



# WELCOME

## TO ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At St. Thomas Church, we strive to be a community where the dignity of every human being is seen and honored. As Christians, we seek to welcome all of God's people, celebrating the fullness of their being that is inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, education, faith history, age, economic status, sex, gender identity and expression, language, physical and cognitive ability. We seek to be the Body of Christ where all members feel safe, loved and that they belong. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Thomas!



Choristers will sing during the 10am service on March 15.

## March 8, 2026

### Third Sunday in Lent

#### WORSHIP

**8 & 10am** | Holy Eucharist,  
followed by Coffee Hour

The Ven. David Bishop, Canon Missioner for Transitions for the Diocese of Olympia, will preach at both services, and meet with the Vestry following the 10am service, about St. Thomas's upcoming Rector transition.

#### FORMATION

**9am** | Youth Group  
**9am** | Poetry Series (Library)  
**9am** | Youth Group  
**9:45am** | Building Blocks of  
Faith and Godly Play

## New to St. Thomas?

New to St. Thomas? Your presence and prayers are a gift to our community. You are fully welcome in this place! If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, or for us to be in touch with you, please fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate before Communion. A member of the clergy will reach out to you.



Hearing assistive devices are available. Please ask an usher.



Childcare is available from 9am-1pm in the Childcare Room, located on the first floor of the Ebsworth Life Center.

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS TODAY!

Scan the QR code or go to [stthomasmedina.org/giving](http://stthomasmedina.org/giving).



## UPCOMING AT ST. THOMAS

**TODAY** | Third Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins

Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour at 8 and 10am

Youth Group at 9am

Praying with the Poetry of Ann Weems at 9am (Library)

Building Blocks of Faith & Godly Play at 9:45am

March 11 | Lenten Walking Meditation at 10am

Lenten Bible Study on Matthew, 11am (Library & Zoom)

**March 15** | Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chorister Sunday at 10am service

Praying with the Poetry of Ann Weems at 9am (Library)

Youth Confirmation Class at 11:30am

Evensong at 5pm

March 21 | Susan Gibson Funeral at 2pm

**March 22** | Fifth Sunday in Lent

On Christianity Series with Dr. Phil Ballinger  
after the 10am service (Library)

Bach's Birthday Bash at 2pm



# THANK YOU

Thank you to our volunteers who make St. Thomas Church what it is today. Thank you to all those who help welcome newcomers, lead worship, offer hospitality, and stay late cleaning dishes. Thank you to all those who help form all ages in the faith, who visit people who cannot make it to church, and who serve the poor and vulnerable in our community. Thank you to those who help with our buildings and grounds, who help us steward our financial resources, and who invite people to give of their time, talent, and treasure. And thank you to those who are working to strengthen our financial health so that we can continue to be a flourishing faith community for generations to come!

presented by the  
St. Thomas Music Guild

### Bach Birthday Bash

March 22 / 2pm



Organist **Paul Meier** will present an all Bach program to celebrate the maestro's 341<sup>st</sup> birthday. This concert will be followed by a festive reception.

*Donations received at this free concert will support future St. Thomas Music Guild concerts and events.*



## THROUGHOUT LENT

The sanctuary will be open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm, for anyone who desires a quiet place to sit, pray, and reflect.

The Rite of Reconciliation is available during Lent; speak with a member of the clergy if you would like to receive this sacrament.



A SERIES ON CHRISTIANITY  
WITH DR. PHIL BALLINGER  
after the 10am service in the library

**February 22** The Rise of Christianity

**March 22** The Spoken Word, the Written Word,  
and the Rise of the New Testament

**April 19** A User's Guide to the 'bible' within the  
Bible — the Psalms

**May 31** Is Poetic Language the Best God Language?'

*Philip Ballinger, Ph.D., S.T.D., is an  
Emeritus Associate Vice Provost at the  
University of Washington.*



New  
Dates!

JUNE 29-JULY 3

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

ST. THOMAS SUMMER CAMP

STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP



## KITCHEN PARTIES

Help is needed to cook  
for the Emergency  
Men's Shelter:

APRIL  
16

We begin cooking at St. Thomas at 9:00 AM and finish by 11:00 AM, then load up and head to the shelter, arriving around 11:30 AM. Lunch for 75 men is served at noon, and we stay to share the meal together. We're usually back in the church parking lot by 1:15-1:30 PM. You're welcome to join us just for cooking or just for serving—but it's especially fun and rewarding to do both.

PLEASE CONTACT LAURIE TO HELP:  
LAURIEANGELO@OUTLOOK.COM.



# Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 15 - 5pm



Join us as we journey through  
Matthew's Gospel, listening  
for how Christ calls us more  
deeply into relationship with  
God and one another.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 11am-Noon  
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

IN-PERSON AND  
ON ZOOM



As part of our Lenten journey, Yvonne Lamey invites you to join her for a half-hour silent walking meditation on Wednesdays at 10am, beginning at Medina Park. Participants will gather in front of the church, walk together across the street to the park, and enter into a quiet, prayerful time of reflection. Afterward, those who wish are welcome to return to the church to share their thoughts — or simply hold them close to their hearts. Come walk, pray, and keep a holy Lent together.



## LENTEN SERIES: PRAYING WITH THE POETRY OF ANN WEEMS

Sundays at 9am in the library

Join us for a four-week Lenten series centered on the poetry of Ann Weems, drawn from her collection *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. Each week we will read one poem together and reflect on it as a form of prayer.

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

**Palm Sunday** | March 29 at 8am and 10am

*We will offer a special Stations of the Cross for children during the 10am service.*

**Tenebrae** | April 1 at 7pm

**Maundy Thursday** | April 2

*Agape Dinner at 6pm*

*Service with Foot Washing at 7pm*

**Good Friday** | April 3 at 7pm

**Easter Vigil** | April 4 at 7pm

**Easter Sunday** | April 5 at 9am and 11am

*Both Easter Sunday services will be followed by egg hunts!*



RECEPTION DESK  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Our church reception desk is staffed by volunteers & we need your help! Shifts are 9:00-noon & noon-3:00 Monday thru Thursday. It's very easy work & much appreciated by staff. If you can volunteer for a shift now and then, please call Mary Waldmann at (425) 217-9393 or email [rwaldmann1@mac.com](mailto:rwaldmann1@mac.com). Thanks!



RENEWAL  
FOOD BANK  
Your Community Food Bank

## LENTEN FOOD & HYGIENE DRIVE

**GIVE WHAT TRULY HELPS.**

**This Lent, St. Thomas is collecting 1,000 pounds of food and hygiene items to support our neighbors. Please buy NEW items only. Items must be within 365 days of the expiration date to be accepted by Feeding America guidelines.**

 **BRING DONATIONS TO THE GREAT HALL  
BY MARCH 29**

Got an announcement? Submit it at least one week in advance to  
**[communications@StThomasMedina.org](mailto:communications@StThomasMedina.org).**

Be sure to include key details like date, time, and location.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**9AM-3PM**

*Call the office to visit  
with a specific staff  
member, as individual  
hours may vary.*

### A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

This worship service takes place in an area where photography, audio, and video recording will occur. Attending and participating in the service confirms consent to such recording and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of all related forms of media.