

Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

Christ Church Parish • Friday, January 5, 2024

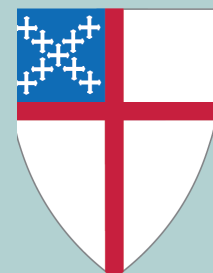
A Message from Mo. Maria McDowell

Elizabeth and I are so very excited to be here with you. It turns out that, at least for me, a month off is more than enough and I have spent the last week just wishing I could start. Finally, we are here, ensconced in a temporary apartment until our Portland house sells so we can settle more fully into our Tacoma home. I am looking forward to settling into life at Christ Church as well. Every parish has its own patterns, surprises, quirks, and delightful personalities. Over the next few months I hope to get to know many of you. Christi has given me a list of people and teams with whom to meet. We are arranging coffee for larger groups twice on Wednesdays throughout January (please sign up!) and a few Sundays as well. Please come and tell me what you love about your parish home, what drew and keeps you here, what you hope to see over the next few years. I am particularly excited to meet you in your homes, and am grateful that Jane will help arrange meetings with smaller groups so we can have an opportunity to engage in deeper conversation. Since it is the Epiphany season, these gatherings can also be an opportunity for a home blessing. As I learn the rhythms of this place, my schedule may shift to better match them, but for the moment, I intend to be available and in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday will be a sermon prep and quiet prayer day, and unless there are emergencies or previously scheduled sacramental obligations, Friday and Saturday are days of rest (and exploration).

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Upcoming Events

- First Friday Kids Night Out, **January 5**
- Epiphany Women's Brunch, Epiphany Blessing at Owen Beach, **January 6**
- OPOP Meeting, **January 7**
- Coffee with Mo. Maria, **January 10**
- Monthly Book Club, Choir Rehearsal, NA Meeting, **January 11**
- Second City Chamber Music Concert, **January 12**
- An Evening of Gratitude, **January 13**
- Coffee with Mo. Maria, Greening Parish Meeting, **January 14**
- Vestry Meeting, **January 16**
- Coffee with Mo. Maria, **January 17**
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- Third Friday Concert, **January 19**



Christ Church follows guidance published by the CDC, the Washington Dept. of Health, and the Tacoma-Pierce Co. Health Dept. These guidelines may change based on new evidence or new protocols issued by public health authorities. We respect everyone's ability to make the best decisions for themselves, including when to wear a mask, while honoring our Christian commitment to protect others through our actions. Christ Church will continue to provide face masks and hand sanitizer.

NEED HELP??

To add to our prayer list, email the [Parish Administrator](#) before Friday, or the Rector from Friday through the weekend. 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](#).

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.

Bring comfort and healing to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: for Elaine Stafford; Al Buck; Gwen Horner Gryskevich; Alex Gryskevich; Mark Morris; Chaundra Pospychala; Carolyn Guppy; Judy Cullen; Sonsaray; Robert Reeves; Cameron Frisch; Robyn Potter; Miri Hinds; and Dick Gregory.

We commend to your mercy those who have died: Jonathan Rodriguez; Gary Crippen; and the many who continue to perish in the Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Matthew's/San Mateo, Auburn • St. Elizabeth's, Burién

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Scottish Episcopal Church

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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.

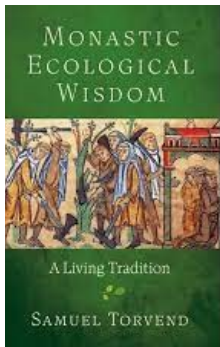
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Worship and Formation

tion of our new home). Deborah will help me schedule meetings so I can be sure to meet as many of you as possible, but please feel free to come by and say hello! Introduce yourself to me, remind me of your name if you already introduced yourself, and if I repeat your name back to you multiple times, it is because that is how I will remember it. Thank you to all of you who have already welcomed us with flowers, restaurant suggestions, wine, beautiful music, and to-do lists. We are both so grateful to be here.

– Mo. Maria



Monthly Reading Group

Sunday, January 21 at 6:30pm

The Monthly Reading Group will meet at 6:30pm at the home of **Sandy and Ronn Jo-**

hanson to discuss Father Samuel Torvend's new book, *Monastic Ecological Wisdom*, with him. Everyone interested is welcome. Questions? [Contact Don Johnson](#).

A celebration in honor of Fr. Samuel Torvend and Senior Warden Christi McCarren will be held on **Saturday, January 13, at 5:00pm in Wells Hall**. As this event will be catered, there is a suggested donation of \$30/person, but please know that all are welcome to share in this gathering! RSVP to the Parish Office, 253.383.1569 x 101, [or by email](#).



New Parish Directory in 2024!

We are fortunate to have so many new additions and changes to our address book that we need a new list already. If you have moved, or if you know you're not on our list, please let us know ASAP by calling 253.383.1569 x 101 or [emailing the Parish Office](#). We will begin working on a new directory by the end of January.

Annual Meeting Notice

Our 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024, in Wells Hall.
More information to come!

Community



CHRIST CHURCH GREENING

“Humans first came into existence...

in an already flourishing garden with towering forest canopies; deep thickets of leaves and fruits; great herds of animals...rain, cascades, and streams watering the ground...and over the majority of the surface of the earth oceans swarming with creatures....The scriptures attest that this watered garden of the earth has been at worship since the beginning: the morning stars sang together and shouted for joy (Job 38:7), creatures look to God to give them their food in due season (Ps. 104:27), mountains and hills burst into song, and all the trees of the field clap their hands (Isa. 55:12). Amid this great diversity, humans also worship God. Christians have joined the earth's great liturgy, led into worship by Jesus Christ, whom we know as the firstborn of the new creation....

“We live in an age of ecological emergency...It is something new even for the earth itself: never before has a single species so profoundly disrupted the health of earth's life-support systems and other species. On our exodus out of bondage to our current pattern of ecological destruction, God will certainly lead us 'by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown'...And yet, in the new challenges of this age the world deeply needs a people who faithfully carry with the ancient, sacred memory of God's gift of a good, living earth—a creation made by God...that is being healed even now by the power of the Spirit, and that is deeply beloved by its maker who suffers bodily with and in the earth.”

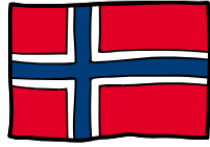
—A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology by Benjamin Stewart, p 85, Augsburg-Fortress 2011.

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September 30 - October 9, 2024

**Register
today!**

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*Fr. Samuel
&
Christi*

THANK YOU!

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**A celebration in honor of Fr. Samuel Torvend
and Senior Warden Christi McCarren**

RSVP: 253.383.1569 X 101

OR

ADMINISTRATOR@CHRISTCHURCHTACOMA.ORG



 **SECOND CITY
CHAMBER SERIES**

CONCERT IV:

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2024
AT 7:30 PM**

Christ Episcopal Church
310 N K Street
Tacoma, WA 98403



CAROLEAN *Coronations*

Zach Lyman &
Sarah Viens, trumpets

Danielle Lemieux,
horn

Scott Hartman,
trombone

Paul Evans, tuba

Join us for the music of the coronations
of Charles I, Charles II, & Charles III of
Great Britain, featuring the music of
Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell, & more!

**GET TICKETS AT
SCCHAMBERSERIES.ORG
\$35 PLUS SERVICE FEE
STUDENTS FREE WITH STUDENT ID**



Second City Chamber Series is pleased to present a concert of Anglican-themed music entitled "Carolean Coronations" featuring brass music performed at the coronation ceremonies of Charles I, Charles II, and Charles III of Great Britain. Join us on Friday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m. here at Christ Episcopal Church as trumpeters Sarah Viens and Zachary Lyman, hornist Danielle Lemieux, trombonist Scott Hartman, and tubist Paul Evans perform brass music from the sixteenth, seventeenth, and twenty-first centuries British coronations. More information is available at www.scchamberseries.org

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Altar Flowers

Please check the flower donation schedule in the Narthex for available dates! Thank you!



Christ Church Parish Evening Prayer at Table

Join us for
Evening Prayer at Table,
February 7 at 6:00pm
in Wells Hall.

Let us know you'll be there by
signing up in the Narthex or
[contact the Parish Office.](#)



Soaring to new heights
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD

Pledges Received so far: 70

Total Amount: \$ 342,146

Goal: \$400,000



The Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am*
Morning Prayer

◇ Tuesday 7:30am*
Lectio Divina

◇ Thursday 7:30am*
Morning Prayer

***zoom link available at
christchurchtacoma.org/**

Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

January 7, 2024

8:30am Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church

Bulletins

Visit [Christchurchtacoma.org/calendar](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

Online Daily/Weekly Devotion information:

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



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