

The Newsletter of Christ Church/Episcopal

March 9, 2022

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*And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks
he gave it to them, saying,*

“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Matthew 26.26-28

All of us have experienced disruption to our lives since March 2020.

One change we have endured involves Holy Eucharist at worship services. For the past two years, Christ Church, and all congregations in the diocese, has been prohibited by the Diocese of Texas from offering the sacramental wine at Holy Communion.

Yesterday, Bishop Doyle informed me that we can resume offering communion wine at eucharistic services at Christ Church. Therefore, **beginning this Sunday—March 13**—all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine, the body and the blood of Christ, at all eucharistic services at Christ Church.

Moreover, everyone is invited to receive Holy Eucharist or a blessing at the rail around the Lord's table. You are invited to stand or kneel at the rail to receive communion. You can receive the bread only, or you can intinct the communion bread in the communion wine, or you can eat the eucharistic bread and drink the sacramental wine. All are considered a sacramental 'full communion' with Christ Jesus our Lord.

While we continue to live with COVID 19, the public health landscape has dramatically improved. I invite you to join us for Holy Eucharist at Christ Church this Sunday morning.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

David

from the associate rector...

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

To Fast, or not to Fast...

In June of 1965, Angus Barbieri of Tayport, Scotland, who weighed 456 pounds began a fast. His fast ended after 382 days in July of 1966, and Angus weighed in at 180 pounds. Barbieri retains the record for the longest fast without solid food, according to *Guinness Book of Records* officials. Wisely *Guinness*, however, no longer officially endorses records relating to fasting for fear of encouraging unsafe behavior. Our *Book of Common Prayer* lists only two days of fasting, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, well short of 382 days. Jesus fasted for 40 days as he was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. My point here is that asking us to fast on two Holy Days is not very much. It is obviously too late to fast on Ash Wednesday, but please consider fasting on Good Friday and maybe even some of the other days of Lent.

Why fast? The simple answer is that we should fast because Jesus fasted and in Matthew Chapter 6 it sounds as if he assumed that fasting is part of the Christian life. [Jesus said] *And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* Notice, Jesus did not say *if* you fast; he said *when* you fast.

On Ash Wednesday, the service spoke of “the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.” One of the elements mentioned in the observance of a holy Lent is fasting. “The Bible describes fasting as a natural way for God's people as individuals or as a body to express humility, sorrow, repentance, seriousness in prayer, and a desire for God's manifest presence.



I once heard a story about a father who was trying to encourage his 10-year-old son to give up something for Lent. The father told the son, “You might want to consider giving up candy. Your mother and I have given up liquor for Lent.” The little boy said, “But you and mom had wine last night.” The father responded, “Your mother and I gave up hard liquor.” The little boy said, “OK, I’ll give up hard candy.” Jesus said that the fasting is meaningless if it is hypocritical and not done in the right spirit.

In my opinion the purpose of Lent is to draw nearer to God. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York says that Lent is like spring training in baseball. We are training for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, those great high holidays of the Church. Lent is a penitential period of 40 days where we examine our lives, but it can also be a time of great joy if we spend time in God's presence. Fasting and prayer is a great way to do this. Try starting slowly. A fast as short as 12 hours can be spiritually rewarding, and 24 hours is even better. You can't go wrong with a Lenten plan that includes prayer and fasting. Lent should be a time of serious introspection as we prepare for that great celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I wish you a Holy Lent. Amen.

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

¹Wikipedia

²Kent D. Berghuis, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, Jan-Mar 2001

Lenten Opportunities at Christ Church, Tyler



Each service of Noonday Prayer will include a short homily by one of the Christ Church clergy.

Tuesday, March 15 | **He restoreth my soul** | Deacon Stine

Tuesday, March 22 | **Yea, though I walk through the valley of death** | Fr. Matt

Tuesday, March 29 | **Thou preparest a table before me** | Fr. Ted

Tuesday, April 5 | **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me** | Fr. David

Please join us for the study of this most popular Psalm that points us to Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

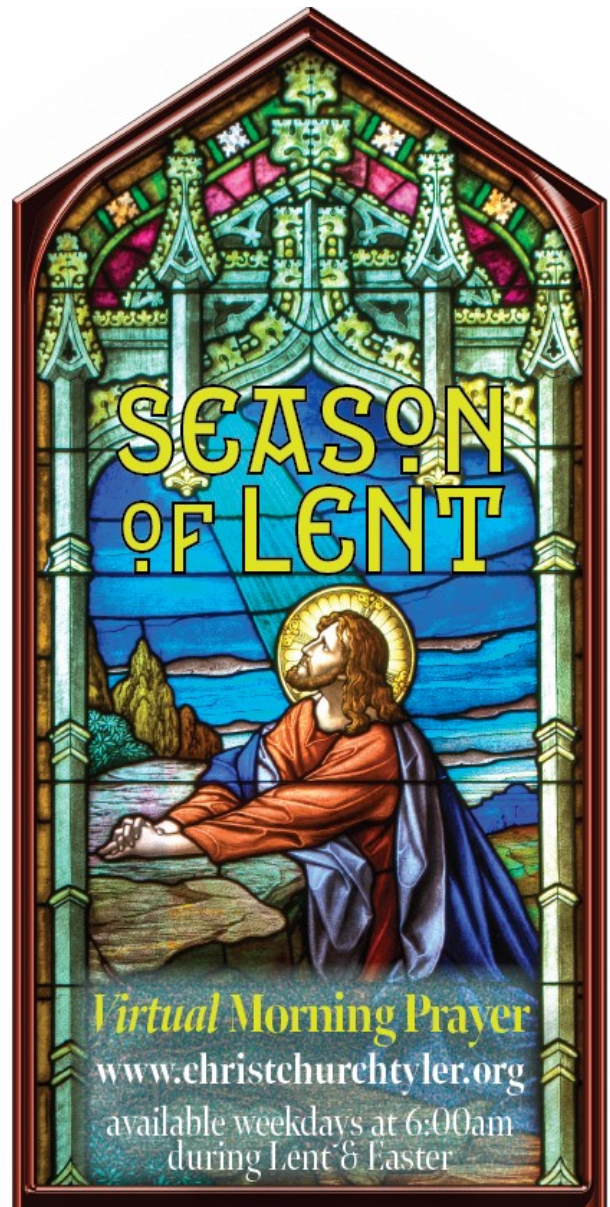
A light lunch will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

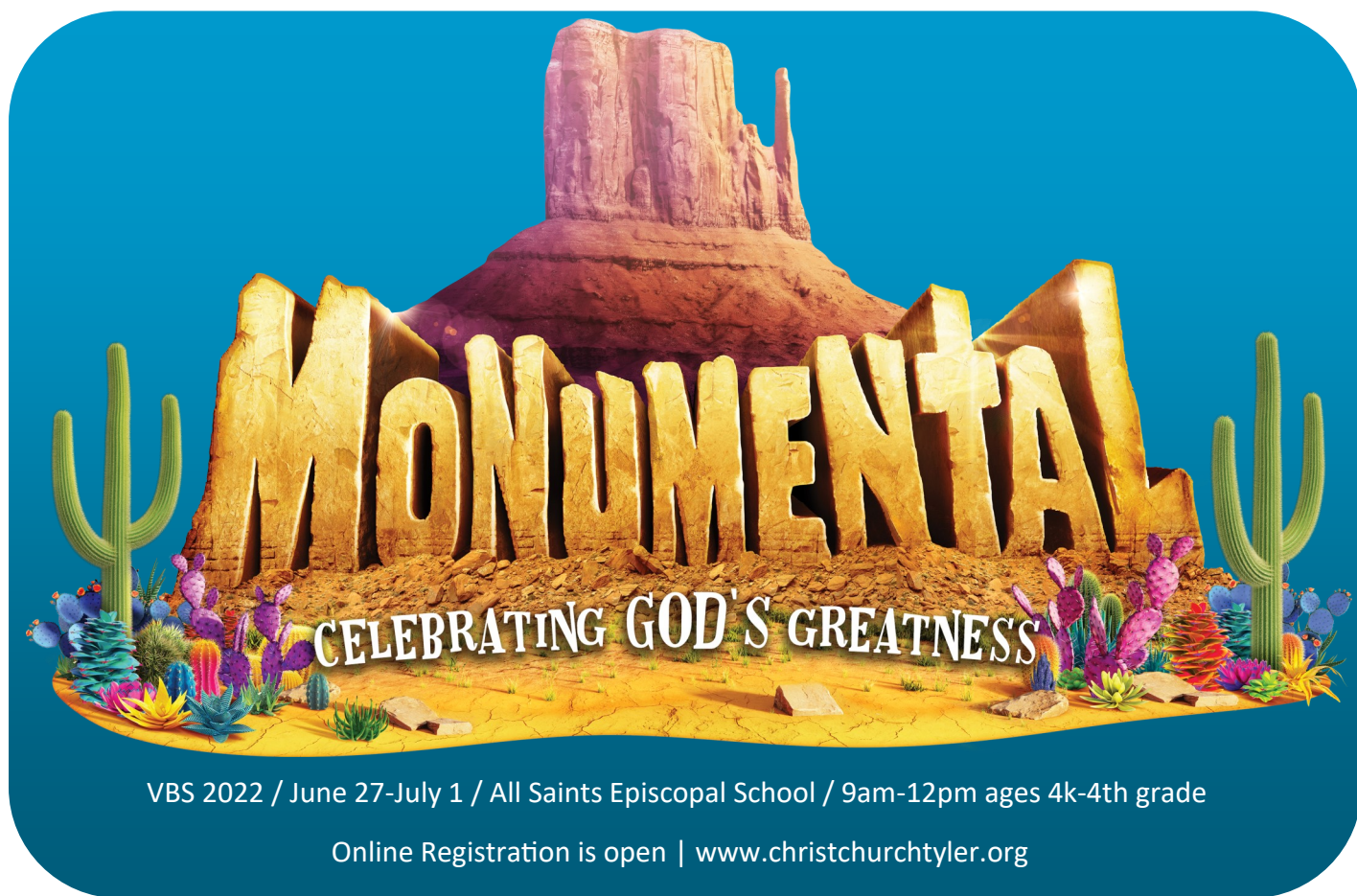


Praying the Rosary

Praying the rosary will be available in the chapel at 11:30am, before each Tuesday Lenten teaching series.

Using the rosary (Anglican prayer beads) encourages contemplative prayer. Touching each bead in order helps maintain focus as much as the repetition of the prayers themselves. Prayer beads are available for use. Please come 10 minutes early if you would like instruction.





VBS 2022 / June 27-July 1 / All Saints Episcopal School / 9am-12pm ages 4k-4th grade

Online Registration is open | www.christchurchtyler.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

3/10 **Bryson Perkins**, 3/11 **Olivia Young**,
3/13 **Mary Willis**, 3/20 **Abigail Jensen**

EYC youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries

It is so easy to be discouraged (and undone) by the harm humans do to one another. The latest harm is global, Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Think with me about invasion...How opposite is God's invasion of our world? Throughout the Bible, story after story tells of a self-giving and self-sacrificing God, and, in the gospel stories, we find an even clearer image of God's character: Christ. He shows compassion, forgiveness, healing, love of God and neighbor (the 10 commandments). He teaches whom are the blessed in the kingdom of God (the beatitudes). He is our broken bread and poured out wine (eucharist) – our Passover lamb. His victory over death is our hope of eternal life with God and those who love Him. Finally, He promises to return to judge the living and the dead and set all things right. All these Bible stories point to God's invasion of our world being an unending invasion of mercy, service, and sacrificial love. I pray we welcome Him in our hearts and minds. I pray we bless others with Him. I pray the Spirit of God fills us and empowers us to be like Christ: show mercy, forgive those who wrong us, and serve and love those in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

This Sunday, March 13th, EYC high schoolers leave Tyler, Texas to serve and love the community of Corozal, Belize. Join us in prayer as Laura, Tina, Garrett, and 13 youth travel and minister to our church's global neighbors at St. Paul's. Pray both groups are mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Pray the trip changes us to love God and others more and more.



music at Christ Church Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist

Sunday, March 27

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

9am & 11am services, featured **Orchard Ensemble:**
Mark Miller, **violin** | Ute Miller, **viola** | Laura Ospina, **cello**

CHORAL EVENSONG

6:00pm, with the **Chancel Choir**
Downtown in the Nave

On behalf of the Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir, thank you to the those that came out for the Mardi Gras party.

Thank you also to the following people who helped to make the evening a success:

Rodney Schroeder, Hal Meyer, and Gordon Roberts for helping to chop and cook; **Robin Hood Brians** and **Bob Taliaferro** for making the gumbo; **John & Stacey McKinley** for helping in the kitchen; and **Karen Courville** and **Joyce McGee** for helping to wrap silverware. The proceeds of the night go to purchase additional vestments for the Chancel Choir. The additional ones will be black. These will be worn at different times throughout the year.

Thank you again, for your contributions to make this possible.



In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Diane, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane, Ian, Frieda, Betsey

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of North Kigezi (Uganda)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Minnesota & Mississippi*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Stephens—Huntsville & Trinity Episcopal Church—Jacksonville*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Todd Jones,
husband of Helen Jones.

George Perry,
cousin of Frieda Colfelt.

Jace Barbin,
son of Sandy & Larry Barbin.

Welcome the newly baptized:

JuliusJ Lionel Sutton

son of J. Barkley & Michelle Sutton,
grandson of Susan Holloway

February 27, 2022 at Christ Church Downtown.

&

Kyle Harrison Ashley

son of Bret & Michala Doty

February 27, 2022 at Christ Church South.

Congratulations on the marriage of:

Liz Shaw & Bob McKinney

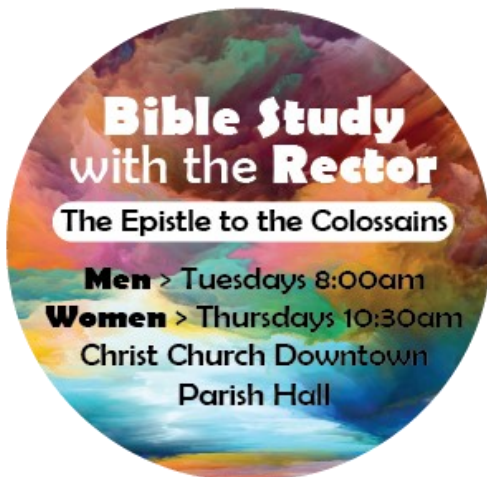
February 25, 2022

and

Kate Roberts & Neal Maranuk

February 26, 2022

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SCHEDULE:

Sun, March 12 Daylight Saving begins (*Spring Forward*)

Week of March 14-18

No Bible Study(ies) with the Rector CCD

Tues, March 15

11:30am | Praying the Rosary CCD Chapel

Noon | Lenten Teaching Series CCD

followed by light lunch in the Parish Hall

Wed, March 16

6:00pm | Women's Depth Group—CCS

Fri, March 18

6:00pm | Supper Club

Sunday, March 20

12:30pm | Newcomer Lunch with the Rector—CCD

Sunday, March 27

9 & 11 | Winter Music Series

6:00pm | Choral Evensong

Sun, April 10

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

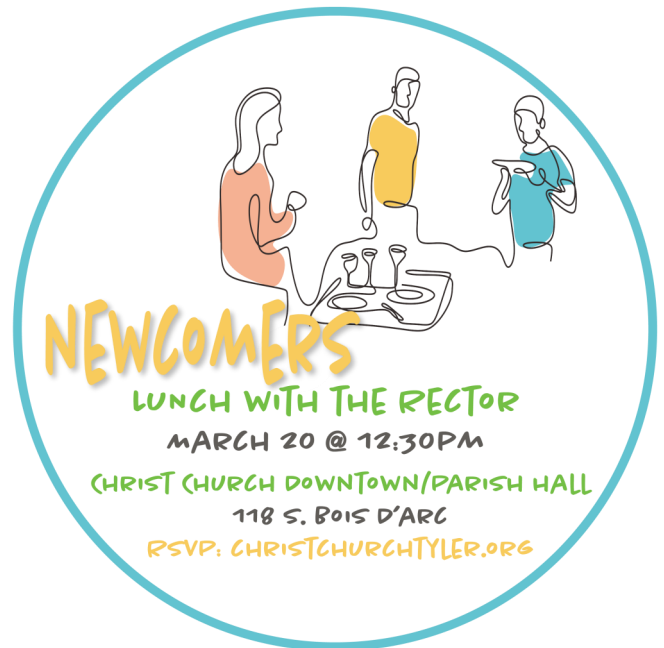
Supper Club

Join us!



Friday, March 18

contact Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186 or Stacey McKinley (903) 939-0125



The Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament



Friday, May 6, 2022

Pine Springs Golf Club

5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708

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In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector, at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494, 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 C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, March 13

The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:[22-30] 31-35

Sunday, March 20

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9



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

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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