

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, May 5, 2023

A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

Faith and Food?

The earliest description of Christian worship was written by a convert to the faith named Justin, a man who was eventually executed by the Roman state for his loyalty to Jesus Christ. In his description, Justin notes that after the people have received the gifts of God in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, a collection is taken and is used to feed those who are hungry, homeless, and struggling with poverty. Please note the movement from *receiving* food and drink - bread and wine - to *sharing* food and drink with those who are hungry.

What Justin suggests is the ethical dimension of the Holy Eucharist: as God comes to us in Christ with life, health and wholeness so the sacramental community extends this hospitality to those who seek food and drink: the most basic human need. Here sacrament and ethics are joined.

We continue this ancient Christian practice by supporting **Emergency Food Network**, the county's center for the distribution of food to the majority of free meal sites and food pantries. Here's a shocking fact: over 51% of all households in Pierce County report **food insecurity**, that is, not having sufficient food to feed a family to the end of a month. **51%** And EFN reports that this percentage is growing.

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Upcoming Events

- Northwest Repertory Singers Concert, **May 6 and 7**
- Choir Rehearsal, **May 11**
- Jason Schroedel Funeral, **May 13**
- Adult Formation: A Lonely Resurrection?, **May 14**
- Vestry, **May 16**
- Choir Rehearsal, **May 18**
- Wellspring Ensemble Concert, Esoterics Concert, **May 21**
- CSLT Zoom Meeting, **May 23**



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We strongly encourage masking during worship, mindful that we worship among people who need added protection. Masking not only protects us but also our neighbors.

Christ Church Prayer List

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:

Tim Williams; Patty Botkin; Betsy Buck; Al Buck; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hindes; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; Stephen Behr; Danielle Olsson; Melissa Glick, and Jim Pierson.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace, Bainbridge Island • St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island

• St. Paul's, Bremerton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Wales

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**.

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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 and Formation

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The Christ Church Community Service Team has reported our commitment to support EFN during its annual Hunger Walk, taking place tomorrow, **Saturday, May 6**, at Fort Steilacoom State Park. Christ Churchers will be gathering at 10 AM to walk. Can't walk? No problem! Consider a generous donation to the Christ Church Hunger Walk Team. You can click here and make an online donation: <https://runsignup.com/Race/69925/Donate/M9O7bldA8g4UvHYt> or you can place a check made out to Christ Church in the offering on Sunday, with the Memo Line that reads **Hunger Walk**.

Worship 101

Have you had a chance to enter the altar platform and take a look at the Paschal Candle? Please do and note the detailed needlework created by Christ Church member, **Milana McLead**.

The Paschal Candle burns brightly throughout the Easter Season, through Pentecost Sunday, and then burns brightly at the celebration of Holy Baptism and at Funeral Eucharists. Indeed, the funeral liturgy is a baptismal liturgy: as one enters the Christian community through baptism, so the community bids farewell to their beloved dead with baptismal rituals: the sprinkling of baptismal water, the use of white pall reminiscent of the white garment worn at baptism, Easter hymns, and the Paschal Candle burning brightly next to the urn or casket.

Funeral Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Commendation for **Jason Schroedel** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 13, at 11:30 in the morning in the church. Following the Eucharist, lunch will be served in Wells Hall. Members and friends of Christ Church are cordially invited to attend.



Worship and Formation

Sunday, May 14

12 Noon in the Parish Library

A lonely resurrection?

Western depictions of the resurrection of Jesus tend to portray him by himself (well, with a few Roman soldiers knocked out at his feet). Among Eastern Christians, however, we find a much different portrayal: he is never depicted on Easter morning and he is never by himself. Join Fr. Torvend as we explore the Byzantine icon of the resurrection and how its color, movement, and content can shape our spirituality during the Fifty Days of Easter. A nice deal: a color image of the icon for each participant!



Formation

Sunday, May 21

12 Noon in the Parish Library

Images from the East

During their travels, Floyd and Lani Frisch, Christ Church members, have collected a remarkable treasure of icons. Join them as they show us and discuss these precious images from the Eastern Orthodox tradition. Floyd is a retired Episcopal priest and attorney-at-law and Lani a seasoned interior designer.

Godly Play, our Children's Formation, is



now every Sunday through the end of May. Meet in the Narthex at 10:30 am to travel to Wells Hall together on Sundays.

Service and Community

Please make a donation
to the Hunger Walk :

[Christ Church Tacoma Hunger Walk](#)

- ♦ **Select Donation (top of page)**
- ♦ **Select Team Fundraiser (scroll down on right)**
- ♦ **Select Christ Episcopal Tacoma (scroll down until you locate)**
- ♦ **Donate**

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up to walk as part of our Christ Church team, please contact Linda Johnson at 253-802-6824 or lljbrownspt@gmail.com.
~Linda Johnson

**HUNGER
WALK**

Sending a fond farewell to long-time member **Ginny Peterson**, who has just recently moved to Horizon House in Seattle. We are grateful for the many years she has spent with us as part of the Christ Church Family, and will miss her presence among us. We shall fondly remember her energy, dedication, and faithfulness, and wish her well in her new church home! Ginny's Horizon House address is listed in our new Parish Directory.

~Christi McCarren,
Senior Warden

A Car is Needed—A member of Christ Church who has been diagnosed with Multiple Melanoma and has many medical appointments is in need of a used vehicle for trips to Seattle and Tacoma clinics. If you can make a gift of a car or know someone who is capable of doing this, please contact [Deborah Breneman](#), Parish Administrator, as soon as possible, thank you.



New Parish Directory Is Available!

Did you receive your electronic copy through mailchimp? If not, [please let us know](#). We do have a limited number of printed copies for those who cannot print. Ask in the Parish Office.



Community




Celebrating the 90s
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
**A POTLUCK CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THOSE
WHO ARE IN THEIR 90s**



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Community

Happy
Anniversary

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Thank you for the music, Paul!



Our Sexton, Tim Williams, is taking a leave of absence for a few weeks. If you need anything, please contact the Parish Administrator at 253.383.1569, x 101.

third friday
concerts @ Christ Church

Our next **Third Friday** concert on **Friday, May 19, at 12:10pm**, features **Michael Plagerman**, Director of Sacred Music at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Seattle.

Please join us for this special concert.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door.



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](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

May 7, 2023

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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