

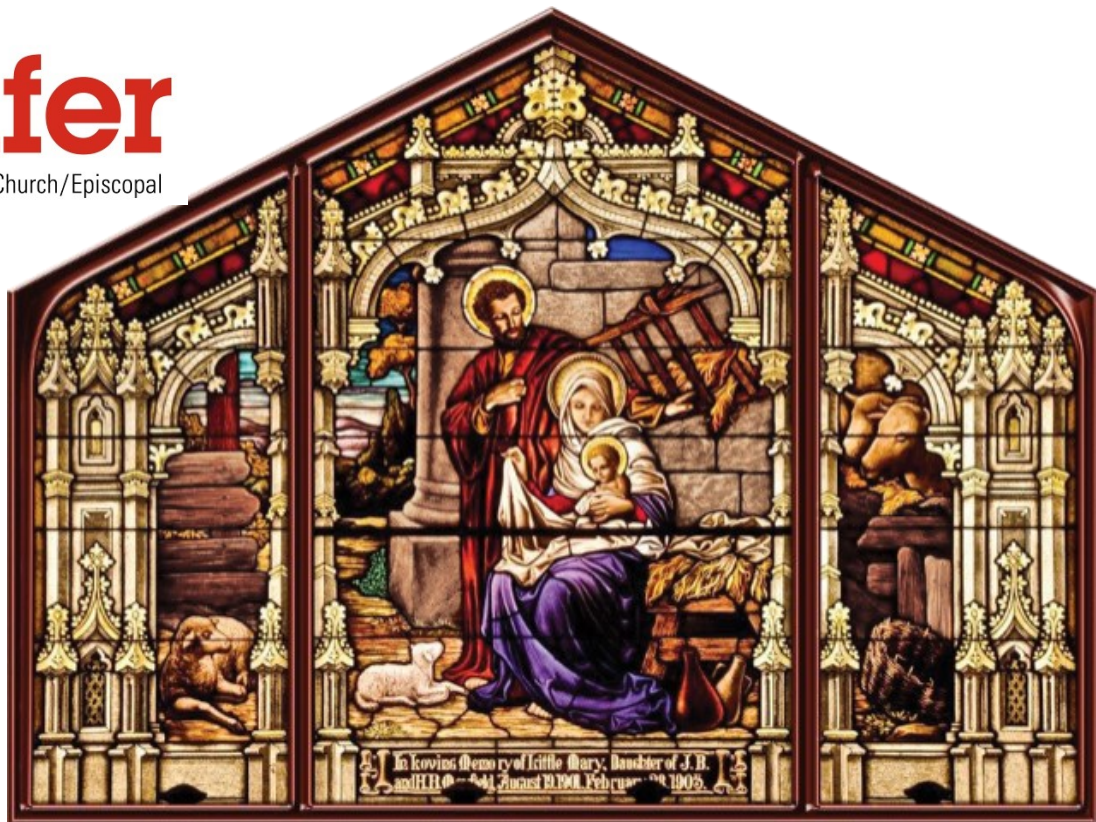
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From the Rector:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12.1-2

At the Sydney Olympics, the world was introduced to Eric "The Swimmer" Moussambani of Equatorial Guinea as he swam in the 100-meter free style qualifying heat. The 22-year-old African had learned to swim the previous January. He had only practiced in a 20-meter pool without lane markers, and Eric had never raced more than 50 meters. By special invitation of the International Olympic Committee, Eric had been entered in the 100-meter men's freestyle.

When the other two swimmers in his heat were disqualified because of false starts, Moussambani was forced to swim alone. Eric was, to use the words of an Associated Press story about his race, "charmingly inept." He never put his head under the water's surface and flailed wildly to stay afloat. With ten meters left to the wall, some spectators thought he might drown!

Even though his time was over a minute slower than the other competitors, the capacity crowd at the Olympic Aquatic Center stood to their feet and cheered Eric on. When he finished the race and had caught his breath, Eric said "I want to send hugs and kisses to the crowd. It was their cheering that kept me going."

We have a cheering section. People standing with us and for us. Encouraging us and loving us. We cannot see them all, but the book of Hebrews reminds us that a 'great cloud of witnesses', composed of all the faithful departed, is also pulling for us as we make our way through this life.

Thanksgiving, then the season of Advent are drawing near. After a trying season in the world, there is much for which we are thankful. This year, I invite you to give particular thanks to God for those who have participated in your cheering section. I thank God for YOU!

For whom are you thankful? Remember them in your prayers and thank them if you are able.

For whom do you cheer? Let them know you care. Persevere in your support for them. It might be the difference between disappointment and victory.

Faithfully in Christ,

David



The vision of Christ Church is to be recognized as a joyful, spirit-filled community of apostles reaching out and transforming lives for Christ.

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty / *Associate Rector of Christian Formation*

A Bible Reading Challenge

I know that it is a little early to be thinking about New Year's resolutions, and that for many, their resolutions are made after a couple of glasses of champagne on December 31. Here is a suggestion for a resolution that also constitutes a challenge: Read the Bible in One Year. Yes, for 2022, I am challenging you to resolve to read the entire Bible during the year. "What?" you say, "I tried that once before and came February, and the confusing offerings and sacrifices of Leviticus and skipped a day, and then two, then three, and pretty soon the Bible reading was finished for the year."

This is a program that was developed by the folks at Holy Trinity Brompton in London, the people who run the ALPHA Course. This is a program that includes not only the daily readings for the year, but also commentary and prayer. Here is an example from the readings for November 9.

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life;
- 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Commentary

God will guard and protect you

Where is the first place you look when you are in trouble or don't know what to do? Do you look to friends, family or the medical profession? There is nothing wrong in looking for help in all these directions. But the first place the psalmist looks is upwards.

Regret looks back. Fear looks around. Worry looks in.
Faith looks up.

The psalmist looks up, 'I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?' (v.1). Your help, strength and protection come from the maker of the universe: 'My strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains' (v.2, MSG). 'He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber' (v.3). This beautiful psalm speaks of the Lord's love for you and his protection over your life.

'God's your Guardian,
right at your side to protect you...
God guards you from every evil,
he guards your very life.
He guards you when you leave and when you return,
he guards you now, he guards you always'
(vv.5-8, MSG).

I have sometimes used this psalm as a prayer for our family or friends who are facing difficulties in their lives.

The promise of this psalm is that the Lord will protect you from all ultimate harm. The psalmist could not have known that this is made possible through the 'once for all' sacrifice of Jesus, which means that one day he will come 'to bring salvation for those who are waiting for him' (Hebrews 9:28).

Prayer - Lord, thank you that you watch over me day and night. Thank you that you watch over my coming and going both now and for evermore.

In my opinion, this is a program that can be sustained over the course of the year and will bring you closer to God. There are three versions of the program: Classic, Express, and Youth. The Classic version takes about 25 minutes to read and the other versions much less. There is an app that can be used on a cell phone. Christ Church clergy will be participating, and Sunday Adult Formation on both Christ Church campuses will be based on the previous week's readings.

Please consider making reading the Bible in one year your New Year's resolution. I will publish detailed instructions in December.

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist



Noon-Time Concert Series
TUESDAYS AT NOON NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21

Light lunch served following the concert by ECW

November 30, 2021

Blessed Advent & Merry Christmas!

DR. IAN AIPPERSPACH, *Assistant Organist*
Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler

WESTON JENNINGS, *Music Director & Organist*
First Presbyterian Church, Tyler

BILL BANE, *Director of Music Ministries*
Trinity Episcopal Church, Longview

December 7, 2021

DR. SOOAH PARK, *soprano*
Associate Professor of Music, UTT

DR. DAN KYZER, *guitar*
Adjunct Lecturer, Guitar, UTT

December 14, 2021

SARAH ROBERTS, *saxophone*
Associate Professor of Music, UTT

December 21, 2021

DR. CANDICE AIPPERSPACH & Friends, *soprano*
Associate Professor of Music, ETBU, Marshall

Advent **virtual** Morning Prayer
Weekdays beginning Monday, November 29 at 6:00am
www.christchurchtyler.org

~ Nine Lessons & Carols ~

6:00pm Sunday, December 12 in the Nave Downtown

children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Parent volunteers are needed on both campuses for crowd control & stage removal.
Please let Ms. Tina know if you are able to assist with this wonderful tradition.

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

11/19 **Geo Hernandez**, 11/21 **Sarah Chambers**,
11/23 **Reese Bryant**, 11/23 **Oren Ramm**,
11/24 **Ella Harbold**, 11/24 **Polly Clayton**,
11/25 **Gillian Lowe**, 11/27 **Erik Haan**,
11/27 **Kate Eagleton**, 11/28 **Hunter Jensen**,
12/1 **Mitchell Bryant**, 12/2 **Hannah Hennigan**,

★ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sign-ups began Nov. 14
look for registration sheets at both campuses.

Pageant Practice will be Dec. 12
During the Sunday School hour in the Nave at CCD
and after the 11:05 worship in the Great Hall at CCS.

★ **Christmas Pageant at CCS**
Dec. 19 during the 11:05 service

Christmas Pageant at CCD ★
Dec. 24 during the 4:00 family service

The St. Theresa's Guild / Women's Depth Group

You're Invited to Celebrate and share what is to come next year 2022!

Wednesday December 1, 2021
Christ Church Episcopal South Campus
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

RSVP TO: Karen Courville 903-360-2797

thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List

in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC,
Nita, Stephanie, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles,
John, Jim, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy,
Barbara, Lindsey, Emmi, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy,
Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah, Marilyn, Julia,
Anne, Maxwell, Alexa, Donald, Shelly, Kerry, Patsy,
Diedre, Zoe, Gage, Francis, Brittini, Woody-Kaye,
Rodgers Family, Paul, Lucy, Vickie, Gina, Betsy,
Monalee, Katie, Patrick, Greg, Marie, Tommy,
Debby, Sally, Lloyd, Kristi, Memphis, Greg,
Vonice, James, The Mercer Family, Gregory,
John, Diane, W, Maxine, Carol Ann, Venetia,
Jan, Mary Ruth

The Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Hpa-an (Myanmar)

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Kansas & Kentucky

Diocese of Texas:

*St. Martin's Episcopal Church—Houston
& Church of the Redeemer—Houston*

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list
changes or additions 903.530.8168

parish administrator

Diana Keesey



A Generous Spirit

Our Response to God's Favor

Stewardship2022



THANK YOU to the 205 families who have participated
in the 2022 Stewardship campaign,
as of November 14th we have 26 new pledgors so far.

If you have any questions about making a commitment
contact, Diana Keesey, Parish Administrator, at
dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org or 903.5979854.

More information can be found at christchurchtyler.org/give.

Virtual Morning Prayer during Advent

available at 6:00am weekdays at www.christchurchtyler.org

Tidings of Joy

Advent Noon-Time Concert Series

Tuesdays at Noon in the Nave followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall

Caroling & Bonfire

Saturday, December 11 6:00pm

Gather at CCS to carol

followed by the bonfire about 7:00pm

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 12 | 6:00pm

Downtown in the Nave

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christ Church South

Sunday, December 19 | 11:05am

Downtown in the Nave

Friday, December 24 | 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24

Downtown in the Nave

4:00pm Children's Pageant

7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

10:30pm Festival of Lessons & Carols

Advent 2021



SCHEDULE:

Friday, Nov 19

6:00pm | **Supper Club** (*small groups*)

contact Kim Meyer for more information 903.530.6186

Thanksgiving Week

Offices close at noon on the 24 and reopen on the 29th

No Weekday Christian Formation activities

Thurs, Nov 25

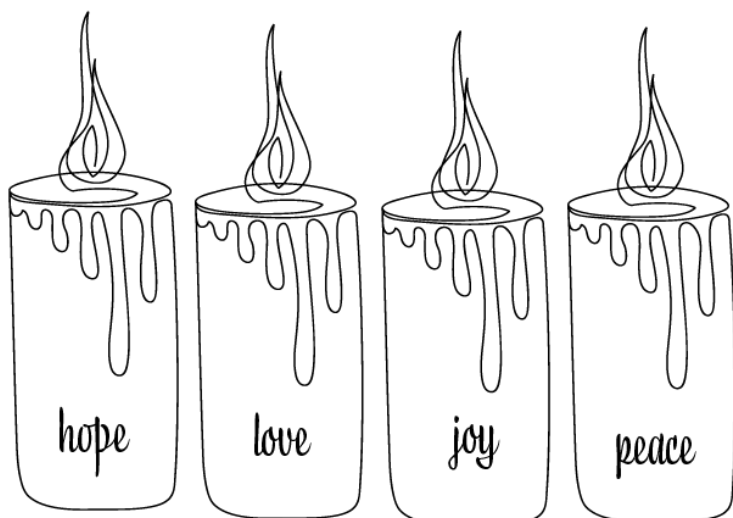
8:00am | **virtual/Thanksgiving Service** available

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Monday, Nov 29

6:00am | **virtual/Morning Prayer** begins weekdays

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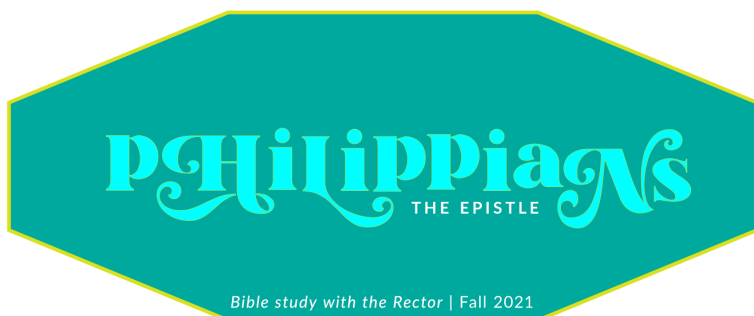


Advent Lectionary Study

Adult Christian Formation

beginning Sunday the 21st Downtown &

Sunday the 28th at South Campus



Bible Study with the Rector Fall 2021

Men: TUESDAYS at 8:00am

Women: THURSDAYS at 10:30am

Wed, Dec 1

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's Bible Study** CCD Undercroft

10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**

6:00-7:30pm | **EYC**

6:00-8:30pm | **Women's Depth Group/St. Theresa's Guild**

CCS-RSVP to Karen Courville 903.360.2797

Thurs, Dec 2

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study** with the Rector CCD

6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**



Join us on December 2nd for our

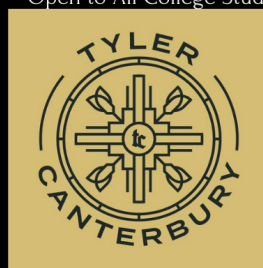
End of the Semester Celebration

6PM at Father Matt's House 925 W Connally

St. Contact Uriah at 903.625.0301 or

tylertxcanterbury@gmail.com for details

Open to All College Students!!!



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In the event of a pastoral emergency,
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The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or
The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, November 21

The last Sunday after Pentecost | Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:1-8,

John 18:33-37 or Mark 11:1-11

Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, November 28

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Zechariah 14:4-9, Psalm 50,

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-31

Sunday, December 5

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126,

Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I* {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}

11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II* {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}

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