



**St. Paul's
Episcopal
Church
Bremerton, WA**

*We seek Christ and celebrate
the mystery of God's love for
all.*

*We are progressive Christians
in an open, inclusive, and
affirming community of faith.
We provide a safe harbor for
everyone on their spiritual
journey.*

*We endeavor to bring God's
presence to a
world in need.*

**The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day
November 1, 2026**

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Preacher & Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

A Message from The Rev. Arienne



When Communion is shared there are several phrases that priests or deacons say when administering the Bread.

"The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven."

"The Body of our Savior Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life."

To these, I often add a paschal refrain, "The Body of Christ, broken for you." This statement has particular meaning for those who were taught that sinners like them were unworthy of such a gift. And especially to children, who have not yet heard the false teachings that they are not entitled to the full inclusion in the Body of Christ, I sometimes say, "This is the Body of Christ. When you eat it, you are connected to every person who has ever loved Jesus."

Recently, I pressed a chunk of leavened bread into the hands of a child whose beloved grandfather had died. "This is the Body of Christ. When you eat it you are connected to every person who has ever loved Jesus... even [your grandfather]." The child's eyes and smile widened in recognition before he gobbled up the bread, said "Amen," and crossed himself.

Christians who continue in the Nicene and Apostolic traditions remember "the communion of saints." Part of being the living Body of Christ involves remembering those who came before us. We name out loud those whose work made our life of hope and faith possible. And in the Episcopal and Roman traditions, we re-mark these beloved saints each year by observing three holy days.

The first is **All Hallow's Eve**. This night is the evening before we celebrate *All* the "hallowed" *Saints* whose faith serves as proof for our hope. Because these hallowed saints often suffered and died as martyrs, this eventide became a time to face our fear of death. People donned monstrous masks. Children reminded adults that the end is always nigh. You never know when you will receive a treat, or a trick. As English Christianity morphed into vernacular "All Hallow's Eve(ning)" became "All Hallow's E'en," then Halloween. While this is not commonly celebrated in smaller churches, there is a beautiful prayer liturgy

for All Hallow's Eve that includes some of the more ominous stories of the Bible along with prayers that help us understand how Christians ought to face death.

A fine example can be found here that you can use at home.

The second day of this triduum of death and rebirth is called "**All Saints' Day**." This day we remember Gospellers and Prophets, particularly those whose ministry has been beatified and recognized as holy and faithful to the end. These saints are part of us through the traditions and practices handed down by the faithful and by the action of the Holy Spirit, drawing us together for solace and strength.

All Saints is sometimes mashed together with **All Souls' Day**. This day is also known as the Feast of the Faithful departed or in Mexico, "Día de los Muertos." On this day we intercede on behalf of those faithful departed that we love and see no more. We ask Christ to fulfill his promise to make rooms for each of our faithful beloved in his heavenly home.

This year, all are invited to a new opportunity to remember the faithful departed and their impact on our lives [today](#): Stations of the Cross at Chinese Reconciliation Park. St. Paul's and historic Christ Church Tacoma will gather to remember the exclusion and expulsion of 700 Chinese Tacomans between November 1 and November 3, 1882. We will pray for those who took part and were victims of the violence that diminished Christian witness among the Chinese diaspora in the Pacific Northwest. And we will fix our eyes on the Northwest Detention Center across the water from the Park, where hundreds of people are being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in inhumane conditions. It is my hope this will become an annual re-membering for Christians on All Souls' day in Tacoma.

For many years, St. Paul's has added the images of our faithful departed to banners, which we hang in the nave each year on All Saint's weekend. Because November 1st falls on a Sunday, we will observe elements of All Saints' and All Souls' at 8 and 10 am. You are encouraged to bring a picture of those you love and see no more for display before the altar. If you would like to scan an image for addition to the banner, please check in with Mother Arienne or Richard Horn.

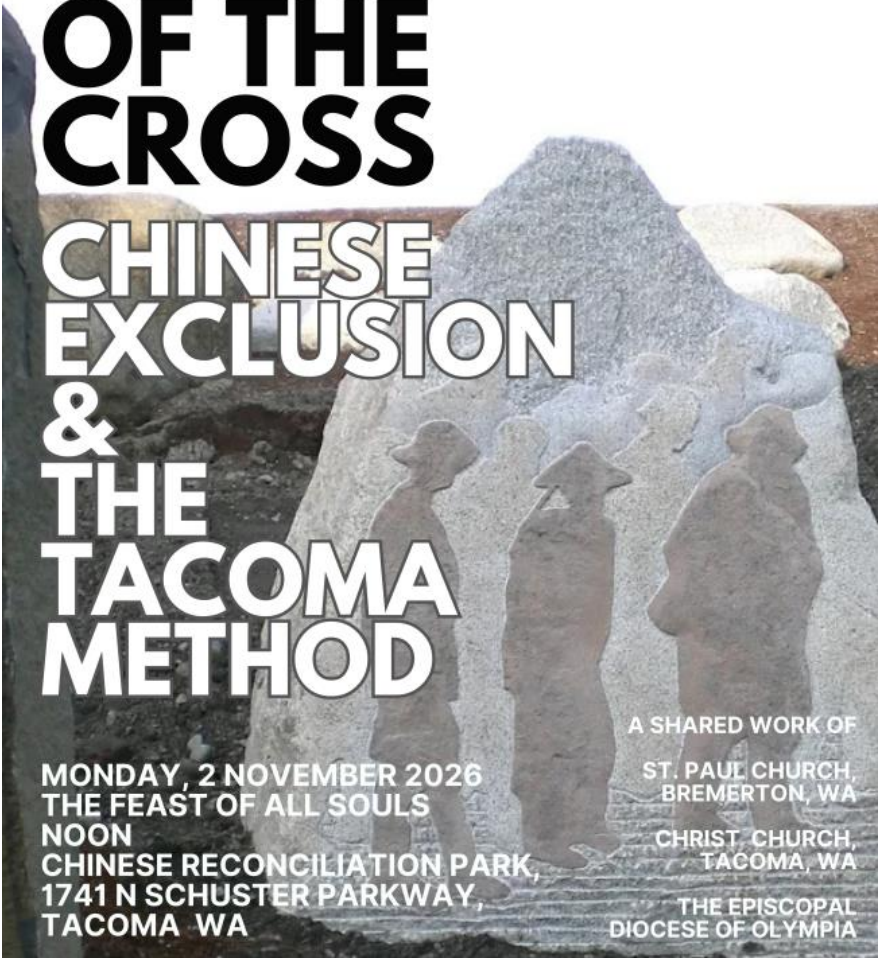
May Christ walk before you as you approach your homecoming,
Arienne+

*You only are immortal,
the creator and maker of humankind;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.*

*For so did you ordain when you created me saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

*All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

From Burial Rite II, Book of Common Prayer 1979, p. 499



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CHINESE EXCLUSION & THE TACOMA METHOD

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2026
THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS
NOON
CHINESE RECONCILIATION PARK,
1741 N SCHUSTER PARKWAY,
TACOMA WA

A SHARED WORK OF
ST. PAUL CHURCH,
BREMERTON, WA
CHRIST CHURCH,
TACOMA, WA
THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

**Sunday,
Nov. 1**

*They have touched our lives,
& our communities and they live
in our hearts*

2026

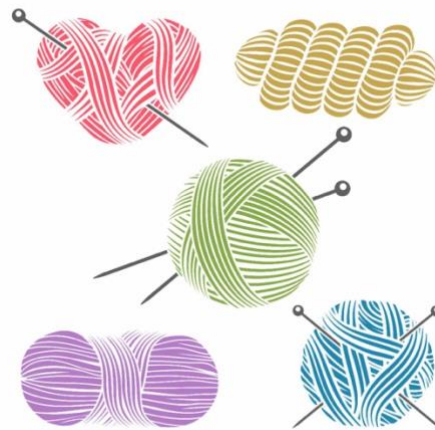


All Saints Day

Bring your photos of loved ones who have passed away to be blessed in church and, with your permission, we will scan them as we continue our All Saints banner project.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton
8 & 10 a.m. Services**

Have any leftover yarn from a project? We take yarn donations! The yarn is crocheted or knitted into prayer shawls that are available to all. Leave any yarn donations on the pew outside the office. See Margi Hall if you have any questions. Thank you!



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Upcoming Events

Sunday

Nov. 1

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.



Sunday

Nov. 1

Faith Formation
Series
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
in Oliver Room



Being
Episcopalian

Sunday

Nov. 1

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
Followed by
Coffee Hour



Monday

Nov. 2

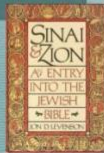
Stations of the Cross
'Chinese Exclusion
& the Tacoma Method'
Noon — Tacoma

Chinese Reconciliation
Park
1741 N. Schuster Parkway
Tacoma
<https://tinyurl.com/mvexk6h1>

Every Monday

Book Club of St. Paul's
6:30 p.m., via Zoom
Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

'Sinai and Zion: A
Treasury of
Religious Thought
and Faith in the
Symbolic World of
the Bible,' by Jon
D. Levenson



Wednesday

Nov. 4

St. Paul's
Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Readings

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78: 1-7
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Wednesday

Nov. 4

Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance

11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



Contact Georgann
Falotico for more
information at
(360) 908-3588 or
georgann@botmail.com.



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Packed with Pride!



Give her more than something to do.

Give her a place to grow.

Troop 53143 is welcoming 4-12th Graders in Bremerton!
This troop welcomes and celebrates Girl Scouts and families in the LGBTQ+ community.

Register using the QR code or contact us at ERamsey@gsww.org
Reference the troop number in the subject line.

girl scouts 
of western washington

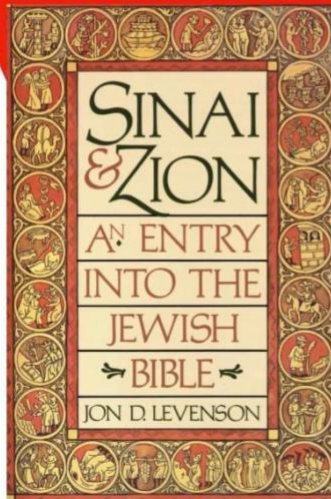


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Coffee Hour Volunteers Sept - Dec 2026

Sunday	Name	Contact Information
Sept 6	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Sept 13	Karen Hobson	
Sept 20	Jackie King	
Sept 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Oct 4	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Oct 11	Karen Hobson	
Oct 18	Eric Smiley	(206) 310-8237
Oct 25	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Nov 1	Sue Ahrens	(360) 471-2139
Nov 8	Karen Hobson	
Nov 15	Olivia Holgate	(314) 546-3345
Nov 22	Bob Ellis	
Nov 29	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	
Dec 6	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Dec 13	Karen Hobson	
Dec 20	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Dec 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752

St Paul's Episcopal Church Book Club



New Book Starting
Oct. 5 — 6:30 p.m.

Join us every Monday at
6:30 p.m. via Zoom!

Invitation:
tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185
Passcode: journey

Or contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

Jon D. Levenson's book explores the Hebrew Bible through two great sacred mountains: Sinai, representing Israel's covenant with God and the giving of Torah, and Zion, representing Jerusalem, the Temple, and God's dwelling among Israel.

He shows how these two traditions developed, interacted and ultimately shaped Jewish theology and the Bible's understanding of Israel's relationship with God.

It's a scholarly but very readable introduction to the Hebrew Bible from a Jewish theological perspective.

For a Christian Bible reader, it would be especially interesting because it lets you encounter the Old Testament largely on its own Jewish terms, rather than primarily through later Christian interpretation.

[Click here to join via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd](https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd)



[Click here to read the October 29 edition!](#)

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

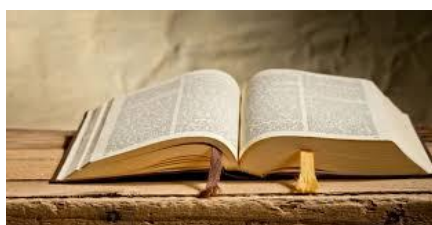


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
In Bremerton, Washington
"An Inclusive and Progressive
Community of Faith"

Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!

St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday,**
November 4 at 9:30 am in the
Oliver Room to discuss the following
readings:

- **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
 - **Psalm 78:1-7**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
 - **Matthew 25:1-13**

All are welcome! **Contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139** with any questions.
See you on Wednesday! If you would like to join us via Zoom, here is the Zoom
link:

Topic: Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 2, 2026 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

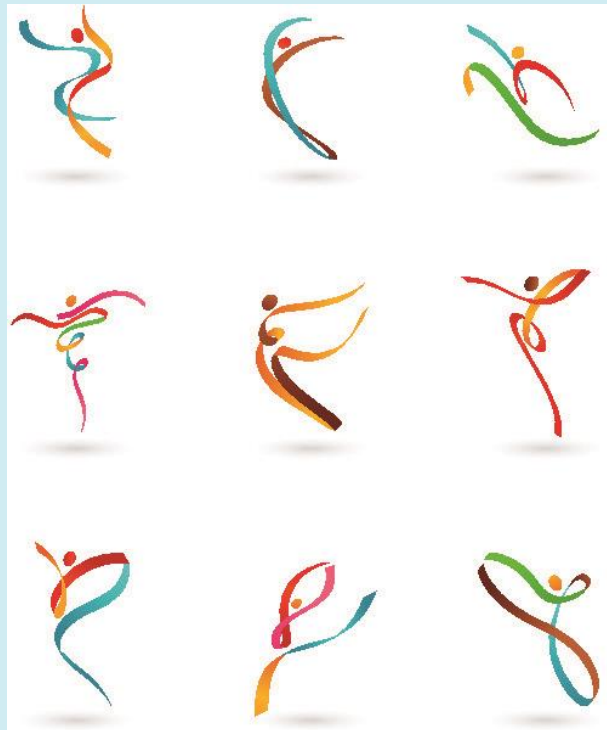
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83754444747?pwd=xfmYe5xgMLZZkB6Px7QHLVKZ8ihttG.1>

Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747

Passcode: 438263

*Moved
by the
Spirit*

Love dancing? Join us
at Moved by the Spirit
every Wednesday
morning at 11:30 on
Zoom.



Katherine Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dance

Time: Jun 10, 2026 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, 110 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwsdOuorjopH9bzJ8BkMMzfsICYYPsXHGP6/ics?i>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/88132001352>

Meeting ID: 881 3200 1352

Passcode: Dance



" The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission not just to be part of but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community."

***Please check to see if your Fred Meyer card is linked
to St. Paul's to ensure continued donations.***

Thank you!

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**During April - June 2026, 27 households
participated. Donations were \$58.42!
You're awesome!**

Please submit any changes/updates for the
Halls of St. Paul's or Prayer Vine to Jessica Lewis
at stpaul700@gmail.com. Thanks!

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