



Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

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A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

A Distinctive Spirituality

During our adult formation discussion of Anglican spirituality, we noted how important it is in the Pacific Northwest to participate in a spiritual community that has a distinctive spirituality. That’s a different question than what we might “like” about the parish.

As members and friends of this Anglican or Episcopal parish, we inhabit a spiritual legacy marked by the following: a well-ordered and prayerful **worship** that focuses on the mystery of God; comfort with images, symbols, and ritual and the **intuitive capacity** in humans; the welcome use of **reason and tradition** in discerning the meaning of Scripture; an emphasis on **welcoming questions**, doubts, and various theological viewpoints; a commitment to informed and **growing faith** supported by formation and education; an insistence on **God’s revelation** through a variety of means: Scripture, human experience, the church’s tradition, nature, and various disciplines; special attention to the Incarnation and a love for **the natural world**; attention to the **suffering** of the earth and its many creatures; and an openness to the **mystical** dimension of Christian faith and life.

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Upcoming Events

- Wells Hall Work Party, **January 28**
- Parish Potluck Lunch, **January 29**
- **Annual Meeting, February 5**
- Secular Book Club, **February 10**
- Adult Formation, **February 19**
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **February 21**
- Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist, **February 22**

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(Wells Hall)
Capital Campaign



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:

Debbie Oakman; John Marklin; Shannon Marklin; Miri Hinds; Christina Amos; Roby and Marie Dodd; Dick Gregory; Lois Garriott; Stephen Behr; Christinna Olsson; Melissa Glick, Ginny Peterson; Elin Gratton; Morrie Stafford; and Jim Pierson.

Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them: Barbara Bertolin; Doralin Burrows; Therese Day; Leilani Ordway; and Jessie Van Vorhis.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Margaret's, Bellevue • Good Samaritan, Sammamish

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Pakistan (United)

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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 Tuesdays 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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Worship

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What we discovered in our conversation is that each person is drawn to different aspects of this rich spirituality though we find that all of these marks make sense to us. As you look over them, is there one or two that you find attractive, meaningful? If so, why are they meaningful for you? We'll continue to consider the unique marks of Anglican spirituality: many of which have been voiced by people who live in the Pacific Northwest but do not regularly participate in a spiritual community: an openness to doubt and questions; a love for the natural world; a commitment to people and other creatures who suffer; the desire for a sense of peace; and a life marked by purpose and meaning.

Worship 101

Do I have to sing or recite very single word in the liturgy?

The quick answer is No. At times we will hear or read a phrase or sentence or hymn verse and think, "I don't agree with this." Worry not. You're not alone! You might hear something in the sermon and think, "What? I don't agree." Let's be clear on this: We do not aim for uniformity of thought in our worship. As a liturgy professor once told our class, "You can simply remain silent and say to yourself, I'm just going to walk on by that text." That's sound advice. No need to cross your fingers as you voice a text you just

might find troublesome. But, then, it's always helpful to know what you might find troublesome. Speak with the priest, the musician, or the wardens. Let us know what bothers you.

Formation

Sunday, February 12

11:45 am in the church

The Worship Committee will meet in the Parish Library after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, February 19

A New Look at the Spiritual Practices of Lent

11:45 am in the Parish Library

Since 1970, major changes have taken place in the practice of Lent: changes that accord with our emphasis on a baptismal and eucharistic spirituality. This is a change from the late medieval view of Lent that survived into the 20th century! Join us as we consider a fresh emphasis that departs from a long period of focusing on one's personal sin.

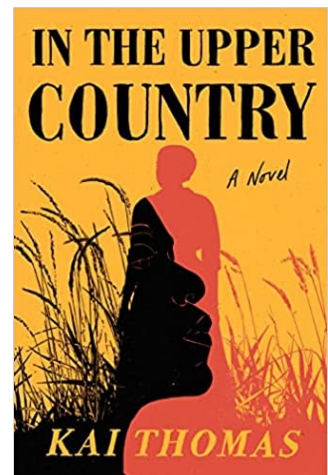
Sunday, February 19

at 6:30pm

Monthly Reading Group

Meet at the home of Don and Wanda Johnson to discuss *In the Upper Country: A Novel* by Kai Thomas. Newcomers are welcome! Questions?

[Contact Don Johnson.](#)



Formation

Saturday, March 4

Lent Quiet Morning

10:00am to 12:00 noon

In the church

We are pleased to welcome Benedictine priest, Fr. Michael Peterson, OSB, who will lead the quiet morning this year. He is a much sought after retreat director who will present reflections on Lent from the perspective of Benedict's famous Rule.



Fr. Michael Peterson, OSB



Godly Play, our Children's Formation, is now every Sunday through mid-June. Thanks

to Ann Welton and David Pierce for their assistance with this Montessori-based Sunday School program. Meet in the Narthex at 10:30 am to travel to Wells Hall together on Sundays.



Service

**LITTLE
PANTRY.**
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

Wells Hall Work Party

**Saturday, January 28th from
9:00am-2:00pm**

Come join the fun as we "spruce up" Wells Hall.

We have had a great response to our work party request and are looking forward to all that we will be able to accomplish. At this point, we need more muscle to help us move furniture and junk from "Down Below." I have rented a 17 ft. U-Haul to make several trips to the dump. We have been gathering and storing items for decades. We are way overdue for a massive purge!!

Bring your work gloves!

~Christi McCarren, Senior Warden

Weekly Altar Flower Donations

Available

Please sign up in the Narthex to donate to our altar flower fund. Your donation toward our altar flowers allows us to have beautiful floral arrangements each week.

Office Volunteers Needed

We have a vacancy in our afternoon Parish Office volunteer schedule and are wondering if YOU would like to join our team!

We have availability Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, any time between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. You would not need to be here the whole time if that doesn't work for you.

No particular skills necessary! Thank you for considering,

~Deborah Breneman,

Parish Administrator,

with

Pam Vidan, Cynthia Anthony, and

Susan Manning



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forward
CHRIST CHURCH TACOMA



Number of Pledges: 79
Total Amount: \$342,0142

Third Bann: The Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023, immediately after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, in Wells Hall. In order to have a quorum to conduct business, we encourage all members of the parish to mark the date and participate in the meeting. A light lunch will be served.

potluck

/pät 'lək/

noun: a meal or party to which each of the
guests contributes a dish



Join us for potluck lunch:

Sunday, January 29, 2023

following the 10:30am service

please bring:

A-L main dish

M-Z salad

*Bring your dish to Wells Hall before the
service if you would like.*

Sundaes and toppings will be provided.

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION 2023



ear friends in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythm of days and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us note the year's culmination, the Paschal Triduum, the Three Days of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising, celebrated between the evenings of April 6 and April 8, 2023.

January 6, 2023

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 8, 2023

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

February 2, 2023

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

February 21, 2023

Shrove Tuesday

THE PASCHAL CYCLE

February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2023

The First Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday | Sunday of the Passion

Lent ends with sunset on Thursday, April 6

THE THREE DAYS: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday: Institution of the Holy Eucharist

April 7, 2023

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

April 8, 2023

Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter, the Lord's Passover from Death to Life

**Mark your calendar well for these holy days when the people of God
gather as one to celebrate the great mystery of our salvation**

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)

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

January 29, 2023:

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

Online Daily/Weekly Devotion information:

[Forward Day by Day](#) | [Episcopal Church Weekly Reflection](#)

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