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From the Rector:

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29.2*

One of the distinct features of the Anglican and Episcopal Church is the way we worship.

We worship in Word and Sacrament. We participate in thoughtful, comprehensive, Bible-based worship which involves the people of God in prayer and invites them to profess their faith.

With the summer months waning, in a few weeks on September 11, we will return to the traditional Sunday morning worship and faith formation schedule of Christ Church.

- ◆ We offer a lovely, contemplative traditional Rite I service at 7:30 in the downtown nave.
- ◆ We will resume our Rite II service at 9:00 downtown, featuring robust hymns and songs led by our organists and a talented musical ensemble! Every week, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist, hear and reflect on the Word of God, profess our faith, and offer prayers to the Lord.
- ◆ We will resume our robust traditional Rite I service at 11:00 in the nave featuring the amazing chancel choir.
- ◆ We will offer a powerful Rite II service, featuring music led by a contemporary ensemble of skilled musicians at Christ Church South at 11:05.

Beginning September 18, Sunday school for all ages will offered at 10:00 at our historic downtown campus and at Christ Church South.

September 11 is Gear Up Sunday! At 10:00 in the downtown parish hall and at Carr Hall at the South Campus, join the celebration of God's blessings and learn about scores of ministries and groups in which we can all participate. Then join us for a fun picnic at Christ Church South at 12:15, with great food, warm fellowship, and lots of enjoyable activities for our children.

This autumn of 2022 promises to be a season of spiritual growth and refreshment at Christ Church! We are saving a place for you.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

GEAR UP

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022

DOWNTOWN

10:00am **MINISTRY EXPO** with coffee & goodies

[Nursery available]

SOUTH

10:15am **MINISTRY EXPO** with coffee & goodies

12:15pm EXPO continues & grill out lunch

[Fun & games for Children & Youth] face painting
inflatable (wet) slide
Pokey O's

MINISTRY EXPO

Acolytes	Neighborhood Groups
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	Newcomers
Children's Ministries	Prayer Shawl
Daughters of the King	Prime Timers
Education for Ministry (EFM)	St. Teresa's Guild (Women's Depth Group)
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Student Ministries
Gardening Guild	Supper Club
Library Guild	Terra Sancta (Gift Shop)
Loaves & Fishes	Weekday Bible Study
LOIS Guild	Ushers & Greeters
Music Ministry	Ukrainian Refugees



music at Christ Church Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*



Hello! My name is Sophie Breen, and I am a current Staff Singer here at Christ Church. I began my journey with the church through the Choir School of East Texas, and ever since then, I have pursued vocal music as my passion. I am currently studying Voice at Tyler Junior College and plan to receive my bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance. For two weeks of my summer, I had the honor of attending New York University's Classical Voice Intensive. I was one of approximately 30 students chosen from the applicant pool, and my attendance was made possible through a generous patron of the Choir School.

My first day began with everyone getting on stage and singing, followed by a masterclass. The intensive was amazingly fast paced, but I was eager to learn! Our days began with group yoga, then we branched off into three groups for classes. These consisted of lyric diction and song analysis. We ended the day with a full masterclass, each one having a different topic like "The Human Singing Voice." In addition to group classes, I also got two private voice lessons and coaching sessions. My private lessons with my professor Rosa Vento were incredible. I was able to learn so much in a brief period, and I now have even more tools at my disposal to improve! The same goes for my coaching sessions with my collaborative pianist, Ji Young Lee. She really encouraged me to work through my nerves and immerse myself in the story I was attempting to portray through my singing.

The final performance came far too soon, but I am confident that it was the best [performance](#) I have ever given (performance link: https://youtu.be/be_AjQYkFXy at 24:21). My time at NYU, though short, gave me so much confidence and reassurance that I needed. Of course, I could not visit the Big Apple without having a little fun! I saw my first two Broadway shows, *Moulin Rouge* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, and made so many friends! I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and I cannot wait to return to New York!



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Who of you have delighted in the satisfaction of eating a big Jucy's burger, or escaping to a world found in a beloved fiction, or playing a game with life-long friends, or finally perfecting the notes to a melody that stirs your soul? A source of similar delight has been found in reading/listening through Luke, Acts, Romans, and 1 Corinthians. Learning more deeply the salvation of God - that was first revealed through the Old Testament stories and prophets and has been fully revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ - gives me feelings of BIG awe and BIG gratitude.

I have a question...Why delight in stories thousands of years old, especially with our culture's ridicule of ancient writings about a holy and loving Creator and our need of a Savior? A BIG stumbling block to delighting in the Bible is *our culture placing evidential demands on its storytellers that ancient oral tradition and ancient authors never had in mind to provide or prove* - think ancient stories from The Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. In these ancient storytellers' time there is no precedent to provide Enlightenment Era proofs for history and science in the ways our culture now demands. These storytellers were brilliant in their time and told the story of God to the best of their ability. Our culture's ridicule of the Bible is like dismissing George Washington Carver to have ever known the peanut plant because his writings never contained its complete genome. Can we all agree Mr. Carver *really knew* the peanut plant? Can we also agree that since his time greater revelation of the peanut plant has been discovered? This does not invalidate Mr. Carver's work; it fulfills the work he started. Similarly, Paul writes about God's greater revelation of Himself in His Son Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-6). Paul does not invalidate Old Testament storytellers; he claims Jesus is the fulfillment of all their ancient stories!



While ancient storytelling is a stumbling block to our culture, don't let its ridicule invalidate the BIG claims the New Testament authors are making. Luke and his numerous eye-witnesses, Paul and his many church letters, claim Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for our selfish, fearful, and unloving selves. They claim the Holy Spirit is the pouring out of God's power to "be" and "do":

- To *be* witnesses of Jesus Christ's salvation through repentance and baptism and telling the story of hope found in Jesus Christ to others
- To *do* by imitating Jesus Christ through union with Him in choosing to give mercy and love sacrificially

For me, the delight of the Bible - God's big story of restoring and repairing our relationship to Him and others - come from believing these BIG claims.



CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

8/25 **Elijah Pogue**, 8/25 **Gabriel Pogue**, 8/26 **Tegan Patterson**,
8/27 **Philip Lowe**, 8/30 **Blythe Borah**, 9/2 **Tyler Jensen**,
9/6 **Brady Lawhorn**

Women's Depth Group

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
6PM- 8 / CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE

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WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH THE 2ND BOOK
IN THE SENSIBLE SHOES SERIES BY SHARON GARLOUGH BROWN.
TWO STEPS FORWARD: A STORY OF PERSEVERING IN HOPE





YOU'RE INVITED
Ladies Luncheon
Guest Speaker:
The Rev. David Luckenbach
Thursday, September 15th
11:45am
Christ Church Downtown
RSVP by September 12
903.597.9854 or christchurchtyler.org

Supper Club



Join us!

Friday, Sept. 9th
6:00pm

@ Jennifer & Doc Plato's

For more info & RSVP:
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Genesis

Bible Study with the Rector

The Hebrew word BERESHITH means
in beginning

The book of Genesis tells the story of a series of beginnings: the beginning of the universe, the beginning of life on the earth, the beginning of relationships between people, and the beginning of a relationship with God between the Lord and humans, who are made in the image of God.

Join Fr. David this year for a deep study of the Book of Genesis. The Men's Tuesday a.m. study begins on September 13th at 8:00. The Women's Thursday Bible study begins on September 15th at 10:30. We will gather in the Epiphany room in the Grelling-Spence building at our historic downtown campus. We are excited to begin this new study of God's word!

thanksgivings & supplications

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, Gates, Wayne, David, Jerry, Etienne, Marie, Will, Duke, Kim, Paul & Lucy, Edward, Brinley, Yeva, Glenda, Anthony, Ricky, Julie, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Sandy, Greg, Kitty, YK, Dave, Ann, Trinity, Tammy, Sandy, Ivette, Larry, Courtney, Max, Charles, Virginia, Colin, Teresa, Anne, Hal, Jeff, Sue, Cal

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Michigan* | **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Olympia (WA) & Oregon*
Diocese of Texas: *Cyprians Episcopal Church—Lufkin & Holy Innocents Episcopal—Madisonville*

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 **Carolyn Odom.**

UPCOMING

Sunday, August 28
 12:30pm CCS Newcomer Lunch with the Rector

Wednesday, September 7
 6:00pm CCS Women's Depth Group

Friday, September 9
 6:00pm **Supper Club** @ the Plato's Home

Sunday, September 11
Gear Up Sunday | Return to Normal Service Times

7:30 CCD Rite I Holy Eucharist
 9:00 CCD Rite II Holy Eucharist
 10:00 CCD & CCS Christian Formation
 11:00 CCD Rite 1 Holy Eucharist
 11:05 CCS Rite II Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 13
 8:00am CCD **Men's Bible Study** with the Rector

Thursday, September 15
 10:30am CCD **Women's Bible Study** with the Rector
 11:45am CCD Parish Hall **Ladies Luncheon**

Wednesday, September 21
 6:00pm CCS **Women's Depth Group**

Sunday, October 2nd
Blessing of the Pets Bergfeld Park



Clergy and Staff

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The Vestry

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Mr. Peter Boyd Asst. Treasurer
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Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk Class of 2022
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Mr. Stephen Bentley Class of 2023
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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. 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, August 28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 10:[7-11] 12-18

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-20

Luke 14:25-33



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Worship Schedule

SUMMER Sunday Schedule (5/29/22-9/4/2022)

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist Rite II

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CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

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