

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

You might recall an old story of a cold winter day, when a snail started climbing an apple tree. As he inched slowly upward, a worm stuck its head from under the bark to offer some advice.

"You're wasting your energy," said the worm. "There isn't a single apple up there."

The snail kept up his slow climb. "There will be when I get there," he replied.

Like winter weather, people face all sorts of obstacles in life. We can be surprised by the market, the boss, the spouse, or news from the doctor.

In this season of Epiphany, we remember three wise men from the Near East who amazingly followed a distinct light in the sky for weeks on end. They would have faced tremendous challenges and unexpected difficulties along the way. Yet they endured, overcoming all obstacles. They arrived at the stable in Bethlehem. They welcomed the newborn Christ into the world and offered Him gifts worthy of a king.

2023 has begun with lots of uncertainty in the world. It will surely bring its share of joy, disappointment, and gifts. Persevere. Whatever the challenge, God is with you.

Come and worship. Kneel at the feet of Jesus.

Renew and deepen your commitment to following the bright light of Christ through the valleys and mountains of the coming year.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

*David*



## The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin, Associate Rector

In the early morning, as the mist is rising off our backyard, I can look out the window to see a herd of puppies. That's right: Puppies. There are seven of them.

Here's the story. Our next-door neighbor (or "neighbour" in Canada) told us that after a furtive encounter with a mysterious pooch, his dog became pregnant. Not too long after, she gave birth to seven puppies, just in time for our arrival to the neighborhood. They are small enough to creep under the fence boards that divide our yards and seem to make it a habit to do so every morning. Each morning after eating their Rice Crispies, our boys (who have a lot in common with dogs) flock to play with these puppies.

I have to admit I love snuggling these furry little guys too. This is especially true since I am not responsible for feeding them and keeping them alive. And it is wonderful to be the recipient of love from these little creatures. I did nothing to deserve it, but they seem to find me endlessly interesting, nuzzling into my legs as I scratch their necks. I am not too sentimental when it comes to animals, but I have been enjoying these little dogs. And I can see the appeal of having one as a pet – they just love unconditionally, as far as puppies can love anyways.

This season in our life and ministry as a family has been hectic, but it's been filled with many gifts. We are working hard to establish a routine and all that this brings with it: Stability and freedom. Before we get there, though, in the midst of unpacking and getting settled, I have been so grateful not only for the love of these puppies, but the much deeper love of God in Christ.

Though God is not a puppy (and perhaps should not be compared to one), and though he is both our lover and our judge, he gives us his love freely. I am grateful especially for the gifts of Scripture and the Eucharist in this time. All I have to do is show up, either to morning prayer or to church on Sunday and I hear Scripture, I receive Christ in the sacrament.

The psalmist writes this to God: 'how sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!' (Psalm 119:103). The words of Scripture are delightful. This a wonderful truth. Scripture is a gift. And I don't need to do anything to be given this gift. I just turn my attention to it and appreciate it.

This is true with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood as well. I can prepare my heart to receive it worthily, I can take it with reverence, but it ultimately comes to me not as a reward but as a gift of God's love.

The spiritual life takes discipline. Discipleship requires tenacity (and a lot of grace). But in those seasons of life when everything is unsettled and up in the air, I am reminded that God's gifts carry us through. He gives and gives.





Jeffrey Ford,  
Choirmaster & Organist

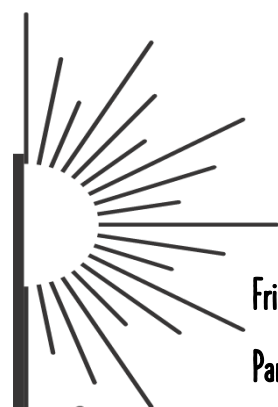
The beautiful service of Choral Evensong returns.

## Lenten Choral Evensong

March 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. Christ Church (Downtown) In the Nave

featuring the Chancel Choir of Christ Church & the UT Tyler Concert Chorale.

Guest conductor Dr. Cameron Rose and Jeffrey Ford at the organ.



Friday, Feb 3 6:00pm

Parish Hall

# Primetimers

JOO CHUNG, flute

WESTON JENNINGS, harpsichord

**Attention  
Primetimers!**  
(age 50 & above)

# Primetimers

Friday, February 3rd @ 6:00 pm  
Christ Church Parish Hall

*Savor wonderful lasagna &  
Romantic Sounds of Live Chamber Music*

Bring an Italian Covered Dish to share  
\$10/person covers main dish/beverages/live music

*Reservations please!*

John & Stacey McKinley  
jmckin9596@aol.com or  
903-939-0125



The evening will be filled with chamber music provided two great artists on our own harpsichord and flute.

**JOO CHUNG** is a vigorous performer in solo repertoire and orchestral music as well as a distinguished educator. She has established her flute studio in the DFW area. She has received degrees from University of Cincinnati, University of Texas and University of Illinois.

**WESTON JENNINGS** is serves as Director of Music and Organist of First Presbyterian Church, as well as Artistic Director of the Tyler Civic Chorale. He is also the Music Director of New Texas Sinfonia, Texas' newest chamber orchestra.



**Kimber Short,**  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

**Children's Ministry:**

Sundays:

**Christ Church Downtown**

8:45am Nursery is available on the First Floor

9:00am Children's Chapel

*(children are invited to follow the cross out of the Nave after the processional hymn)*

10:00am Sunday School up to 4th grade on the First Floor

**Christ Church South**

9:45am Nursery is available

11:05am service Children's Chapel

*(children are invited to follow the cross after the processional song)*



**CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!**

1/28 Emmi Ingram, 1/29 Carter Boyd



**Christ Church is hiring:**

**Nursery Workers \$15/hr**

Contact Kimber at

kshort@christchurchtyler.org

or call 93.597.9854



**Confirmation  
information  
coming soon!**

**EYC Sunday School (5th - 12th grade)**

**"Hearing Jesus in the Gospels & Learning the Contemplative Art of Zentangle."**

If you can doodle, you can Zentangle.

Teachers: Bobbie Schroeder, Roger Fowler, Beka & Joe Ayres

Art lessons by Patty Fowler

10:00am | 4th Floor | Downtown



## Genesis

Bible Study with the Rector  
**in beginning**

Men Tuesdays  
8:00 a.m.

Women Thursdays  
10:30 a.m.

Christ Church Downtown



**GREEN THUMB**  
help wanted!

The Downtown Campus Garden Guild is *"shaking the bushes"* looking for people who enjoy planting and have new ideas for the gardens. Someone with a truck for seasonal hauling, would be fantastic. Contact Lynne Bordeaux if you are interested at 512-608-2171 or [lynne0429@aol.com](mailto:lynne0429@aol.com).

## The Heart of the Faith: *Essentials of Anglican Christianity*

Join Fr. David & Fr. Cole  
**Sunday Morning Christian Formation**

**10:00am at both campuses**

## Women's Depth Group

1ST & 3RD WED | 6PM - 8  
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH



**Friday, Feb 10 | 6:00pm**  
**meet in small groups**

For more info & RSVP:  
Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186  
[christchurchtyler.org/supper-club](http://christchurchtyler.org/supper-club)

## thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

### *In Our Prayers*

*Please consider including the Prayer List  
in your daily devotions:*

Lisa, Cynthia, Paul & Lucy, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny,  
Rob, Victoria, Lynda, Chaley, Stacy, Sophie, Chesley, Link,  
Tom, John, Mike, Mark, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Marian, Ann,  
Carl, Mimi, Phil, Jennifer, MB, Raymond, Jan, Arnold

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Panyana (South Sudan)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Springfield & Taiwan*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Mark's—Richmond &  
Calvary—Richmond*

### 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

**Rob Jones,**

*husband of Ann Jones.*

Welcome the newly baptized:

*Sophia Helen Carr*

daughter of Jaclyn & Hunter Carr,  
granddaughter of The Rev. John & Lucy Carr.

January 14, 2023 at Christ Church Downtown

### upcoming

Friday, February 3 6:00pm **Primetimers** (see graphic)

Friday, February 10 6:00pm **Supper Club**

Sunday, February 19 **Pretzel Sunday** (Children & Families)

Tuesday, February 21 **Mardi Gras Party** (see graphic below)

Wednesday, February 22 **Ash Wednesday**  
**Imposition of Ashes** *Downtown Campus*  
7:00am, Noon, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 28 Noon  
**Lenten Teaching Series Begins—CCD**  
followed by a light lunch

Sunday, March 5 6:00pm **Lenten Choral Evensong**

Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 9 **Easter**

# Mardi Gras *George Faber & Friends*

J.T. Pundt  
Phil Rumbley  
Alex Blair

*Tuesday, February 21* 🎵  
6-8pm | **Christ Church Downtown**  
118 S. Bois d'Arc

Fun  
for  
the  
entire  
family!

### Tickets:

[www.christchurchtyler.org/mardi-gras](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/mardi-gras)

*Tickets may be bought online or at the door.*

\$10 [age 11 & up]

\$5 [children 4-10 yr] [free age 3 & under]

\$25 family

### Includes:

The fantastic sounds of George Faber & Friends,  
*Robin Hood's Lafayette Style Cajun Turkey Gumbo &  
Seafood Gumbo & Father Bob's South Carolina Style  
Seafood Gumbo* served over rice, with garlic bread, salad &  
King's Cake. Hot dogs & chips for children.

Cash wine bar.

## Clergy and Staff

**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Texas*

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher  
*Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan  
*Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Hèctor Monterroso  
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Ms. Jennifer Ducote *Office Assistant & Housekeeper*

Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

Ms. Laurel Maynard, Mrs. Blair Zdenek,  
Ms. Mackenzie Eakin, Mrs. Allison Hernandez *Nursery*

## The Vestry

**Mr. Peter Boyd** Treasurer

**Mr. Bill Clawater** Asst. Treasurer

**Mr. Stephen Bentley, Jr.** *Warden CCD* Class of 2023

**Mr. Jerry Sanders** Class of 2023

**Mrs. Terri Squyres, Clerk** Class of 2023

**Mr. Stan Ward** Class of 2023

**Mr. Bob Westbrook, Sr. Warden** Class of 2023

**Mrs. Kim Meyer** Class of 2024

**Mr. Danny Noteware** Class of 2024

**Mrs. Sheryl Richter, Jr. Warden CCS** Class of 2024

**Dr. Mak Saigusa** Class of 2024

**Dr. Dan Toney** Class of 2024

**Mr. Julius Bergfeld** Class of 2025

**Mrs. Catherine Buhrkuhl** Class of 2025

**Mr. Steven Comte** Class of 2025

**Mrs. Karen Hughes** Class of 2025

**Mr. Mark Shuttlesworth** Class of 2025

## Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
you may reach

The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*, at 903-279-8777, 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 A BCP 1979 Lectionary

**Sunday, January 29**

**4 Epiphany**

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 37:1-18

1 Corinthians 1:[18-25] 26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday, February 5**

**5 Epiphany**

Habakkuk 3:2-6, 17-19

Psalms 27

1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Matthew 5:13-20



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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

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](http://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.*