

# the Crucifer

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## FROM THE RECTOR:

Due to your prayers and financial support and to the good work of Gary Avery, Bryan Rossman and the building committee, Christ Church families have enabled the creation of two amazing spaces in which we will nurture the faith of generations of children – the new Children’s Ministry Wing at Christ Church South and the new Children’s Ministry Center at our historic downtown campus.

After many months of work, this Sunday January 26 at 10:00am, we will cut the ribbon and dedicate our new Children’s Ministry Center in the Bell Building downtown!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of this historic effort to create exceptional spaces for our children to grow as followers of Jesus!

**Please join us this Sunday January 26 at 10:00 in the Guild Hall downtown for a grand ribbon cutting and dedication.**

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,



from the associate rector...  
**The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin,**  
*Associate Rector*

I stumbled into this poem “Those Winter Sundays” by Robert Hayden twice in the past few months. <sup>1</sup>First, I think it was referenced at one of the talks at our Mockingbird conference here in Tyler in September, and then I noticed a reference to it again recently while reading Abigail Shrier’s *Bad Therapy*.

The poem is a really lovely homage to Hayden’s father, with whom he seems to have a bit of a complicated relationship. With the privilege of hindsight, Hayden can see the love that his father showed him in ways that he didn’t recognize at the time. He writes,

Sundays too my father got up early  
 and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,  
 then with cracked hands that ached  
 from labor in the weekday weather made  
 banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

Hayden can see that the warmth and comfort he took for granted was actually the result of the effort of his father, effort that went unremarked and unnoticed. Hayden goes to write,

Speaking indifferently to him,  
 who had driven out the cold  
 and polished my good shoes as well.  
 What did I know, what did I know  
 of love’s austere and lonely offices?

I love this last line especially, “love’s austere and lonely offices.” It seems that Jesus’ disciples benefited from “love’s austere and lonely offices” without really grappling with the full extent of what he did for them.

Moreover, I suspect that all of us as Christians have experienced the benefits of “love’s austere and lonely offices”, not only in the care of our parents, but in youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, and pastors. So many members in our churches do vital ministry that is not often noticed.

I am reminded of the way in my own youth group, the lights were always on, the space was always set up and put together. Which saintly parishioner made sure all of this happened week-in and week-out? I pray that I would notice “love’s austere and lonely offices” in others, and that I too might be able to carry them in my own way.

<sup>1</sup>Robert Hayden, *Collected Poems* Frederick Glaysher (ed.) (New York: Liveright Publishing Corporation, 1985), p. 41.

*Hallelujah*

PRAISE FOR THE PAST  
FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

The ribbon cutting &  
 tour of the new  
**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CENTER,**  
*Downtown*

SUNDAY, January 26th  
 10:00am

An Afternoon of



## GOSPEL SINGING

*Gospel Singing*

On the Piano: *Mary Helen Morris, Charlotte Floyd, and Jeffrey Ford*  
plus other guest musicians.

**Sunday, January 26th**  
**3:00pm** *in the Nave*

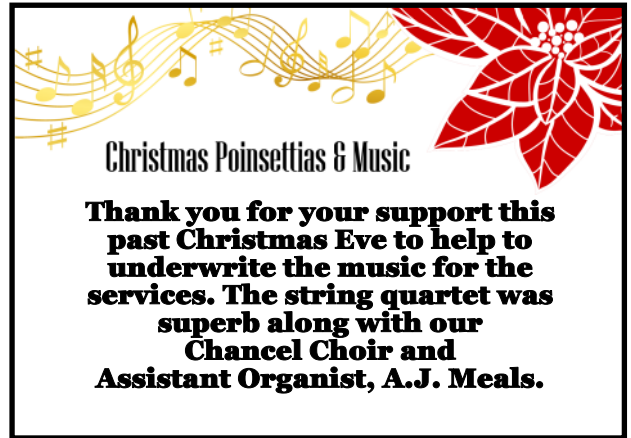
Invite your neighbor, friend and spouse!

The Chancel Choir will be there to lead you. It will be 60 minutes of singing some of your favorite gospel songs. You might even consider reserving a pew and inviting your Baptist and Methodist friends.

They will see that “we” can sing as well!!

Pianists will include: Mary Helen Morris, Charlotte Floyd, AJ Meals and Jeffrey Ford.

You will not want to miss this event.



### Christmas Poinsettias & Music

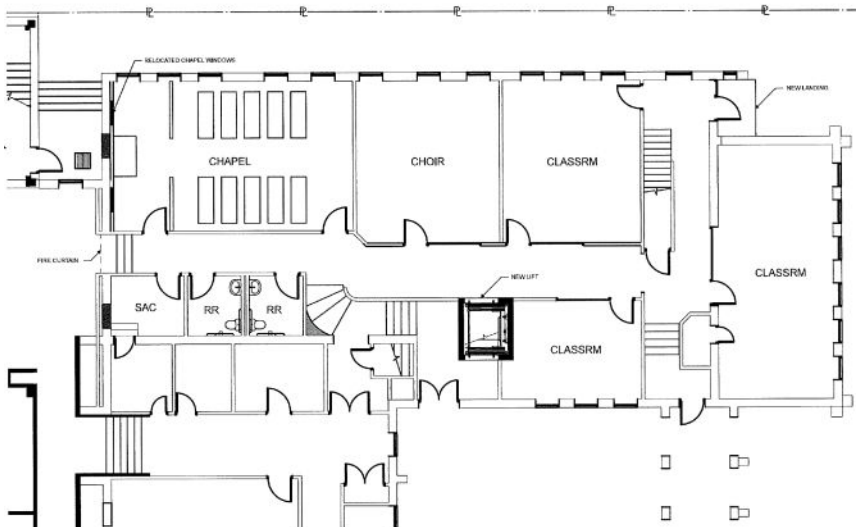
**Thank you for your support this past Christmas Eve to help to underwrite the music for the services. The string quartet was superb along with our Chancel Choir and Assistant Organist, A.J. Meals.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

February 23, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. In the Nave

**AN AFTERNOON OF  
SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS, & QUARTETS**

This afternoon of playing will feature  
Mark & Ute Miller, Sue Bugg  
and guest organist, Jerry Westenkuehler  
*(Arborlawn UMC, Ft. Worth).*



**Can you say,  
HALLELUJAH!**

children's ministry  
**Zoe Ward**, *Interim*  
 Director of Children's Ministry

### Happy end of January, Christ Church!

It is a busy, busy season here at Christ Church's Children's Ministry. With moving into our new church offices, our new downtown children's wing opening soon, and First Communion Classes starting in February, January has been quite the whirlwind! However, with that whirlwind comes lots of exciting new opportunities in the church's life. As a newer member of the team, I'm honored to be part of this chapter in Christ Church's history as we celebrate what the Lord has done over the past few decades and look forward to what He will do using our new space.

### Important Announcements:

- If you are **interested in volunteering** with the children's ministry at Christ Church, I would love for you to be part of the team! Are you worried about lesson planning? Fear not! Lessons are planned ahead of time, so all you need to do is show up and read the material provided. Would you prefer to work with little ones? There are plenty of kids in the nursery to look after. If you are interested and want to learn more, please email me at [zward@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:zward@christchurchtyler.org). We have beautiful new spaces on both campuses ready to be packed with volunteers for our children!
- Our downtown campus will be **cutting the ribbon on our new Children's wing on January 26th** (Lord willing)! The ribbon cutting will be at 10 AM in place of faith formation, with snacks provided. Please join us in celebrating this new chapter in the church's life!
- **First Communion Classes** will begin February 9th at 10 AM at Christ Church South. This is for 3rd-5th grade children who have professed faith in Jesus Christ. If you would like your child to attend, please email [zward@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:zward@christchurchtyler.org).

Blessings,

Zoe Ward

Interim Children's Ministry Director

### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

1/16 Kate Walker, 1/16 Jake Godbold, 1/16 Valeria Hernandez, 1/16 Esin Odle, 1/16 Louisa Mellon,  
 1/17 Archer Cassity, 1/23 James Meals, 1/24 Louisa Boyd, 1/28 Emmi Ingram, 1/29 Carter Boyd



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

Hello families! I hope everyone had a wonderful new year. January is an exciting time where we get to look forward to the year ahead. This year I am excited to be taking the youth to Belize. It is a wonderful mission trip that several past seniors on youth Sunday have stated was integral to their spiritual growth. We have a great group of teens going so far and we have room to add more! The total cost for the trip is \$500 and we will be going June 1st-7th. It is an amazing and life changing trip and we also have space available for friends outside of the church as well.

If you have a youth who would like to go, please contact me so we can get them booked. I am looking forward to taking this journey with our wonderful high schoolers.

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Sarah Jones

Director of Student Ministries





CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

## First Communion Classes



Classes begin Sunday 2/9 at Christ Church South 10 AM

Please email [zward@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:zward@christchurchtyler.org) or use the QR code to register

*Women's Depth Group*  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
6:00pm CCS

We are studying from:  
*The God Parented Soul, The Psalms and Spiritual Formation*  
Volume 1 by Iris Pearce

Contact Karen Courville for more information [casey@reagan.com](mailto:casey@reagan.com)

## Supper Club

Join us!

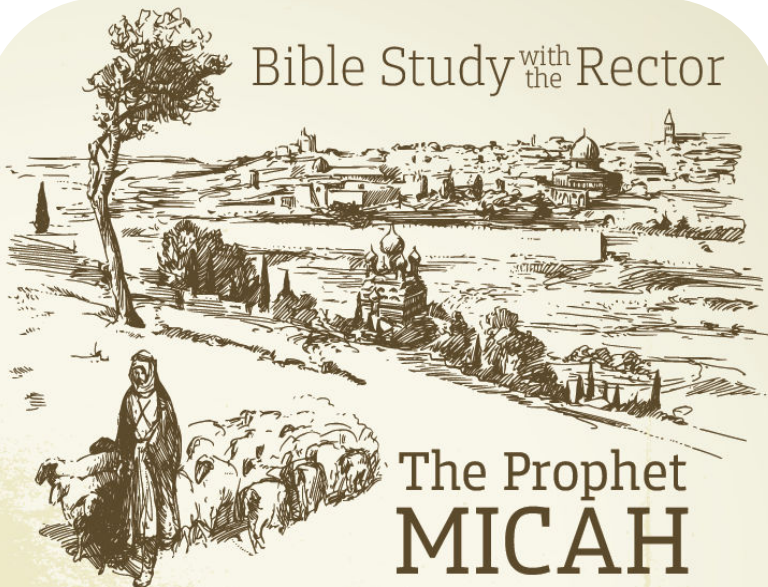


6:00pm Friday,  
2/14, 3/21, 4/11, 5/9

RSVP by the previous Friday

RSVP & more info: [christchurchtyler.org/supper-club](http://christchurchtyler.org/supper-club)

## Bible Study with the Rector



## The Prophet MICAH

MEN: Tuesdays 8:00am & WOMEN: Thursdays 10:30am  
Please join Fr. David in the Epiphany Room of the Grelling Spence Building at our historic downtown campus for this Bible study of the prophet Micah.

Over seven centuries before the Incarnation of Christ, the prophet Micah shared a prophetic word from God about the birth of Jesus. He prophesied,

*"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."* Micah 5.2

Join Fr. David this winter as we listen to this essential Old Testament prophet. The Men's Bible Study will gather on Tuesday mornings at 8:00. The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Please join Fr. David in the Epiphany Room of the Grelling Spence Building at our historic downtown campus for this Bible study of the prophet Micah.

## thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

### *In Our Prayers*

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

Luba, Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Paul, Maggie, Jennifer, Laura, Alan, Laura, Ezri, Darin, Barbara, Vicky, Amber, Chris, Jerry, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Mike, Mark, Marian, Verdie, Connie, Jeremy, Lauren, Russ, Liam, Heather, Chris, Alinda, Piper, Jimmy, Chester, Diana W., Marilyn, Boyd, Stephen, Amy, Debbie, LaRose, Dominic, Adaline

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Liberia (West Africa)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of New Jersey & New York*

**Diocese of Texas:** *Church of the Ascension & Christ Church Cathedral—Houston*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list 903.530.8168 or ssti@tjc.edu.

### *In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

**Frieda Colfelt,**

&

**Betsey Bradberry.**

## upcoming

SUNDAY | January 26

10:00am **Ribbon Cutting of Children's Wing** | CCD

3:00pm **Afternoon of Gospel Singing** | CCD

MONDAY | January 27

6:00pm **High School EYC** | CCD 4th Floor

SUNDAY | February 2

12:15pm **Luncheon Honoring Diana Keesey** | CCD

SATURDAY | February 8

10:00am **EYC Knitting Group** | CCD 4th Floor

SUNDAY | February 9

10:00am **First Communion Class** | CCS

MONDAY | February 10

6:30pm **EYC Jr. & Sr. Book Club** | Boards & Bites

WEDNESDAY | March 5

**Ash Wednesday**

TUESDAYs in Lent | March 11, 18, 25, Apr 1 & 8

**Lenten Lecture & Lunch Series**

Noon at CCD



Diana Keesey will be retiring as our Parish Administrator at the end of January, after 24 years.

**Join us at Diana's retirement luncheon  
Sunday, February 2 at 12:15 in the downtown parish hall.**

RSVP by Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> to Valerie Huggler  
by calling the church  
or emailing office@christchurchtyler.org.

## THE VESTRY

Mr. Bill Clawater, *Treasurer*

Mr. Tim Alexander, *Asst. Treasurer*

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Mr. Steven Comte, Mrs. Karen Hughes,

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Mr. Jim Johnson-Jr. *Warden CCS*, Mr. George Lollis,

Dr. Bob McKinney, Mrs. Shannon Teagarden

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

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8:2-10, Psalm 113,

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Luke 4:14-21

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-17,

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, Luke 4:21-32

## Holy Baptism



The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, 3.2.25

If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

## CLERGY & STAFF

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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, or The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.



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## ***Worship Schedule***

### **Sunday Worship Services**

7:30am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
9:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
11:00am~ **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
11:05am~ **CCS:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
*~live-streamed christchurchtyler.org*

### **CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**

**CCD:** Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)  
**CCS:** Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703  
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to be recognized as a joyful,  
spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*