

Welcome to Christ Church Episcopal Parish

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We welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal Parish and hope that you will continue to join us in worship. Christ Church is a growing, caring, sacramental community. We are dedicated to providing an open, Christ-centered sanctuary for worship, reflection, education and service for our children and all who enter.

It is our desire to be a friendly people and to give a positive Christian witness through worship and fellowship. We hope you will feel at home and we invite you to become a part of this Christian family.

Within our community there are many opportunities and organizations that may be of interest to you which will be highlighted in this packet. Please feel free to contact the Parish office at 503-636-5618 or the listed contact person for any group that you may find of interest or if you have additional questions.

Our newsletter, *The Herald*, is one of our key communications tools. A copy is included in this packet.

Our website is www.ccp parish.org. This site contains the latest up-to-the-minute information about the Parish.

Childcare is provided during the 10:00 am Liturgy on Sunday mornings and at all special Christmas and Lenten Liturgies.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am

10:00 am*

5:00 pm

TUESDAY

Healing Eucharist

12:00 pm

SATURDAY

Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm

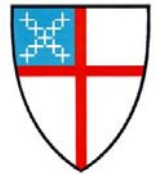
* Childcare available starting at 9:45

New to the Episcopal Church?

Customs and Practices

Diversity and Unity

The Episcopal Church embraces a diverse range of customs and traditions in its worship. Each parish does things a little differently, and within each parish we have individual styles.



During Worship

The Liturgy is celebrated by all of us, not just the Priest. The Liturgy begins with a musical voluntary. Talking during this time is not encouraged as it is a time for personal prayer. We stand for hymns, for many prayers, and as the offering is brought forward. We kneel for confession and for private prayer. We stand for the reading of the Gospel and sit during the sermon.

We make a sign of the cross as a reminder that we are marked as Christ's own and share God's life. The sign is made by touching the forehead, chest, left shoulder and the right shoulder. It can be made at any point, usually at the beginning and end of worship, at the absolution of our sins and when we are blessed.

Receiving Communion

All persons are invited to the Table at Christ Church. When receiving the Elements, the bread will be placed in your hand. In receiving the chalice, it is helpful to guide it by holding the base.

Comfortable Participation

If you have any other questions about life or worship at Christ Church Episcopal Parish, the clergy are always glad to try to answer them. Don't worry about getting everything "right" or understanding everything immediately. Our aim is simply for you to feel at home and to be a part of God's family.

Opportunities at Worship

*Acolytes · Altar Guild · Greeters · Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors · Music · Ushers*

Acolytes

Acolytes offer an important contribution to the worship at Christ Church Episcopal Parish. Acolytes assist the priests and congregation in the work of our liturgy. This ministry is open to all grade 6 through 12.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for the care and maintenance of vestments, the arranging of flowers and the preparation of the Altar and the Elements. Altar Guild members serve at the request of the Rector.



Rector Shannon delivers the sacrament.

Baptism

Baptisms for all ages occurs regularly four times a year: the feast of the Epiphany, Easter Vigil, the day of Pentecost and All Saints' Sunday. Classes are offered for adults to prepare for this Holy Sacrament. Those interested in Baptism for themselves or their children should contact the church office.

Greeters

The Greeter ministry provides a warm welcome for all persons on Sundays, making them feel accepted. Greeters are outgoing and friendly, taking the initiative in saying hello to those both familiar and new.

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) and Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs), trained and licensed by the Bishop, assist with the administration of the chalice at the celebration of Holy Eucharist. EMs may also take Eucharist to the homes of those who cannot venture out.

Lectors are youth and adults with a gift for reading in corporate (public) worship. They read the lessons on Sundays and at any special Liturgies.

Music

The Choirs of Christ Church Episcopal Parish offer their musical talents at worship and special occasions. There are currently two choirs, and all Parishioners are encouraged to participate. For information on all Christ Church ensembles please contact our Minister of Music, Bob Mensel, at bmensel@ccparish.org

Canterbury Choir is open to 10th graders through senior adults. Members sing at the 10:00 am Liturgy on the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month. They also prepare music for services during Holy Week and on Christmas Eve. Canterbury Choir rehearses each Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The Handbell Choir is open to musicians of any age as space permits. The Handbell Choir rings on the second Sunday of the month at the 10:00 am service. They rehearse each Tuesday from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm.

New Song is not a regular choir, but an ad hoc instrumental ensemble that assists in the presentation of contemporary music from time to time. Please contact the Minister of Music if you're interested in playing an instrument at one of our services.

Ushers

Our ushers meet and greet persons coming to services. This ministry is a great way for newcomers to become familiar with the people of Christ Church Episcopal Parish. Ushers assist with distributing service leaflets, collecting offerings, reading intercessions during the Prayers of the People and generally answering questions from Parishioners.

Parish Life and more

*Dinner for Eight · First Friday · Memorial Garden · Stewardship
Youth Groups*

Dinner for Eight

Dinner for Eight organizes groups of Parishioners that meet for dinner on their own schedule at one of their own homes. The group may be more or less than eight, and is open to those single or married.

First Friday

First Friday gathers for food, fun and fellowship on the first Friday night of every month. This is a casual social event held at a Parishioners home centered around a potluck dinner. It is primarily an adult function.

Parish Memorial Garden

Within its walled backdrop, the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Memorial Garden provides a peaceful setting for meditation and reflection honoring the memory of those Parishioners and their families interred there. If you are interested in internment for yourself or a loved one, please contact the Parish office.

Stewardship

Your stewardship at Christ Church Episcopal Parish makes a difference. Programs for Christian education, outreach, evangelism and worship enhance the spiritual life of this community. Your continued support reaches those both near and dear to us and those far away that you may never meet. But stewardship is not only a financial matter. We are called to “love and serve the Lord with gladness and singleness of heart.” Your stewardship is also a sacrifice of time spent in service and the sharing of talent.

Companion Groups

Companion Groups exist at Christ Church as a way to foster communication between the lay leadership (the Vestry) of the church and the congregation. Each of the 12 vestrypersons acts as a personal representative to the members of his or her group, contacting them three to four times in the year. These contacts provide information to members and serve as a way for people in the parish to provide feedback to the Vestry on areas of interest to the member.

St. Lawrence Guild

Composed of men of the church who have an interest in cooking, St Lawrence’s guild prepares several social events through out the year that invite the parish to share in good food and raise funds for parish projects and ministries. Our group invites men who have an interest in cooking to join our guild, which meets in member’s homes on a regular basis to test recipes and enjoy fellowship with a good meal. St Lawrence, a patron saint of cooks, one of seven famous deacons of the early church. He lived in the third century and there is a lively tradition about his martyrdom. His feast day is August 10th.

Special Events

There are many intergenerational events at Christ Church and they are an integral part of our community. They include Homecoming Sunday, Blessing of the Animals, an annual Halloween Party, Advent Wreath Making, Christmas Pageant, Epiphany Party, Mardi Gras, Passion Walk, Easter Egg Hunt, Pentecost Party, music events and more.

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Parish Life *Continued*

Tree House Youth Group

Tree House is for 4th and 5th grade students. It runs one Sunday a month in January, February, April and May.

Junior High Youth Group

Youth grades 6th – 8th, known as “The Shack”, meet twice a month following their Sunday School class. We have various types of activities during the course of the year. One Sunday a retreat is held where the youth formulate and write their own faith statement that they will then present to the congregation. They also participate in a “Walking in the Light of God” campaign to raise money for outreach for other children in the world (such projects have included fund-raising for Uganda orphans, a Peru water treatment facility, and an African malaria prevention program through “Nets for Life”). Around Earth Day we consider our carbon footprint and learn to be good stewards. Other Sundays are strictly for fun and relationship building and include activities like bouldering, bowling, movies, games and more.

Senior High Youth Group

Youth grades 9th – 12th, known as “Green Light”, meet every Saturday at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Every year the high school youth go on a outreach mission trip. This year, they are planning a trip to help Katrina victims in New Orleans. The TEC or Teens Encounter Christ program is an integral part of our Senior High Youth Group.

Teens Encounter Christ - TEC

TEC is a Cursillo-type weekend offered by teenagers for their peers sharing the unconditional love of Christ. Teens gather for a weekend in February for this unforgettable experience full of singing, laughing, learning and communicating with their equals. Many Sunday evenings throughout the year are spent preparing for this important weekend with our teen leaders. Prep includes working with nine teens to give talks, Liturgical practice sessions, planning sessions and team meetings.

2010 marked our 27th TEC weekend here at Christ Church and our 34th in total as we have helped start programs in Mercer Island, WA; Bend, OR; Reno, NV; Moab, UT, and Durango and Grand Junction, CO.

TEC members in Durango, CO



Christian Education

Adult Forum, Confirmation, Education for Ministry, Preschool, Elementary and Jr. High Programs, Summer Camps and Sunday School

Adult Forum

Forum meets in Cummins Hall following the 10:00 am Liturgy. Discussions are led by clergy & lay persons from our Parish & the community on topics relevant to Christian adults. One Sunday per month is set aside for coffee & fellowship.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are offered once a year in preparation for the Bishop's visitation to confirm new members into the church. Adults and youth are welcome to participate in this class. The next Confirmation is scheduled for the fall of 2011. Please call the church for more information at 503-636-5618.

Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry is a four-year study program lead by lay mentors about the Old and New Testaments, early church history and comparative theologies. Groups of six to twelve people meet once a week. Every baptized person is called to be an active participant in Christ's ministry, and the EFM program provides the education necessary to discern how best to use your unique gifts in that ministry.

Episcopal Preschool

Weekday programs are offered for children age 2-1/2 through pre-kindergarten to provide spiritual growth, reading and writing readiness, foundations in science and mathematics and opportunities for creative and artistic expression. The ultimate goal is to provide a well-rounded, age-appropriate early childhood education enlivened by the Christian faith. Check out the preschool link on our website at www.ccp parish.org.

Women and Spirituality

The Women and Spirituality group gathers each Monday at noon. All women are welcome to deepen their Christian faith through silence, prayer, discussion, questions and reflections. If you are interested in joining the Monday group, please contact the Rev. JoAnn Leach at the Parish office.

Healing Ministry

This study group explores the meaning and implications for our lives of the healing encounters recorded in the Gospels. The group, through rotational leadership, utilizes a study guide prepared by the International Order of St. Luke. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Guild Room. Drop in participation is welcome.



Women's Retreat at The Cedars

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer study group meets Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30. Space is provided for those in our community who feel called to contemplative prayer. Each session consists of thirty minutes of training or subjects related to contemplative prayer from tapes, CD's or DVD's

Christian Education *Continued*

Spiritual Journey

The Spiritual Journey seminar is a discussion group that uses a variety of resources to discuss, in depth subjects to aid in your spiritual journey in life, wherever your starting point might be. Theological issues are explored as well as how perceptions of God, our faith and our lives are shaped by those issues. The group is open minded and welcomes participants share their ideas and thoughts around the topics. Sessions are held most Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Nursery and Toddler Room

Nursery and toddler rooms are open all year long during the 9:30 am service, Christmas Eve early service, & during the evening Holy Week liturgies.

Sunday School Preschool through Grade 8

Sunday School is offered every Sunday during the 10:00 am Liturgy . Students attend the first portion of the Liturgy with their families and then are dismissed to their classrooms.

The curriculum for the pre-school class is *Godly Play*, and the curriculum for Kindergarten through grade five is *Living the Good News*. *One Room School house* is scheduled occasionally to bring all the children Kindergarten through Grade 5 together for a large group lesson and fellowship. Junior High Sunday School follows the Rite 13 curriculum.

Outreach projects happen all through the year for kids and include the making of Linus Blankets, Harbor Lights care kits, Christmas Giving, and special gifts for the sick and lonely.



Summer Camp Programs

Summer Sunday School is offered during the summer during the 10:00 am Liturgy for those grade 5 and younger.

Vacation Bible School is a week long program for those pre-school through grade 5. Each year a different Christian theme is explored

Spirituality and the Arts is a week long program for those grades 4 - 8. All of the arts from craftsmanship to music are given the hands-on treatment in a Christian setting.

Art Fusion is a week long program for High School students which runs simultaneously with Spirituality and the Arts. The week blends together artistry, leadership, and fellowship all in a Christian setting.

Overnight Camps at Suttle Lake include **Blast Off** for 1st and 2nd graders, **Awesome Adventures** for grade 3-5, **Outer Limits for Middle School** and **Japanese Bridges** for High School. These and many other camps around Oregon, Washington and Idaho can be part of your families Christian experience. Go to www.gocamping.org.

Community Service

*Martha Guild · Pastoral Care · St. Catherine's Guild · St. Fiacre's Guild
Outreach · Stephen Ministry · Recovery Commission · Vestry*

St. Martha's Guild

The members of the Martha Guild provide transportation and run errands for those with an immediate need. Any Parishioner is welcome to help provide this critical volunteer service.

Angels on Wheels

The members of Angels on Wheels provide a week's worth of meals to those undergoing surgery or other short-term medical situations. Volunteer members rotate meal preparations.



'Angels on Wheels' members discuss their ministry at the Homecoming Sunday Ministry Fair.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee at Christ Church Episcopal Parish is an active response to those in need in this community and around the world. Listed below are just a few of the programs that Christ Church Episcopal Parish sponsors. Please prayerfully consider how you might help with your time or financial assistance.

Some local programs include: Habitat for Humanity, Lake Oswego Homeless Shelter, Our House, Dress for Success and Potluck in the Park. Internationally, the Parish sponsors the Masaka School in Uganda, sends a team to help with poverty and homelessness in Peru and has improved the quality of life for the children of The Chengde orphanage in China.

Pastoral Care

Christ Church Episcopal Parish has a Pastoral Care Office. This includes a Parish nurse, who can help with medical decisions and provide simple services like blood pressure screenings as well as ongoing education for the Parish. Our volunteer Pastoral Care Coordinator confidentially connects our Parishioners experiencing a personal crisis with the clergy or with a Stephen Minister. This office also maintains the Parish Prayer List.

Recovery Commission

This ministry assists parishioners and their families who are coping with addiction and it supports the active recovery of those in our community suffering from addiction. Christ Church hosts a Women's AA meeting on Monday night, an Al-anon meeting on Tuesday night and a Wednesday AA meeting. The Commission provides written resources to both Christ Church and the broader Diocesan community. If you or a loved one would like support in recovery, do not hesitate to contact our Commission: Monica Schneider, Patty Burke, Tom Weber, Eleanor Suman and JoAnn Leach.

St. Catherine's Guild

The women of the St. Catherine's guild are pleased to serve as hostesses for the Parish. A nominal fee is charged to provide receptions for memorial services held at the Parish. All the funds raised each year are donated to a variety of charitable organizations within the community.

St. Fiacre's Guild

The members of this guild tend the Memorial Garden, keeping it a clean, neat and beautiful place to honor our departed loved ones.

Community Service *Continued*

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide a ministry of healing and support to those in a time of need. Stephen Ministers are trained and commissioned by the Parish to provide the best possible Christian service. If you would like to become a Stephen Minister please contact the appropriate person listed in this packet. If you need the services of a Stephen Minister, please contact the Pastoral Care Office.

Healing Ministry

This study group was established as a means to explore the meaning and implications for our lives of the healing encounters recorded in the Gospels. In response to insights gained, we are inspired to develop our individual ministries of healing in emulation of the essence of Christ's ministry. The group, through rotational leadership, utilizes a study guide prepared by the International Order of St. Luke. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1.00 to 2.30 in the Guild Room. Drop-in participation is welcome.

Vestry

The Vestry is the governing body of the church and the corporate officers of Christ Church Parish. Overseen by the Rector, these Parishioners are responsible for guiding the church in the fulfillment of its Christian purpose.

Building and Grounds

This ministry oversees the care of the buildings, grounds and Safety commission.

Sunday School Teachers

Our Sunday School Teachers group consists of about 40 wonderful adults who rotate and share responsibility of teaching classes during the school year (September through May). Each classroom is supported by 6 teachers (three teams of two) so that everyone has the balance and joy of being with the children and the adult community. Leaders Guides are provided to give the teacher everything he/she needs to teach a class. Seasonal enrichment hours are provided to feed your soul and give extra activities and support for the classroom.

Tell Me More . . .

Help in making contact

When you're ready to make Christ Church Episcopal Parish a part of your everyday life you may choose to contact the individuals listed with each ministry, or contact the Parish office.

Christ Church Episcopal Parish Ministry Leaders

Parish Office: 503-636-5618

Acolytes	Lori Dierckes
Altar Guild	Barbara Randall
Angels on Wheels	Phyllis Clark
Building & Grounds	Cliff Christianson
Centering Prayer	Marilyn Depew
Christian Education	Susie Coffman
Dinner for Eight	Mary Spence
Education for Ministry (EFM)	Julia Simpson
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	The Reverend JoAnn Leach
Episcopal Church Women	Dorothea Beckwith
First Friday	Joy Hessian
Greeters	Lynn Kenyon
Healing Ministry	Liz Washburn
Junior High Youth	Sara Sather
Herald	Renee Brambilla
Memorial Garden	Renee Brambilla
Music	Bob Mensel
Newcomers	The Reverend JoAnn Zwart Leach
Nursery	Kristin Coffman
Outreach Committee	Barbara Davis Stewart Bartlett
Pastoral Care	Barbara Smith
Planned Giving	James Beatty
Preschool	Candace Ray
Recovery Commission	Eleanor Suman
Senior High Youth	Sara Sather
Spiritual Journey	Terry Crawford
St. Catherine's Guild	Carolyn Muir
St. Fiacre's Guild	Patsy Sweet
St. Lawrence Guild	Chuck Mansfield
St. Martha's Guild	Elizabeth Shelly
Stephen Ministry	The Reverend JoAnn Zwart Leach
Stewardship	Reverend Shannon P. Leach
Sunday School	Susie Coffman
Ushers	Donna Fowlks
Women and Spirituality	The Reverend JoAnn Zwart Leach
Worship	The Reverend Shannon P. Leach
Youth Adult Ministry	The Reverend JoAnn Zwart Leach

Clergy

The Reverend Shannon P. Leach, *Rector*

The Reverend JoAnn Zwart Leach, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Dr. Carolynne Fairweather *

The Reverend LeRoy Hammon *

The Rev. Carol Hull *

The Reverend Deacon Tom Stanwood *

Staff

Dale Boss, *Bookkeeper*

Renee Brambilla, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

Chuck Mansfield, *Business Manager* *

Bob Mensel, *Minister of Music*

Candace Ray, *Preschool Director*

Sara Sather, *Youth Minister*

Michael Sanchez, *Asst. to the Minister of Music*

Barbara Smith, *Volunteer Pastoral Care Coordinator* *

Jane Mendenhall Smith, *Organist*

* Non-Stipendiary

Vestry *

Julia Simpson, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Bonnie Umland, *Treasurer*

Class of 2012

Shelley Engle
Candace Trotter, Sr. Warden
Cliff Christianson, Jr. Warden
Tracy Swartley

Class of 2013

Craig Brown
Barbara Davis
Diana Fisher
Ted Washburn

Class of 2014

Holly Marcus
Jill Mertens
Clay Shank
Melissa Tosti

Parish Office

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