



**CHRIST CHURCH**

**EPISCOPAL PARISH**

*Lake Oswego, Oregon*

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*The 10 am worship service is live  
streamed and recorded and can be  
seen on our YouTube Channel.*

# **The Presentation of our Lord**

*February 2, 2025*

*10:00 am*

## **The Word of God**

### **Voluntary**

### **Introit**

*How bright appears the Morning Star with mercy beaming from afar  
the host of heaven rejoices*

*O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God!*

*We, too, will lift our voices:*

*Jesus, Jesus! Holy holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us  
great Emmanuel, come and hear us*

### **Hymn in Procession**

O Zion, open wide thy gates

**Hymn 257**

### **Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Presider** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you  
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify  
your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Gloria to God**

**S 277**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**BCP 233**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**Lector** A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

## Hymn 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

## The Second Lesson

## Hebrews 2:14-18

**Lector** A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

## Hymn 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

**Alleluia** (*choir sings first, congregation repeats*)

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. A red square with a white 'C' is placed at the beginning of the first line of music.

**Cantor:** “For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared  
in the presence of all peoples.”

**All:** Repeat Alleluia

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

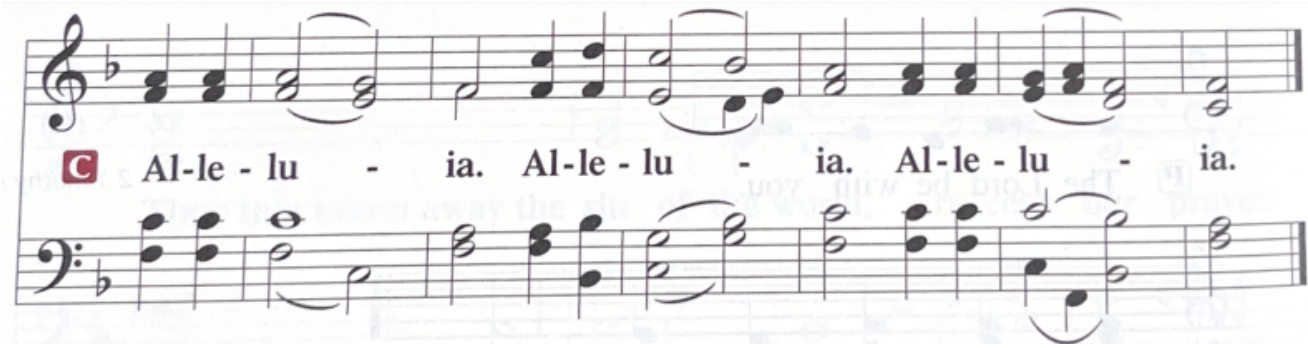
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Gospeler** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Alleluia



**The Homily**

**The Rev'd Brad Toebben**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Intercessor** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and those we name now, silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** We commend to your mercy all who have died and those we name now, silently or aloud, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

### **The Blessing of Candles**

Presider May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your presence we shall see light.

**People Blessed be God for ever.**

*The candles are blessed*

Presider Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People Amen.**

Presider We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,

**People in the midst of your temple.**

Presider Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**People that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Presider God is the Lord who has shown us light.

**People Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.**

### **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Presider** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

### **Birthday Prayer**

**BCP 830**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

**BCP 431**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

Nunc dimittis

C.V. Stanford

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen.*

*Please stand at the Presentation Hymn.*

## Presentation Hymn

**Hymn 119** (vs. 1,4-5)

As with gladness men of old

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic Prayer and Lord's Prayer as you are able.*

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Presider and People**

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
**Rising, you restored our life.**  
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*Presider* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<b>All</b>	
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>hallowed be thy Name,</b>	<b>who trespass against us.</b>
<b>thy kingdom come,</b>	<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>
<b>thy will be done,</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil For</b>
<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>thine is the kingdom, and the</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>	<b>power, and the glory</b>
<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<b>for ever and ever. Amen</b>

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymn S-163**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

## **Communion of the People**

*Communion will be received from the altar rail. The bread will be placed on your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require this alternative. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## **Communion Anthem**

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure

*O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are Thy dwellings*

*My soul longs for Thy courts*

*My heart and flesh cry out*

*O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee*

*Who praise Thy name, who sing their songs within Thy holy house*

*O Lord, incline Thine ear, look down, my spirit longs for Thee*

*A Sun and Shield is the Lord of Hosts*

*In Thee I trust, look down and hear my prayer.*

## **Communion Hymn**

**Hymn 324**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**Presider** Let us pray.

**Presider and People**

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

*(sung by the choir)*

*Lord God, You now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in Your word.  
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord  
prepared by You for all the world to see  
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night  
the glory of Your people, and their light*

Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ

**People Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 436**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

### **Voluntary**

## **2025 Giving Campaign**

**To date we have received 98 pledges  
for a total of \$460,186.89  
WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL  
\$97,813.11  
TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET.**

**Our Annual Meeting will be on March 2, 2025.**

**Please keep these people in your prayers this week:**

Steve, Harry, Kristin, Peggy, Deb, Julie

**To Request a Prayer Send an email to [prayers@ccparish.org](mailto:prayers@ccparish.org) with your request.**

### **5 pm Sunday Evening Eucharist Dates**

1. February 23
2. March 9
3. March 23
4. April 27

**Want to honor loved ones or celebrate special life events?** Sponsor the flowers presented on the High Altar on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Flower Calendar on the table in the Narthex.

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**Votive Prayer Candles Votive candles are a way for the faithful to remember a loved one or pray for a special intention.** We ask for a donation of \$2 for each prayer candle to help with the cost of tending and maintaining the candles. Your gift is fully tax-deductible and is a true blessing.

### **Children and Teens**

**The Nursery is open for the 10 am service.** We keep these littles in the nursery for the whole duration of the service. Parents are welcome to pick their kids up for communion if they wish.

**Our Sunday School program is in session this weekend.** We begin our classes at 10 am and join our families in church for communion. Classrooms for preschool through grade 5 are on the main level of the education wing.

**Fleece Drive in January! Project Linus is a beloved outreach project for our Sunday School and has been for 25 years!** During the season of lent, we put our hands to work making no-sew blankets which will be put in the arms of children facing serious illness. We invite you to be part of our tradition by donating your favorite colors and patterns of fleece. It takes two sections of fleece each measuring two yards to make one awesome blanket. A great place to get fleece is any Joann Fabric store. There will be a donation basket in the narthex all through the month of January and maybe a little beyond! While there are lots of cute and fun fabrics in the store, fleece is the only type that will work for our blankets.

**Middle and High School kids don't meet this week.** Our next gathering is Sacred Service on February 9. We're having pizza and making tug toys for an organization called FIDO. They provide pet supplies for families who can not afford to care for their own needs and the needs of their pet. Fido makes available food, leashes, collars, toys and more so families don't need to surrender their pets due to financial challenges.

**Hope and Fire; a retreat for Middle and High School students is being offered by the Diocese of Oregon February 28-March 2 in Eugene. The agenda includes creative worship, service work and lots of fun and fellowship. Get your teen registered using this online link:**

**<https://ecwo.org/event/hope-fire-diocesan-youth-event/>**

## **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

The Vestry invites the parish to suggest names for consideration for nomination to the Vestry. A Nominating and Discernment Committee will help determine the nominees for this year. Nominations may be emailed to:

- Michael Fraser at <[mfraser43@outlook.com](mailto:mfraser43@outlook.com)>,
- Barby Smith <[bftbgs@aol.com](mailto:bftbgs@aol.com)>,
- Barbara Randall <[chefbarbierandall@gmail.com](mailto:chefbarbierandall@gmail.com)>,
- Sydney Fitzpatrick <[brewsterlaw@comcast.net](mailto:brewsterlaw@comcast.net)>,
- David White <[davidawhite503@gmail.com](mailto:davidawhite503@gmail.com)>

Please include the name of the parishioner being suggested and why you believe she/he is called to the ministry of Vestry service. Also, include a note that they have agreed to have their name put forward and are interested in Vestry service. There are four (4) vestry positions open for 2025.

## **Outreach Updates:**

### **CCEP Outreach - LA Fires**

The Los Angeles fires have displaced well over 180,000 individuals and families. Many facing the loss of their homes, vehicles and in some cases their livelihood. We bid you prayers for those who have died and for those facing an uncertain future.

Many of us have direct connections to people, families, friends and co-workers who live the areas affected. The desire to offer critical aid as they start to recover and rebuild can be very personal response and you can help.

Thanks to generous contributions to last year's auction, the Outreach Committee was able to send \$1,000 to (organization) for emergency relief from the devastation of fires in Southern California. If you can add to that help, we suggest contributions to an organization of your choice and here are some links:

- **Episcopal Disaster Relief and Development:**  
<https://shorturl.at/tNKdc>
- **The American Red Cross Disaster Relief:**  
<https://shorturl.at/GpyKn>
- **The Salvation Army**  
<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/help-disaster-survivors/>

### **Blood Drives with the American Red Cross:**

Donating is easy, and one pint of donated blood can potentially help three patients.

There is an ever-increasing demand after natural disasters and surgical procedures. At the same time, blood supply levels are trending downwards due to the demand.

### **How You Can Help:**

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up on January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you can donate, please schedule your appointment on-line and help save lives!

Results from January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Collected: 32 units with a goal of 25-great job!

Additional 2025 dates for scheduling in advance at Christ Church Episcopal Parish are:

- April 11<sup>th</sup>, Noon -5PM
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon -5PM
- November 25<sup>th</sup>, Noon -5PM

To schedule on-line for your appointment, please use this link and the sponsor code below: <https://www.redcrossblood.org> Use the sponsor code: **ccparish**

Thank you for your donations!



## **Sam's Attic Tea and Fashion Show**

Saturday, March First @ 10 am. At Lake Bible Church, 4565 Carman Drive, Lake Oswego, Oregon. Tickets available beginning February 1st. phone: 503-479-5835 or <https://www.gsmuganda.org/> Helps to fund Masaka School in Uganda.

**The CCP Men's Fellowship Group meets for breakfast at 8 am every Wednesday** at the Lake Oswego Biscuits Café (near Kruse Way and Boones Ferry). All male parishioners, and others who may be interested, are cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend. If you have questions please feel free to contact [chuckschrader@gmail.com](mailto:chuckschrader@gmail.com) or **Fr. Brad**.

## **Outreach – CCEP Food Pantry**

Winter Food Drive Updates Help Us Combat Hunger!

Your food donations play a role in helping people to deal with hunger and we thank you for caring!

## **William Temple House:**

Our recent food transfer, just after Christmas was picked up by volunteers from William Temple House Food Pantry. They mentioned the need is greater than ever. Your donations helped add a very positive infusion to their supplies allowing them to serve others.

## **Tualatin Food Pantry:**

As soon as we restock our Food Pantry shelves with your donations, we will reach out to the Tualatin Food Pantry.

The Tualatin Food Pantry supports people and families from Tualatin, Tigard, Durham, Lake Oswego, West Linn, and Wilsonville with up to five days of food twice a month. Last year they served 10,294 households and with your help, we can continue to support them too.

## **How You Can Help:**

When you are grocery shopping, please pick up some additional items to help continue our support to the emergency food pantries in our area.

We are requesting a variety of canned food products, including canned fruit, soups, beans along with dried goods such as cereal, flour, rice and pasta. Infant formula is just as important and serves a critical part of our mission.

Please place your donated canned and dried food items along with infant food products in the Food Pantry basket in the narthex.

Please drop off your bags of food donations in the lobby before each Sunday service or during the week on Mondays - Thursdays between 9-1PM.

**Important:** Please check the expiration dates before you donate. The Food Pantries that we support may reject expired food products. If have food that is expired, please dispose of it in a way that is environmentally responsible.

Your donations are making a difference in people's lives and again, thank you!  
If you have any questions, please contact: Steve Whittaker [steve@whittpho.com](mailto:steve@whittpho.com)

## **LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH IN THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CUERNAVACA!**

**August 2– August 16, 2025** Have you thought about learning to speak Spanish but couldn't decide how to get started? Has your previous knowledge of Spanish grown rusty with disuse? Are you a priest who would like to be able to celebrate in Spanish or a deacon who longs to proclaim the Gospel in Spanish with greater confidence. This is your chance! Since 2015 the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca has offered a two-week Spanish language immersion program for groups from various dioceses in the Episcopal Church, including the Diocese of Oregon. The program for our diocese in 2025 will be held from August 2-16, 2025, as always at their diocesan center in Cuernavaca, Mexico. This program is open to students of all levels - from those with very little or no Spanish to more advanced students wanting to zero in on the subjunctive or reflexive verbs.

The course is open to up to 16 people who will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The group will stay at the Anglican Center in Cuernavaca, which has been described as "a modest and friendly place." In addition to language classes Monday through Friday, there will be visits to a variety of religious and cultural sites in and around Cuernavaca during the week, and to more distant destinations on weekends. The day includes Morning Prayer before breakfast, and Compline after the evening meal, said in Spanish and led by members of the group, thus providing additional opportunities for reading, praying, and singing in Spanish. Our group will also have the opportunity to worship in local Anglican churches.

The cost for the course is \$2,300.00 per person which includes registration, tuition, the language program, all ground transportation, shared lodging and most meals for the two weeks. It does not include airfare to and from Mexico City, entrance fees to museums, meals outside of the Anglican Center, tips, trip or health insurance or personal purchases. A deposit of \$1,100 is due upon registration and the balance is due by May 1, 2025. For more information or to register, please contact Sharon L. Rodgers at [slrodgers@comcast.net](mailto:slrodgers@comcast.net) or 541-515-3925.

## **ON COMMON GROUND WITH OUR REFUGEE NEIGHBORS**

Many of us are feeling concerned about our immigrant and refugee neighbors these days, people who are rightfully afraid and need our support. We know there is a risk of people who are here legally being swept up in enforcement efforts. Here is some information from our partner Pacific Refugee Support Group (PRSG) about steps you can take if you witness someone being stopped by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or want to help someone in that situation.

### **Stay Calm and Observe**

- Do not intervene physically but stay nearby and observe the situation.
- Take detailed notes (time, location, badge numbers, names of officers, what is said, etc)
- Avoid escalating the situation and stay respectful.

### **Remind them of Their Rights (apply to everyone, regardless of immigration status)**

- **Remain Silent:** They have the right to stay silent and not answer any questions about their immigration status.
- **Right to an Attorney:** They can ask to speak to a lawyer before answering questions.
- **No Consent to Search:** They should not consent to a search of their belongings or home without a SIGNED warrant that has CORRECT information about the person being sought.
- **Do Not Sign Anything:** Advise them not to sign documents they do not understand.
- **Ask for Identification:** They can request to see an agent's credentials and ask if they are free to leave.
- **Provide** them with a Red Card that details their rights, obtainable in different languages at <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

### **Provide Emergency Legal Resources**

- <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>
- Equity Corps of Oregon: (503) 234-1541, <https://equitycorps.org/attorney-directory/>
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) <https://irco.org/services/community-safety-and-wellbeing-services/#legal>

### **Document and Report**

- If an arrest is made, gather information about where they are being taken and share it with trusted partners like those listed above, and Pacific Refugee Support Group ([www.pnwrsg.org](http://www.pnwrsg.org)).

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