CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL PARISH
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

8:00 am- Rite I

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation **BCP 323**

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

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

Collect for Purity **BCP 323**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS **BCP 324**

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day — BCP 325

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Welcome

The Lessons

The Old Testament — Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Lector A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 ***Domine, refugium***

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more

talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily **The Rev'd Brad Toebben**

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 *(Form III)* BCP 387

The Presider and the People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially *nn.;*
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest *(especially nn.)*;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution **BCP 330**

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace **BCP 332**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

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

Eucharistic Prayer II **BCP 340**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a

perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread **BCP 337**

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem **S 161**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access **BCP 337**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink

his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Presider

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the congregation, and the People respond,
Thanks be to God.

Services This Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music
10 am Worship is Livestreamed on YouTube

The 10 am worship service is recorded and can be seen on our YouTube Channel. For worship bulletins online visit: https://ccparish.org/worship/

Please keep these people in your prayers this week:
Barney, Gedge, Paul, Martha, Daniel, Patricia, Bobby Jo, Rupert, Geoffrey, Dick, David, Paddy, Neil, Kathy, Mark, Tracy, Julie, Joe, Ed, Whit, David, Andrew, Hannah, Suzanne, Tim, Nate, Tony, Libbie, Mac, Dennis.

For those who have died: Jamie Perkins, son of Shirlee Perkins

To Request a Prayer: Send an email to prayers@ccparish.org with your request.

Welcome Home, Father Brad!
We joyfully welcome Fr. Brad Toebben back this Sunday from the first half of his sabbatical. We give thanks for the gift of rest and renewal he has received, for the time devoted to his spiritual journey, and for the experiences of travel in Europe that have enriched him. We look forward with glad hearts to having him among us once again.

2026 Baptism Dates

November 22 (Feast of Christ the King).

Please RSVP your interest to Susie Coffman-Sisk.

2026 Remaining Sundays with 10am Liturgy only

11/22 Thanksgiving & Christ the King Sunday
12/27 First Sunday After Christmas

🎉 SUNDAY SCHOOL 🎉

We welcome kids preschool through grade 5 into our classrooms this Sunday November 15! We begin at 10:00 AM in our Sunday School classroom and we'll wrap up around 11:00 AM and head into church at the time of Communion. Parents, be sure to save a place in the pew for your kids.

All kids up through grade 5 will begin together in the same classroom for opening prayer and birthday blessings. We'll then divide up into our classrooms if needed based on the grades of kids present.

Parish Nursery

The Parish Nursery is open this Sunday November 15 during the 10 am service. We welcome kids up through age 3 (or older if not yet potty trained). Your kids are cared for by some awesome teens and adults!

Sacred Donut for Middle and High School

Date: November 22nd from 11:30 am - 2pm

Our next Sacred Donut gathering is all about fulfilling our Sacred Service project, Setting the Table! We'll be joined for lunch by members of LOTSM, who will help us learn more about the families and programs our project supports. Together, we'll take a look at the donations we've raised, begin building shopping lists, and talk about how to make every dollar go as far as possible.

This is where generosity meets thoughtful planning! Our teens will have the opportunity to work together, make decisions, stretch a budget, and discover how a little creativity and teamwork can make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in our community. It's an exciting next step in our Setting the Table project, and a chance for our teens to see how their time, energy, and generosity can help make the holidays a little brighter for others.

We're looking forward to sharing lunch, learning, planning, and getting ready to set some tables.

You can see the whole 2026-27 schedule of gatherings for middle and high school on our website at https://ccparish.org/the-sacred-donut/.

**Please note we changed our shopping date from 11/15 to 11/22*

Built on Living Stones – Annual Pledge Campaign

*-Please return your pledge card by **November 15th**-*

"Come to him, a living stone… and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

As we gather each week, we are reminded that we are being built together into a spiritual house upon Christ, the living Stone. In these turbulent times, Christ Church matters: here we find sanctuary, encounter God in beautiful worship, invest in our children and youth, care for one another, and tend the sacred space that holds our shared life.

Stewardship is a spiritual practice—an act of trust and gratitude. Every gift, of every size, helps build this house. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return your pledge card by **November 15th**, or make your commitment online at https://ccparish.org/we-pledge.

****As of November 12th we have received 36 pledges totaling $240,692.****
****Please get your pledges in now!****

Thank you for being the living stones of Christ Church!

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.

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

Welcome Table

If you're new to Christ Church or returning after time away, please come say hello at the blue Welcome Table. We're here to answer questions, provide information, and help you connect to the community!

Advent Wreath Making is Sunday November 29

Prepare your home and hearts for the season of Advent! Join us for our annual Advent wreath-making event and create a beautiful wreath to celebrate the four Sundays

leading up to Christmas. We provide everything you need: fresh greens, wreath bases, decorations, candles, and instructions, along with prayers to use at home as you gather each week. Come create a meaningful Advent tradition for your family as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ. All are welcome to join us after the 8 and 10 am services in the parish hall.

Lines in Time: The Art of a Handwritten Note

Our Sunday readings include letters from St. Paul to the early Christian communities, filled with words of love, encouragement, and care. Inspired by this ancient practice of connecting through the written word, we invite you to join us for a special new event!

On **Sunday, December 6**, following the 10:00 a.m. service, we welcome Heidi Berkman for *Lines in Time*, a beautiful and simple workshop that invites us to slow down and write a postcard to someone in our lives.

Heidi leads workshops that celebrate the timeless practice of writing to others. She will provide beautiful, custom-made postcards and a buffet of art supplies to make your creation uniquely your own. In just one hour, you can create something meaningful that will brighten someone else's day—and perhaps lift your own spirit in the process.

Space is very limited! We have only 20 chairs available, and advance sign-up is required. Please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet located on the magnetic "Join Us" Board in the Narthex. Join us at 11:30 a.m. on December 6 for this special opportunity to share a little love, one postcard at a time.

Would you consider serving on the Christ Church Vestry?

Vestry members are elected by the parish at our Annual Meeting and serve three-year terms. Together they oversee the parish's property, finances, and facilities, and help ensure the resources needed for worship and ministry are in place.
Our Nominating Committee is now beginning the process of identifying candidates to put forward at the Annual Meeting early next year. If you feel called to this form of leadership and service, or would simply like to learn more, please contact the parish office at 503-636-5618 or parishadmin@ccparish.org.

Serving on the Vestry is a meaningful way to support and strengthen our church community. We hope you'll prayerfully consider it!

Join the Building & Grounds Committee!

Our Building and Grounds Committee has been newly reconstituted and has begun its important work. The purpose of this committee is to help care for and preserve our beautiful, historic church and grounds—ensuring they remain a welcoming and well-maintained home for worship, fellowship, and ministry.

We invite parishioners who have an interest in facilities, maintenance, landscaping, or simply a desire to help steward this special place to join us. If you would like to learn more or become part of the committee, contact the parish office.

A Reminder About New Ways To Give

As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider their financial support of our church and its ministries. Your generosity makes possible the worship, fellowship, outreach, and mission work that are at the heart of our church community.

There may also be new opportunities to make charitable giving more beneficial from a tax standpoint. For those who are retired or approaching retirement, **Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts may provide an opportunity to support the church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. These gifts can count toward your required distribution while potentially reducing taxable income.

Recent tax law changes also create new charitable deduction opportunities for some taxpayers, including those who take the standard deduction rather than itemizing. Whether through a regular pledge, a special gift, or a charitable distribution from a retirement account, we encourage you to explore the possibilities and consider how you can support our church's mission.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our church family!

Holy Cow Parish Survey Results

The results of our parish survey are in! A big thanks to all who participated. An executive summary has been sent to everyone on the parish email list and printed copies are available in the Narthex. Briefly, here are the highlights:

- **The church is doing well.** Members report high satisfaction and energy, with positive attendance and membership trends.
- **Our biggest strengths are leadership, worship and music, and caring for people.** Members feel welcomed and supported, and the parish handles decisions and disagreements well.
- **The main priority is growth:** reaching new people, attracting families with children and youth, and helping newcomers become involved.
- **Members want more opportunities to connect and grow spiritually,** including small groups, shared meals, and Christian education for all ages.
- **Financial giving is an area to improve.** Survey respondents give an average of 1.91% of household income, compared with the Episcopal average of 2.3%.
- **There's little interest in major building changes or changing worship and music.** Members generally want to improve upon what's already working well.

If you did not receive an email with the executive summary of the CAT Survey, please contact the parish office at 503-636-5618 or parishadmin@ccparish.org. If you have questions or comments feel free to contact Jeff Crawford, Senior Warden at 503-484-5013 or jeffcrawford65@gmail.com.

This and That meets **Sunday, December 13th**

We began a new pop-up endeavor at Christ Church called *This and That on May 3rd.* It is a small group gathering for exploration, questioning and sharing faith (belief and disbelief). Its origin really goes back to the first years of the Christian movement. When new converts to Christianity were baptized into the faith at the Easter Vigil, they met during a period called *mystagogy* meaning "to experience/be guided through the mysteries" The foundational mystery of Christianity is Easter (the dying-rising event of Christ). Since we are Episcopalians, we will draw especially from our Anglican experience of Christianity or "the Jesus Movement" as it is now commonly called.

This is not a traditional catechesis course. We will explore themes and areas of content as they arise from the group's interest. It is primarily a sharing and questioning encounter intended for those who are new to Christianity, those coming from different Christian and denominational traditions, and/or those actively searching for spiritual truth, God, or deeper meaning in life. The only requirement is to be one characterized by curiosity, reflection, and a personal quest for understanding.

We will meet in the Guild Room at 11:30 am on **December 13th.** All conversations will be held in confidentiality and trust. **Brad+**

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.

Outreach-Compassion in Action Team

CCEP Food Pantry Update

Food Pantries are having a hard time keeping their shelves stocked. Your donations are helping!

We are currently working with five emergency food pantries and our next food transfer with your food donations will be to The Tualatin Food Pantry as soon as we can pack our CCEP food pantry shelves.

Tualatin Food Pantry: https://www.tualatinfoodpantry.org/
The Tualatin Food Pantry has been serving the local community for 21 years. As of November 2025, they have provided emergency food assistance to more than 49,626 individuals and 13,386 households or families in our region.

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. Most food pantries are focused on the basics.

We are requesting infant formula, a variety of canned food products, including canned fruit, peanut butter, soups, beans along with dried goods such as cereal, flour, rice, beans and pasta. *No candy please*. *Most food pantries will reject any candy.*

Please place your donated canned and dried food items along with infant food products in the Food Pantry basket in the narthex before each Sunday service or during the week in the church office between M-F 9-4 PM.

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

If you have any questions, please contact: Steve Whittaker steve@whittpho.com.

News Flash!

There is a new donation box in the office for **Sam's Attic Thrift Store**!

Sam's Attic in Beaverton is run and staffed by volunteers. They sell 100% donated items to fund schools, orphanages, and teacher housing in Uganda through Good Samaritan Ministries. It is an amazing way to take people's donated treasures and to use them to change the lives of over 1,600 children in Uganda. Many of these children would not have the chance to go to school without this assistance.
Now accepting clothing and gently used household items, including furniture.
For larger item donations contact Mary Sullivan at masullivan2017@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us keep our parish records current and complete. If you have trouble with your **Realm** account contact Mary Anne Plano maplano@pacbell.net or Victoria Argo parishadmin@ccparish.org.

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Inspired to give today?

Use this QR code to link to the Realm Donation page.

Or Text "**CCPARISHGIVE" to 73256** to give using your mobile device. (This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.)

Thank you for your support!

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