

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

A Christian community is rooted in a shared commitment to Jesus Christ.

Every congregation is distinctive. Christ Church was founded as an Episcopal Church over 150 years ago. Throughout that time, we have gathered to worship with the Book of Common Prayer, profess our faith, sing hymns to the Lord, hear from God's Word, and celebrate Holy Eucharist.

In the coming weeks, we will enjoy two wonderful annual gatherings, one deeply traditional, reverent, and powerful, the other purely festive and entirely outdoors – Choral Evensong and the Fall Festival.

In many ways, Evensong and the Fall Festival are an accurate snapshot of Christ Church today. They do not paint a comprehensive portrait, but one invites us to worship the Lord in a magnificent space—our downtown nave—employing powerful prayers and music developed over the centuries. Choral Evensong is stirring worship from the deep well of Anglicanism. The other, Fall Festival is a grand outdoor party. We will enjoy delicious food at the annual chili cook-off. Our children will receive candy and more at a fabulous trunk-or-treat on the lawn. And this year we will feature a Children's Petting Zoo! It's a marvelous, joy-filled evening in late-October.

At the Feast of All Saints, we remember and honor the faithful departed. And we rejoice in the saints among us – the believers with whom we sing and pray and serve and laugh throughout the year.

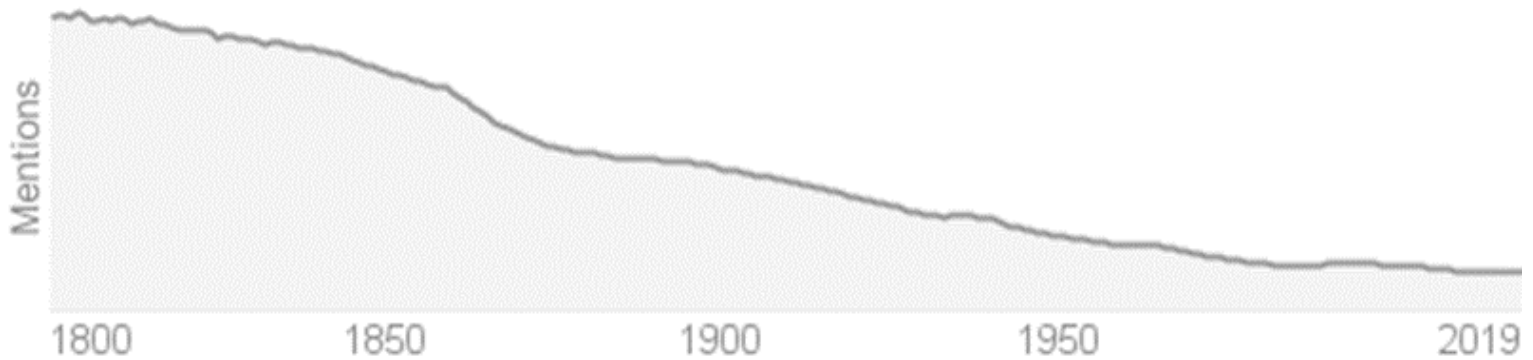
I look forward to worshipping, and celebrating, with you in the coming weeks.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H." with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Providence** is a term that has fallen out of use in our lives as Christians. True, there are still scholarly books about the doctrine that come out every few years, but most Christians, most of the time, are not thinking about providence.

A google search of the term's usage in English shows this to be true. It's use has declined significantly over the past couple hundred years.



*What is providence, anyways?*

Providence is the word Christians use to reference God's protecting and sustaining care of his creation. Providence is what we mean when we talk about God preserving and guiding the world.

Another definition, one from the sixteenth-century Reformed theologian Peter Martyr Vermigli, has it that providence is the '*meane which God useth in directing of things to their proper ends.*' What Vermigli means here is that God creates all things (including you!) with a purpose, and he is actively involved in seeing that all creation (including you!) reaches that purpose for which he created it.

Providence was a popular point of conversation for Christians in Early Modern England, especially as they sought to make sense of the beautiful and bewildering world around them. How was God present to them in their daily lives? Where was God when they were sick? What did it mean when that earthquake happened, or this war broke out?

The world has only become more complex since the sixteenth century, and it would do us good to think a little more deeply about the doctrine as we ask similar questions.

In a world over which we have so much control, where inexhaustible knowledge is available with the swipe of our phone, we might fail to see that God is providentially ordering our lives. Birth and death belong to God, and however much we might plan and mitigate risk of what lays between them, so much of our lives is outside of our hands.

The doctrine of providence helps us see that this lack of control is not a failure on our part, nor is it a cause for despair given the seeming randomness of life. No, the doctrine of the providence reminds us that God is intimately involved in all of our life, sustaining us, guiding us, weaving our decisions and actions into his plan for all people.

Just as God was at work in making all things by his Word, so now he is at work, crafting our lives, directing them toward him. We can't always see God at work, but you can rest assured that he is there and his good plans will not be undone.

# CHORAL EVENSONG

November 5, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

*Downtown in the Nave*

*followed by a reception in the Parish Hall*

*Music will include:*

*O gladsome light, O grace*  
Louis Bourgeois

*Versicles and Responses*  
Thomas Ebdon

*Psalm 149*  
C. Villiers Stanford

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A-Flat*  
Basil Harwood

*Give Us the Wings of Faith*  
Ernest Bullock

*Retiring Hymn No. 24 The day thou gavest*  
St. Clement

*The Chancel Choir will be in the stalls with  
A.J. Meats at the organ and Jeffrey Ford conducting.*



The **Carol Choir** singing the Introit  
October 15 at the 9:00 Service downtown.

*Next performance is:*

November 12—11:05am

Christ Church South

For Bishop Doyle's visit

## Stewardship 2024

I have been asked to share my **personal thoughts** and beliefs about Stewardship. As I considered the request, I realized my view could be quite self-centered so in the last few days I have been reflecting on the way I approach Stewardship and the effect that it has on my life and all our lives both inside and outside of the Church. Webster says that Stewardship is the **"careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care"** What I as a Christian had to do is consider what we as Christians are entrusted with in our call to Stewardship.

I began to understand how the **simple act** of making a financial contribution to my Church over the years has brought an understanding of the fact that **all things do ultimately belong to God**. As I have gradually moved away from my self-centered notion of ownership I have moved toward the places and people that lift me up to reach an understanding of truly good Stewards.

On a much wider level each Sunday we at Christ Episcopal pray for the Church of Christ, God's Creation, society, our local community, and those who suffer, are in need or are facing adversity. I believe these prayers point us as Christians toward true corporate Stewardship. To that end we work together each day toward the continuing mission and vitality of Christ's Church, the preservation of God's creation, all people being filled with Christ's truth, our local community being guided by good decisions, and comforting those who suffer, are sick, and in need or facing adversity. We are entrusted with the Stewardship of all these things which we are a part of but that are also outside of ourselves as service to God, to others, and to creation.

I believe these Stewardships both personal and corporate are at the heart of the mission of Christ Episcopal Church. So, as we take on the mantel of Stewardship it is **with a joyful heart** that Sheri and I make our financial commitment to support Christ Episcopal.

We would humbly **invite you to consider carefully, responsibly, and prayerfully** making your commitment to Christ Church and its mission as a Steward of Christ's word into the world.

Yours in Christ, **Chad & Sheri Hanna**



**...GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.**


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

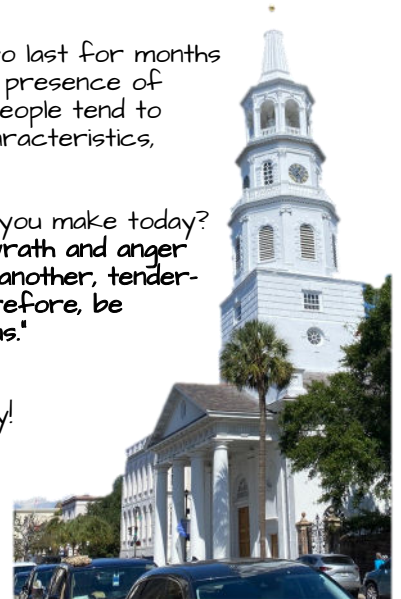
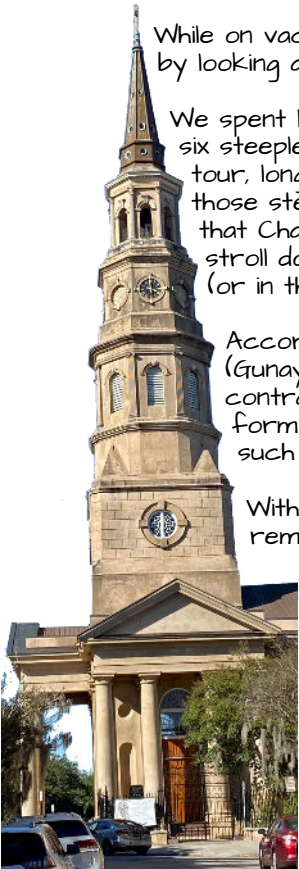
While on vacation with my daughter last week she surmised that you can tell a lot about the values of a place by looking at its skyline. Or can you?

We spent last week in the "Holy City", Charleston, SC. Looking out the window of our hotel we could count six steeples, most taller than the tallest buildings. According to the Park Ranger Guide on our Ft. Sumter tour, long ago the city passed an ordinance that no downtown building could be taller than the tallest of those steeples, that of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church's 297-footer. On first impression, it would seem that Charleston is inhabited by thousands of God-fearing souls. Is it really? Maybe. But a Saturday night stroll down King St. with its myriad bars, clubs and pubs might make you rethink judging that book (or in this case, city) by its cover.

According to [psychologicalscience.org](http://psychologicalscience.org), "First impressions have been shown to last for months (Gunaydin, Selcuk, & Zayas, 2017) and affect personal judgments even in the presence of contradictory evidence about the individual (e.g., Rydell & McConnell, 2006). People tend to form split-second impressions with regard to others' presumably stable characteristics, such as trustworthiness and competence." (emphasis mine)

With this in mind, what kind of impression (first, fiftieth or otherwise) will you make today? remember to greet each day with hope and "put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." Ephesians 4:31-5:1b

The Kids and I will be striving to live this truth. Hope to see you Sunday!  
 Kimber 



CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/22 Carter Bangco, 10/25 Brighton Lee, 10/26 Joseph Peveto, 10/27 Conner Whitten, 11/1 Nash Bergfeld, 11/2 Cate Khalaf, 11/3 Charlie Comte

student ministry  
**Sarah Jones,**  
 Director of Student Ministries

Hello Families,

The weather is finally cooling down and we are quickly approaching the holiday season. We will have some special themed EYC nights coming up so we can celebrate together as a youth community. I will send out more details as these dates get closer. Our EYC gatherings have been a lot of fun lately and I am starting to see some new and wonderful faces and thank you to all of the families that have been helping to provide meals. EYC is such an important part of formation and a wonderful opportunity for the kids to make new friends within the church.



We have an **escape room outing** planned for the 21st from 2:40-4:00pm. This event is for our high school aged youth. If you have a high schooler who is interested in attending, please let me know soon as space is limited. We also have our **discussion group** for our Junior and Senior year students on the 2nd Monday of every month. I have really enjoyed this group, we have met twice now and had some great conversation and insights.

I am so grateful for all of our youth families and supporters. You are making a difference in these kids' lives.

*Sarah Jones*  
 Director of Student Ministries



**EYC Dates to Remember** **Second Mondays**  
 Jr & Sr Discussion Group  
 6:30pm Boards & Bites

**FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF**

**CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH**  
15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**  
**4PM-6PM**

\$10/person (age 4+) or \$25/family

Chili Cook-Off \ Face-Painting \ Balloon Animals \ Petting Zoo  
Pumpkin Painting \ TRUNK or TREAT

ENTER THE CHILI-COOK-OFF {\$25 ENTRY FEE}

• TEXAN • YANKEE • NO-BULL CHILI • SALSA  
[CHKN / VEG / ETC]

[www.christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival)

SCAN for tickets, cook-off entry & all the info

All proceeds go to EYC.

**All Saints Day**  
will be celebrated November 5th.

**Prayer List for All Saints Sunday.**

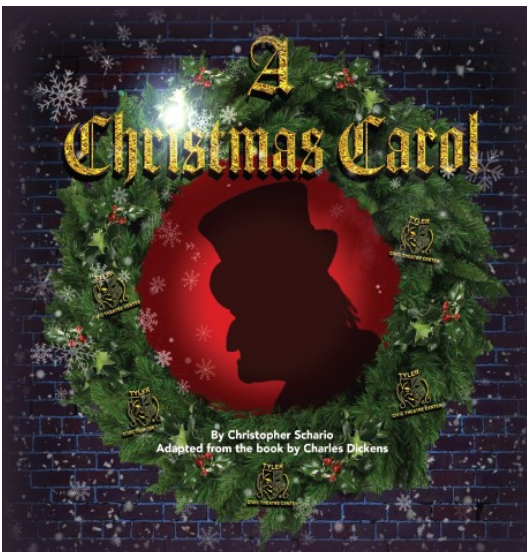
If you would like to include a name to the list of the departed during services on November 5, go to [christchurchtyler.org/prayers](http://christchurchtyler.org/prayers) or contact the church office by Tuesday, October 31.



**Reaffirmation**

Reaffirmation is an opportunity in which individuals who have already been confirmed, publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows, with the laying on of hands by the bishop, November 12, 11:05am at South Campus. Bishop Doyle will be here for confirmation.

**Want to be REAFFIRMED on this date?**  
Contact the Parish Secretary at [office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org) or call 903.597.9854.



**primetimers** Christmas Event!

Please join your fellow "Over 50" parishioners for an afternoon at the theater, followed by dinner out at a local restaurant.

This year we will be attending Tyler Civic Theater's production of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol.**

**RSVP by October 31st!!**

- Show time & date: Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 pm
- Dinner at a local restaurant - *location to be determined*
- Cost: Tickets are \$18 each, and will be purchased through Christ Church for group seating
- Please provide Diana Keesey with a check made out to Christ Church (*memo: A Christmas Carol*), **no later than October 31st**

Please direct any questions to John McKinley ([jemintexo7@gmail.com](mailto:jemintexo7@gmail.com)) or Stacey McKinley ([jmckin9596@aol.com](mailto:jmckin9596@aol.com))

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Delight Ministries, Bob, Frank, Tarrie, Frieda, Lynda, Charlotte, Marie, Maggie, Jennifer, Julie, Jeanne, Dorys, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Cary, Linda, Michael, Arnold, Evon, Jeanene, Brian, Marla, Vicki, Luke, Kaci, Nicole, Aaron, Mark, Max, Paul, Lucy, Bob, Magige, Sandy, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Linda, Mike, Mark, Dalton, Marian, Chris, Verdie, People of Israel

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Goma (L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo)

The Episcopal Church: Dioceses of Central Gulf Coast (FL & AL) & Central New York

Diocese of Texas: St. James'—Austin & St. John's —Austin

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

upcoming

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Supper Club

6:00pm see graphic

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Primetimers see graphic page 5

RSVP deadline for Christmas Event

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off

4:00pm—6:00pm CCS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday

Choral Evensong

reception to follow

6:00pm Downtown in the Nave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Confirmation | CCS

11:05pm CCS

Carol Choir sings

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tidings of Joy begin

Noontime Concerts & Light Lunch

*In Memoriam*  
 Our sympathies to the family & friends of  
**Miggie Wallender;**  
 and  
**Ann Pearson,**  
 mother of Diana Keesey;  
 and  
**Verna Wycherley**  
 mother of Maggie Taliaferro.

**Supper Club** Join us!  
 Friday, Oct 27 | 6:00pm  
 For more info & RSVP:  
 Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186

Women of Christ Church  
**Save THE Date**  
 ECW Christmas Party  
 Thursday, December 7th

**20-40 somethings**  
 Grab your families & friends and join us for good food and good company.  
 Thursday, November 9th at 6pm at True Vine Brewing Co.  
 \$10 per adult & children eat free  
 This event is for the "20-40 somethings" at Christ Church who are hoping to build relationships and get connected to other folks and families at Christ Church.  
 For more info contact: Amy Hartin at amyehartin@gmail.com  
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Mr. Bill Clawater Asst. Treasurer

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## Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
Call the church office during office hours 903.597.9854;  
after hours call The Rev. David Luckenbach 903-279-8777,  
The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin 903-952-3850,  
The Rev. Ted Welty 903-714-7052 or  
The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

**Sunday, October 22**

**Proper 25**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday, October 29**

**Proper 26**

Exodus 22:21-27

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



## Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, November 5. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.



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## ***Worship Schedule***

### **Sundays**

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*

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