

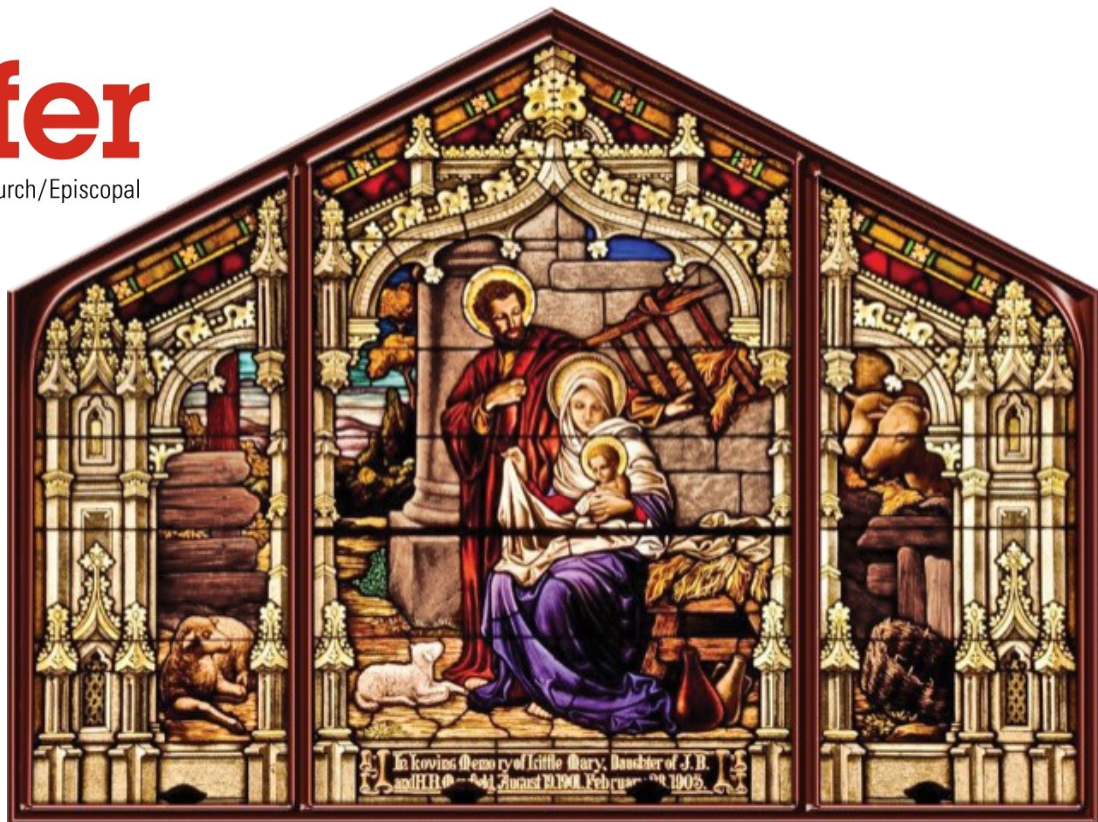
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From the Rector:

I love the fitful gust that shakes
The casement all the day
And from the mossy elm tree takes
The faded leaf away
I love to see the cottage smoke
Curl upwards through the naked trees
The pigeons nestled round the coat
On dull November days like these

From *Autumn*, by John Clare

I love the Autumn. As the colors turn a lovely hue of orange and yellow, and fireplaces roar back to life. As the Delta season of these past weeks fades from view, this autumn feels a bit like spring. Even as the temperatures fall with the leaves, the public health landscape in our community has improved dramatically. Signs of vital new life are everywhere!

A year ago, Advent was online. As Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas approach, we thank God that we can gather together without requiring registration or face coverings.

Over the coming Sunday afternoons, Christ Church will offer two marvelous musical programs in the nave—**Choral Evensong this Sunday Nov. 7 and a wonderful piano recital and tea-time reception on Sunday Nov. 14.**

And this Advent, our Tuesday Advent Noon-Time Concert series and luncheons will begin on November 30. All are welcome to attend the concerts either in-person or online. But the delicious lunches will only be available in the parish hall. :-)

Be encouraged by the teaching of James 1, which reminds us to *“Count it all joy, my sisters and brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

Wishing you a blessed Autumn,

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. Dr. Matt Boulter / *Associate Rector*

The Prayer Book as a Rule of Life

Sometime last summer on a Saturday, I was at the Foundry Coffee House (in desperate need of caffeine, because of my desperate need to crank out a sermon for the following morning. As happens quite frequently, I bumped into one of our Christ Church seminarians. Even though most of them live out of town, they seem to blow back into town every once in a while, and the Foundry is one of their hubs.

Gavin (a postulant in the Diocese of Dallas, and a seminarian at Wycliffe Hall Toronto) and I sat down to get caught up on life. Soon the conversation turned to his studies, and in that same breath he uttered a phrase which arrested my attention: “prayer book catholic.”

“I am a prayer book catholic,” he said. Intrigued, I pressed him to say more about this moniker.

Let me back up a bit. It will not come as a shock to you, dear reader, to hear me say that our world/culture/society is currently in the throws of cataclysmic change. There are so many examples and leading indicators of upheaval. Just last night, a social media ad grabbed my attention, urging me to “click the link” in order to learn more about digital and crypto currencies. Oh, and now there’s the metaverse, popularized by the name change of Facebook’s parent company just last week. And, note: I have not even mentioned American politics and that heated polarization yet. (Have you noticed how chatter about civil war in the U. S. does not seem nearly as far-fetched as it did just, say, five or six years ago?)

In the midst of this upheaval, what is the role of the church? It can’t be entertainment. It can’t be self-help. It can’t be more of the same kinds of solutions that our secular culture offers us.

Instead—and this leads in a straight line back to the conversation with Gavin—the task of the Church is to root people into practices which (by the grace of God, of course) mediate God’s presence, and facilitate participation in God.

In the course of our conversation, Gavin mentioned a book to me: *Inwardly Digest: the Book of Common Prayer as a Guide to a Spiritual Life*, by Derek Olsen. This book, he

said, expressed what he meant by the term “prayer book catholic.” I promptly bought the book and devoured it, and for the last few Sundays we’ve been discussing it during the 10AM Christian Formation Hour at Christ Church South.

Gavin was not wrong. Friends, I cannot overemphasize how important this book is for me, for it shows how (and why) the *Book of Common Prayer* is (or can be) a “rule of life” for us today.

That ancient phrase, “rule of life,” is an apt foray into the book, for it implies the importance of discipline. Not discipline as an oppressive or heavy burden, but discipline as the means to develop habits. Habits which form us into the kind of people (again, by grace alone) who, through hope, courage, honesty, grit, and love, can thrive and give life to others in the midst of this culture of ours which, all too often these days, seems to be burning to the ground.

This vision and template for discipline Olsen masterfully presents. And he does it under the rubric (based on *Concerning the Service of the Church*, on page 13 of the 1979 book) of time. The calendar (with its seasons and feasts) structures the year; Sunday Eucharist structures the week; the Daily Office structures the day.

Above I used the phrases “God’s presence” and “participation in God.” With Olsen I’m convinced that this is the deep purpose of all this discipline. Fundamentally, the Christian life is mystical. Longing for God’s presence is actually the entire point. My dad & I call it “the joyful ache.” It’s what gets us humans out of bed in the morning.

Whether we realize it or not, God is the very Center of our life, our world, and our being. The stream of the church called “catholic” has always known this, and the *Book of Common Prayer* forms us in this light, for this purpose.

There’s so much more I want to say about this book and this rule of life—for example, how it allows us to follow St. Paul’s injunction in 1 Thes. 5:17 to “pray without ceasing,” but, alas, I’m out of time and space.

Thanks be to God for Olsen’s book, *Inwardly Digest*.

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*



Choral Evensong

November 7, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.
In the Nave

Featuring *the Chancel Choir*
Jeffrey Ford, conductor
Dr. Ian Aipperspach, organist

Music to include:
Anthem: *Light's abode, celestial Salem*, Welsh melody
• *Versicles, Responses, and Lord's Prayer*, Sumsion
Psalm 149, C. Villiers Stanford
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in A major, Sumsion
Anthem: *Abide With Me*, Richard Webster
Hymn No. 24: *The day thou gavest*, St. Clement



An afternoon of
Music
in the Nave

November 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
featuring
Dr. Arinash Chavda

Sunday afternoon "sing" with
Mary Helen Morris and Jeffrey Ford
at 2:45 p.m.

Reception of pie & coffee in the Parish Hall
following provided by ECW.

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Joy

Tidings of

Noon-Time Concert Series
TUESDAYS AT NOON NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21
Light lunch served following the concert by ECW

Downtown in the Nave...

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 Rzyer, *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

~ Nine Lessons & Carols - Sunday, December 12 ~

children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Fall Festival Fun!



★ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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

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

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

11/3 Charlie Comte, 11/7 Madeleine Ramm
11/9 Connor Hennigan, 11/10 Ayleigh Clayton
11/12 Greyson Cassity, 11/14 Isla Hanna

youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



CHILI CATEGORY WINNERS:

YANKEE - Maggie Edwards & Karen Courville

TEXAN - Lynne & HV Bordeaux

HOTTEST - Tony Patterson (4th year in a row!)

EYCC sends a BIG
THANK YOU!
to all who supported
the Chili Cook-off!

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

The Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Hannuato'o (Melanesia)

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Indianapolis & Iowa

Diocese of Texas:

*St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church—Houston
& Trinity Episcopal Church—Houston*

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

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of
Lee Teagarden, mother of Gary Teagarden
&
Judy Warren, mother of Liz Quinn.

Congratulations for the birth of:

Anna Grace Huey

daughter of Grace & Hayden Huey
and granddaughter of Ann & Willis Jarrel
&

Eloise Rose Beadle

daughter of Brittany & David Beadle.

Welcome the newly baptized:

Fiona Aisling Mayes

daughter of Jessi & Justin Mayes
October 31, 2021 at Christ Church South.

parish administrator

Diana Keesey



A Generous Spirit

Our Response to God's Favor

Stewardship2022



THANK YOU to the 171 families who have participated in the 2022 Stewardship campaign,
as of November 2nd we have 20 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.

SCHEDULE:

Sat, Nov 6

6:00pm | **The Back Porch** CCS Amphitheater
followed by *Newcomer Dinner with the Rector*

Sun, Nov 7

12:30pm | **EYC Family Pavilion Sunday** CCS
6:00pm | **Choral Evensong** CCD

Tues, Nov 9

8:00am | **Men's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD Parish Hall

Wed, Nov 10

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's Bible Study** CCD Undercroft
10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**
6:00-7:30pm | **EYC**

Thurs, November 11

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD
6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**

Sun, Nov 14

3:00pm | **Afternoon of Music** CCD

Friday, Nov 19

6:00pm | **Supper Club** (*small groups*)
contact Kim Meyer for more information 903.530.6186

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

10:00am Sundays

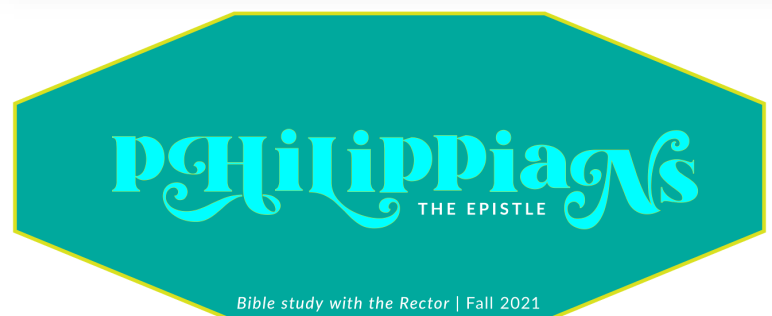
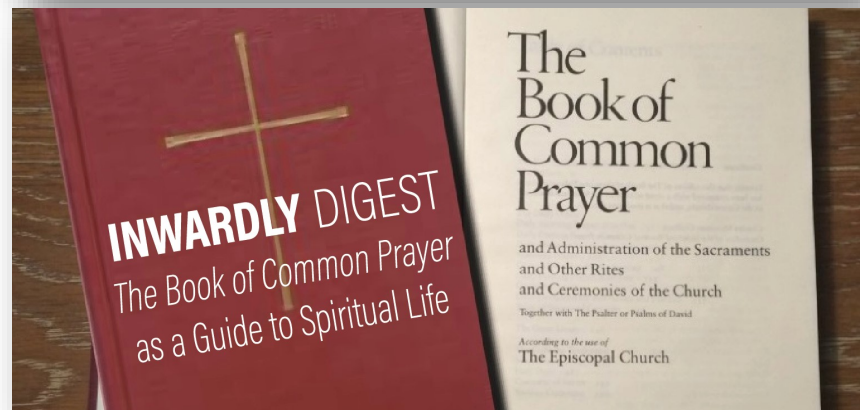
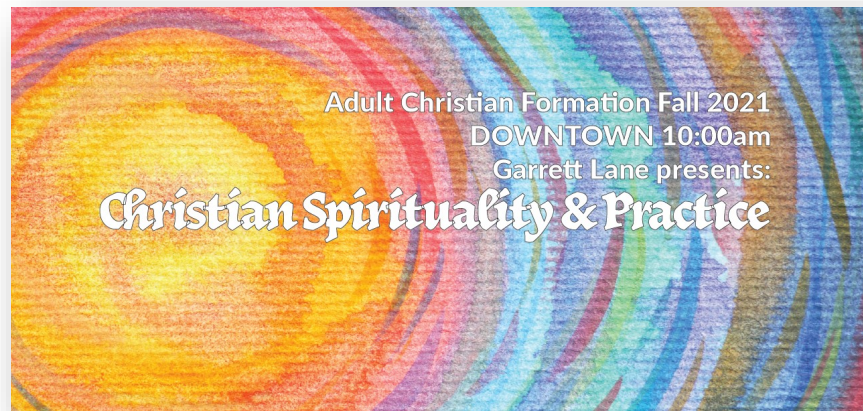
CCD:

Christian Spirituality & Practice

CCS:

Inwardly Digest:

The Book of Common Prayer



Bible Study with the Rector Fall 2021

Men: TUESDAYS at 8:00am
Women: THURSDAYS at 10:30am

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Mr. Peter Boyd

Asst. Treasurer

Mr. Danny Noteware

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Class of 2021

Mrs. Susan Bracken

Class of 2021

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Mr. Ted Walters, Senior Warden

Class of 2021

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Class of 2022

Mr. Steve Hardy

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Mrs. Terri Squyres

Class of 2023

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Class of 2023

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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.*

Scripture Readings for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, November 7

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 27

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 14

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 28

Daniel 12:1-4a [5-13]

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:31-39

Mark 13:14-23



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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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