



# 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!



Bishop Phil LaBelle will visit St. Thomas for confirmations on June 7. Youth confirmation classes continue today. Classes to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church will begin for adults on April 26. *(Pictured: St. Thomas's 2025 Confirmands)*

## March 15, 2026

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### WORSHIP

**8 & 10am** | Holy Eucharist,  
followed by Coffee Hour  
**5pm** | Evensong

#### FORMATION

**9am** | Youth Group  
**9am** | Poetry Series (Library)  
**9:45am** | Building Blocks of  
Faith and Godly Play  
**11:30am** | The Quest  
Youth Confirmation Class

## 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** | Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Youth Group at 9am

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

Chorister Sunday at 10am service

Youth Confirmation Class at 11:30am

Evensong at 5pm

March 18 | Lenten Walking Meditation at 10am

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

March 20 | Game Night

March 21 | Susan Gibson Funeral at 2pm

### **March 22** | Fifth Sunday in Lent

Newcomer Coffee with Clergy at 9:15am

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

Bach's Birthday Bash at 2pm

March 25 | Lenten Walking Meditation at 10am

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

### **March 29** | Palm Sunday

**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!**

**Choral Evensong**  
Sunday, March 15 - 5pm

**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.*



JUNE 29-JULY 3



WHO IS MY  
NEIGHBOR?

A **joyful summer camp**,  
for kids entering K-5<sup>th</sup>  
grade, filled with  
**curiosity, creativity, and  
connection**



STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP



NOW MEETING IN MEMBERS' HOMES

GAME NIGHT

For any questions, including the  
current month's meeting location,  
please call or email:



Peter or Sheila Justus  
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presented by the  
St. Thomas Music Guild

Bach Birthday Bash

March 22 / 2pm



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

Organist Paul Meier will play  
an all-Bach organ recital to  
celebrate the composer's  
341st birthday. The program  
will include:

- Praeludium in E major, BWV 566*
- Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt  
walten, BWV 647 & 642*
- Prelude and Fugue in B minor,  
BWV 544*
- Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr,  
BWV 676 & 662*
- Passacaglia, BWV 582*

A festive reception will  
follow the recital.

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.

# THE REV. KAREN HAIG



IS OUR  
GUEST  
PREACHER  
TODAY

## 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!*

### CONFIRMATION / EPISCOPAL 101



Interested in being confirmed or received as an Episcopalian? Feeling like you are in a time of your life when you'd like to renew your faith or learn more about the Episcopal Church? Join Mother Liz for a four-session class that will explore the building blocks of Anglican/ Episcopal identity and spirituality. **This class is being taught to prepare adults for Bishop LaBelle's visit on June 7**, when he will do confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations of faith. All are welcome to attend it.

**ALL CLASSES ARE AT  
11:30AM IN THE LIBRARY**

BISHOP PHIL  
WILL VISIT ST.  
THOMAS FOR  
CONFIRMATIONS  
ON JUNE 7

**April 26** The Anglican Way  
**May 3** Reading the Bible  
**May 10** Prayer  
**May 17** Living Out of Faith  
(Practice and Witness)



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.**

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

 **ST. THOMAS**  
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.