,” Johnnie II remarked. “Charlie is in a great hurry tonight.”

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Jane added, “Depend on it, he is on his way to be of service to someone. There never were two more kindly people than Mr. and Mrs. Welch.”

Her husband agreed, “That’s true. Remember the eulogy Mr. Welch put in his paper after mother’s death? He said, ‘Mary Lutrich was one of the most loved of God’s gentlewomen’.”

A sudden screech of brakes interrupted their reverie. A tin “Lizzie” stopped at their curb. Out jumped Johnnie Lutrich III, a 21-year-old replica of his father. He dashed by, calling, “Just came to grab a sandwich. Have to pick up Kay. We’re going over to Mr. Bell’s tonight to talk about the wedding ceremony.”

The parents smiled. Their Johnnie Lutrich would marry lovely Kay in Raynor Chapel of Annie Wright Seminary tomorrow night.

Jane said, “You must get a haircut, Johnnie II, and I am having a marcel wave. Must look our best for our Johnnie III’s wedding.

Her husband chuckled, and replied, “To think our youngsters are grown up: Ann with three children, and Johnnie soon a bridegroom. Remember that Sunday Scholl business when Ann, so proper, six years old, took Johnnie on his third birthday to Mrs. Pratt’s Sunday School class?”

“I’ll never forget it,” Jane answered, “but Johnnie, there’s not time for that memory now. It’s nearly train time, and Ann will be looking for us when she arrives. I’m happy she could come for the wedding.”

So, the father did not finish the story of little

Ann sobbing when she came home with her small brother, and reported,

“Mama, Mrs. Pratt sat Johnnie in one of the new red chairs next to mine, and Mr. Brewitt, the superintendent, came to our class. Then, Mrs. Pratt said we would have sentence prayers – you know, like ‘I thank Thee, dear Father, for everything’ I said mine, then, Johnnie – Oh, Mama-- ” she sniffled, “Mama, Johnnie said, ‘Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.’ And, then, Mama, the children laughed but Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Brewitt didn’t.” She sobbed now as Johnnie managed to say,

“Mrs. Pratt and the big man said I did fine. He said that he used to say my prayer when he was like me. Was I bad, Papa?”

Those understanding Sunday School teachers of the past and of the present, instructors for God and molders of young Christian lives!

Mr. George Brewitt, the superintendent in Johnnie IIIrd’s story was a life long worker for Christ Church, as was Mrs. C. A. Pratt, who spent years as head of Christ Church Junior Sunday School. Many present parishioners remember her with deep affection. She was the widow of C. A. Pratt, one of Tacoma’s most distinguished business men. He was a member of Trinity church vestry for years.

Note: Many thanks to Deb Nastaj for her faster-than-the-speed-of-light typing of many chapters of this book, which will eventually be located on a new “history” tab on our website.

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A TIME WHERE TURMOIL MIGHT GRIP THE SOUL

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Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma
The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022:

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



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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](#)

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