

January 2019 Chronicle



FROM THE RECTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL LONDON

PRAYERS FOR A NEW YEAR FOR CHRIST CHURCH

May the divine voice of love reign supreme in our hearts and may it silence those other voices of fear, anger and condemnation and may we find our authority in God's healing love.

May we each find an *ereymon topon*, which is Greek for a personal place for prayerful silence and solitude where we can hear God's voice and be renewed.

May we learn to let go of our presumptions and prejudice, may we practice deep listening and cultivate a discipline of daily silence so that we can see the Transfiguration taking place, every day, in each of us.



May we claim the blessings of the biblical covenants: the covenantal blessing of Noah, through whom God promised we will survive; the covenantal blessings of Abraham and Moses through whom God promised we will thrive; and the covenantal blessing of Christ through whom God gives us Himself in whom we ultimately abide.

May we learn to see and touch the Risen Christ who promises to be among us here whenever we gather in His Name.

May we see the divine method in the apparent madness of forgiveness.

May we remember and practice John Wesley's three simple rules: "Do no harm, Do good and stay in love with God."

May we celebrate the colorful diversity of the Holy Spirit who wants to sweep us up into the eternal circle dance of the Holy Trinity and who longs to make beautifully unique music through each of us, like wind through an organ pipe.

May we practice "giant sequoia patience" as we extend our roots deep and wide in the soil of prayer and Scripture so that we can continue to harvest a bounty of love beyond anything we can ever ask or imagine.

May we remain proud Americans in celebrating the core idea and value upon which our country was founded: the idea that all persons are created equal; that all people have been endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. May we remember that patriotism without criticism has no head while criticism without patriotism has no heart.

May we remain open to each other and be willing to have our hearts and minds changed.

May we live our lives like a river flows, carried by the surprise of its own unfolding.

May we move deeper into the ever-giving flow of divine generosity, like the Sea of Galilee that both gives and receives water as opposed to the Dead Sea which only receives water and becomes stagnant.

May we practice empathy like St. Francis the Deacon and discover our own unique calls to the diaconate, the servanthood of Christ.

May we carry on the 4,000-year-old ministry of Melchizedek, the royal priest who nourished Abraham with

consecrated bread and wine and a blessing.

May we remember that we are Anglicans and not angels. And may we treasure in our hearts the angelic message that God enjoys going overboard in expressing how much he loves being with us and wants to bless us with heavenly peace and give birth to something beautiful through us.

May we be refreshed by the Word made flesh.

And finally, my we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Christmas 2018

From the Interim Senior Warden

JACKIE MOORE

O Holy Night

Was it ever! If you were lucky enough to be sitting in our sanctuary on Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. you must have also felt like you were in the most beautiful, peaceful, sacred place in the city. I know I did and that was even before David Powell started singing my favorite hymn of all time, O Holy Night.

As it turns out, O Holy Night has a very interesting history with several plot twists that began in France in 1847. Written by a poet, and put to music by a Jewish composer, the song was later banned by the Catholic Church when the poet left the church to join the socialist movement. Apparently, that didn't stop the French people from singing it. A decade later an American writer, found favor in the lyrics and published it in his magazine. As an abolitionist he strongly related to the words of the third verse, "Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his



gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother; and in his name all oppression shall cease." It was also on Christmas Eve in 1906, O Holy Night became the first song ever sent over the airwaves as that was the day the radio was born.

As the article I was reading suggested, O Holy Night has been sung millions of times in churches in every corner of the world. I say, you would be hard pressed to have heard it sung anymore beautiful than David Powell did that night. If you missed it, I am sorry that you did. If I were you, I would pay close attention to any announcements about David singing in our church and put them on your calendar. The man is amazing and we are so lucky to have him in our midst.

One more note about the service. Our youngest saw Thomas in the back of the church all dressed in black before the service and she called him the Church Ninja. Though he doesn't do martial arts in the back of the church or anything like that, Thomas does stealthily move about our campus creating beauty wherever he goes! As soothing as the music was to our ears, the beauty of our sanctuary was a true gift to our eyes.

So my friends in Christ, please join me in thanking both David Powell and Thomas Swanger for making our space worthy of the name "the Cathedral of the North" and helping to make Father Daniel's first Christmas with us one that he will never forget.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

HEIDI ERICKSON

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wow, 2019 already? The new year always seems to come when I am least ready for it. Except for this year, I am ready to move forward.

I would like to use this article to share my gratitude and appreciation for all of you Having been the Junior Warden of Christ Episcopal church for the last two years has been an amazing learning experience. I was quite hesitant when I was first asked to be the Junior Warden. I mean, what did I know about taking care of maintenance issues? My dad and my brother take care of my home repairs and lawn work, so how was I



supposed to take care of a most precious campus like ours? It's because of the wonderful people of this congregation sharing their time, their knowledge and their encouragement. People like: Dan and Merry Phillips, Paul and Pam Gossard, Thomas Swanger and Sanford Pyron, John and Vickie Patton, Kathy Clague, Beth Powell (my predecessor), Peg and Howard Gardner, Bill and Barbara Walser, Christina Strevey, Lynne Bean, Irene Hannaford, Doug and Carol Moorehead, Jackie Moore, Mother Leslie, Father Daniel and, of course, John Hammond, our wonderful sexton I know that I have not mentioned everyone, but please know that you all have been a part of this great experience and I appreciate you all.

This year, we had a couple of Saturday Work Days. We all worked so hard to accomplish so much. Here are just a few reminders of jobs well done: The bell tower was cleaned out and the bells have been ringing beautifully ever since. The South side of the Church has been re-painted, we had some signs hung up, we now have water alarms (which some of us heard recently), the hanging microphones/speakers came down and the hanging altar cross was polished. Some of the steps were painted for safety (that was so fun), the sump pump in the basement was finally replaced and the Pierson room has new flooring. So much more was accomplished, but I need to have something new to write in my annual report.

Another situation came up this year that was unexpected, but we came together and figured it out. When John, our sexton, was not able to work, there was a group of us that came together, worked out a schedule and made sure that our campus remained clean and locked up at night. It is so great to know that there are people that we can depend on when we need them the most.

There are a couple of items that are still pending as my time as Junior Warden winds down: the steeple cross should be back home anytime and the joy of placing it back in the steeple will be a glorious event. The pesky leaky kitchen door. The Father Doug Library is still a work in progress, it will be open in 2019. I regret not being able to have all of these tasks completed, but I like to share and didn't want to leave the next Junior Warden with nothing to do. Although we don't yet know who our next Junior Warden will be, I want to wish that person the very best and will be right beside them, should they need me.

So as I close out my final Chronicle article, a giant THANK YOU to the congregation of Christ Church for your love, patience and assistance.

I could not have done this job without you and I will treasure this experience for years to come. May God bless you all,

Heidi Erickson Junior Warden

THE REV. DAVID SHEWMAKER

GOD, GROWTH, AND ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY

For over 2000 years, followers of the Christ have made many different interpretations of what it means to be such a disciple. An idea that has surfaced from those who have studied the development of the church is that a major paradigm shift in Christian thought and practice happens about every 400 years. Doing the math leads us to find that we should be in the middle of one of those major shifts in thinking at the present moment in time. I believe that we are indeed witnessing such a change, and that there are definitive characteristics of that change. What are those characteristics?

Those changes are many, but three of them sum up the direction of the paradigm shift: intense biblical scholarship, increased inclusivity, and ecological responsibility. I would like to focus in this article on the last one, though it is connected to the first one most certainly. The movement known as "green" has often included many church people. The increasing awareness that a large part of the duty of the Body of Christ is to tend to the planet's health is due in a large part to the increasing understanding of the meaning of the scripture. Let me give you some examples.

Let us look at the creation account, specifically Genesis 2:15, wherein God states the purpose of humans in relation to the earth. In the King James Version, it is rendered as follows: "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to <u>dress it and to keep it</u>." How the various translations have rendered this is very telling, as the following demonstrates:

NRSV	to till	and to keep
NJB	to cultivate	and to take care of
KJV	to dress it	and to keep it
NKJV	to tend it	and keep it
NIV	to work it	and take care of it
YNG	to serve it	and to keep it

The Hebrew word with which these translators have struggled, and rendered as "till, cultivate, dress, tend, work, and serve," is *abad* (pronounced "ah-vad.") Look at the definitions given at http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H5647&t=K]V.

- 1) to work, serve
- **a)** (Qal)
 - 1) to labor, work, do work
 - 2) to work for another, serve another by labor
 - 3) to serve as subjects
 - 4) to serve (God)
 - 5) to serve (with Levitical service)
- b) (Niphal)
 - 1) to be worked, be tilled (of land)
 - 2) to make oneself a servant
- c) (Pual) to be worked
- d) (Hiphil)
 - 1) to compel to labor or work, cause to labor, cause to serve
 - 2) to cause to serve as subjects
- e) (Hophal) to be led or enticed to serve

In only one sense of the word is it used in the sense of tilling, cultivating, or working the land in an agricultural sense. Even then, it is in the sense of making oneself a servant of the land. Therefore, one must ask, why do 5 out of 6 of the modern translators choose to render it as meaning to *cultivate* the land? Could it not be that this choice, perhaps unconscious, is a reflection of the culture in which they live, a culture in which the idea of tending to the earth means tending to the land by plowing it under and making it produce maximally by means of what Daniel Quinn calls *totalitarian* agriculture, what we know as monoculture agriculture, or, these days, big business agriculture.

So, I ask you to consider if serving the earth, ("abading" the enclosed garden of pleasure, which is what Garden of Eden literally means,) does not have a much larger meaning than this. Does it not mean, in our time and in our civilization, keeping the earth safe from being mis- and over-used for profit alone, and protecting it for its own good and for the good of its inhabitants. Its inhabitants includes humankind (Hebrew = Adam) as those who came out of the earth (adamah) and will certainly return to it (Adam to adamah.)

Genesis 1:28 says, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." I suggest to you that *being fruitful* means bearing fruit. That fruit does not have to be sprayed with toxic materials that kill other life forms! *Multiplying* could mean becoming much more than we are presently, more than those who depend on only profit seeking international corporations (who governs them?) to provide us with foods that we need. *Replenishing* the earth could mean putting pressure on our leaders to go green in a large way that will truly *replenish* (antonym of replenish = deplete) the earth that has been given into our *care*.

Saint Paul says in his Letter to the Romans, 8:19, "19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God...." (NRSV.) The word translated as "revealing" is *Apokalypsis*, meaning the uncovering of a truth that has been previously hidden or obscured. Is it not possible that the real purpose for humankind is to fulfill the "eager longing" of all of creation to come into the maturity that God intends for it, when the entire planet can be a "enclosed space of pleasure," a Garden of Eden, where humankind and all of creation live in balance and harmony and peace? Possible, you say, but not probable! Well, remember Jesus, who said, "What is not possible for Humans is possible for God. With God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27.) Furthermore, if the overwhelmingly large environmental problems cause you to despair, remember what Paul said, "Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever." (Ephesians 3:20, 21.) And, "May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13.)

AMEN & AMEN!

Please see http://eenonline.org/

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

MERRY PHILLIPS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It has been a blessing during this Christmastide to ponder and enjoy memories of our recent Advent and Christmas services. Beginning a new liturgical year with our new Rector for whom we give many thanks, along with the addition of new faces in our congregation and the choir, have given me a fresh perspective on the meaning and purpose of all we undertake to accomplish at this time of year. And, of course, remembering the "Why?" is most important of all.

Every person has an important part in the realization of our worship services, especially at this time of year. In addition to our clergy, lay ministers, altar guild, coffee hour hosts, sexton, parish administrator, gardeners, members of the congregational choir (all of you!), I'd like to offer a special word of thanks and appreciation to the special musicians here at Christ Church.



The Christ Church choir deserves a solid round of 'alleluias' and thanks – for all the time spent in rehearsals and singing for regular and additional services. It is a labor of love (some of our choir members sing in other choirs so are especially busy this time of year), and many choir members also serve in other church ministries. The music for our services would not be of the caliber it is without all of their hard work, dedication, and love for singing. Here is a list of the choir members who have faithfully served at our worship services:

Denise Braafladt, Roni Carlson, Lin Chase, Steve Cole, Caren Diebold, Jim Diebold, Pam Gossard, Paul Gossard, Mary Kay Hartman, Jim Hendry, Helen Hui, Lyn Klay, Stephen Lewis, Jackie Moore, Earl Morgan, Doug Moorehead, Anne Pierson, Francis Rivinus, Laura Rose, Anne Van Zandt, and Jannetje Vrieze. We were happy to have Josie Curewitz (Pat Toy's daughter) join us during her visit to Eureka over the holiday. And we recently welcomed John and Evaonne Hendricks.

I give great thanks to David Powell for sharing his beautiful voice and many talents with us. It is wonderful to have him here as part of the choir as well as offering his talents as soloist and cantor. Hearing him sing "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve was a magical moment for many of us! Also lending their voices as soloists on Christmas Eve were Caren Diebold, Josie Curewitz, Pam Gossard and Eavonne Hendricks for the anthem conducted by Steve Lewis. Thank you all!

We could not have done without Doug Moorehead, pianist and organist, who accompanied the choir on Christmas Eve. And the choir's Offertory Anthem, "Glory to God" was enhanced with recitative's sung by Caren Diebold and the beautiful organ music.

Many have mentioned the impact that singing Silent Night together, in a candlelit church, made on them during the Christmas Eve service. Accompanied by Paul Gossard on the guitar, it is truly a magical moment during the service. Thank you, Paul, for the beautiful guitar medley you played at the beginning of our musical prelude, and for helping creating that beautiful magical moment with Silent Night.

Thank you is never enough for all that is done by so many; but I offer this to all you who made this season so wonderful – please know that you contributions have made a significant impact on me and many others as we journey together in Christ's name.

WHY USE ENVELOPES FOR MY OFFERING? WHY DO I HAVE A NUMBER?

How does our financial support of the church connect to numbers and envelopes? Each year it begins with the Stewardship Committee's Stewardship Campaign. We often begin in the fall with a mailing and a kick-off dinner, along with distribution of pledge cards. After several weeks of thoughtful prayer, parishioners commit to support the church financially for the coming year. The pledge cards are returned at a church service or by mail to be blessed at the In-gathering. Then, to ensure confidentiality, the pledge secretary gathers the cards and records the information. The committee acknowledges pledges with a thank you note, but committee members are not aware of specific amounts.

The pledge secretary forwards the information to the church treasurer who enters the data in the church's accounting program. Each pledging unit (family) will be assigned an account number. This number then will be matched to a packet of envelopes that is made available in late December for the coming year.

So how does using the envelopes help? Each week there are two counters who record information and prepare the week's offering for the parish secretary to enter into the appropriate account in the computer. They also prepare the bank deposit. The counters record on each envelope the amount and whether the offering is cash or a check (with check number). For any identifiable contribution not in a numbered envelope, the counters must create one for the parish secretary - noting the date, amount, and name and/or account number. You can see how you can save them time and effort! (Should you forget your envelope, you can always use one of the envelopes provided in the pew rack.) The treasurer must retain the empty envelopes, bundled for each Sunday, until after the diocesan-appointed auditor completes the annual audit.

Must you pledge to receive envelopes? No. Pledges are important in reflecting your commitment to the mission and operation of the church, and they are essential to enable the treasurer to project budget figures for the budget to be adopted by the vestry. However, you can see that it is very helpful to use numbered envelopes even though you may prefer not to pledge. The first group of envelopes are prepared for those with pledges, but all you need to do is to ask and we will gladly provide numbered envelopes. (And remember that you need only to contact the office if your circumstances change and you need to revise your pledge.)

And if you do not want envelopes? In a few instances, when a pledge is prepaid, made in an annual payment, etc., you will not be using the assigned packet of envelopes. It is not a saving to return them. No one else can use them, because the number is connected to your computer account. In this case, please recycle the packet.

Every three or four months, printouts of your giving are made available to help you track your giving. If you have a question, please contact the treasurer or office. Toward the end of January, you will receive a statement for the year 2018 in accordance with guidelines from the IRS. They will be available at church. To save postage please pick them up before by January 27, which is the date for the annual meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bob Hines, treasurer, Peg Gardner, pledge secretary, or Shirley Curtis, parish secretary.

NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

FOOD FOR PEOPLE

WE DID IT!!!!! Me, again, from Food for People. Yesterday I took 57 pounds of non-perishables and 10 pounds of potatoes to the Food Bank. AND we still have another week to go. I can't thank you enough for all that you have given to the Food Bank through me. The next newsletter will have the totals for 2018 and we have almost gone over the 500 pounds just in non-perishables. All I have left to say is, please, let keep this up and I will have a new goal for 2019.

Bev Olson

LAY MINISTRIES

January 2019 – our holiday season, filled with music, flowers, beauty and joy, brought happiness to all of us and to all of our visitors, too. We benefited from the talents of many members who all contributed so much to our services. Our Lent and Easter seasons are coming, wouldn't you like to join in the fellowship of creating special worship memories for others? Which of these groups would benefit from YOUR talent?

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers	442-2025
Sanford Pyron	Announcers	444-0968
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

Marty

ECW

The whole parish is invited to attend the next get together of ECW when it meets **Wednesday, January 9, at 12 noon at Lewis Hall.** Following a brief Eucharistic service, we will meet for join together for a potluck lunch and a talk that will be given by Steve Cole on the history and symbolism of the stained glass windows in the nave.

THE CYCLES OF PRAYERS FOR OUR DIOCESE AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Please pray for the diocese', congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search Committee.

Every Sunday, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, requests we pray for:

The Diocese of Jerusalem, The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop and Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and for the Christians in the Holy Land

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Search Committee requests that we pray:

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Every Sunday, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for:

The congregations of our Deanery and especially for the people of St. Paul's, that you, the Lord of all Hopefulness, would fill them with such knowledge of you that, filled with your joy of life and hope for a better world, they might bring that hope and joy into their community with power and effect real change for good. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:

January 6, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka, The Rev. Dr. Daniel London, Rector, The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate, The Ven. Pam Gossard, Deacon, The Rev. Anne Pierson, Deacon Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki and Primate of New Zealand, The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Bishop and Primate of Aotearoa, The Most Revd Fereimi Cama, Bishop and Primate of Polynesia

January 13, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

January 20, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Grace Church, Fairfield, The Rev. Karen Freeman, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. David Cavanagh, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka

January 27, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Fallen Leaf Chapel,

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

February 3, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ferndale, The Rev. Eric Duff, Supply Priest

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

February 10, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom, The Rev. Todd Bruce, Rector, The Rev. Charlie Knuth, Associate Rector, The Rev. Dave Rickert, Associate

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: amp...2018...full.pdf. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2018 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

Anne Pierson, Deacon



ST. VINCENT'S FRESH PRODUCE

Pictured is one of the employees at St. Vincent's dining hall receiving our monthly truckload of produce for their dining room. They are very thankful for our gifts and appreciate our efforts!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Madelon Moore January 8 Shirley Davis January 11

Bill & Barbara Walser January 11 Jeanne Fish January 15

Evan Smithler January 17

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Contact the church office 442-1797, or christchurcheureka@gmail.com with the information.

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