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!



Thank you to the October PorchLight Kitchen Party crew! It was a combined effort of shopping, cooking, and serving at the shelter. Our next PorchLight Cooking Party is tomorrow, and then December 2.

November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and New Member Sunday

WORSHIP

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

FORMATION

9am | Practicing Presence Adult Formation Class
9am | Youth Group
9:45am | Godly Play 1 & 2

Are you 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.

Support St. Thomas today!

Scan the QR code or go to stthomasmedina.org/giving.

UPCOMING

November 1-22 | Thanksgiving Food and Hygiene Drive
November 9 | PorchLight Kitchen Party
November 11 | St. Thomas offices are closed.
November 15 | Ingathering Sunday
Christmas Pageant sign-ups begin
Youth Group, 9am
Fall Adult Formation series, 9am
Godly Play 1 & 2 at 9:45am
November 15-29 | Christmas Giving Tree Gift Drive
November 20 | Game Night
November 22 | Last Sunday after Pentecost
Rector Housing Forum following both services
Youth Group, 9am
Godly Play 1 & 2 at 9:45am
November 26 | St. Thomas offices are closed.
November 29 | First Sunday of Advent
Advent Wreathmaking after both services
Youth Group, 9am
Godly Play 1 & 2 at 9:45am
Potluck Coffee Hour after the 10am service
December 2 | PorchLight Kitchen Party
December 5 | Men's Breakfast, 9am
December 6 | Second Sunday of Advent
St. Nicholas Breakfast, 9am
Youth Group, 9am
Godly Play 1 & 2 at 9:45am
December 6, 13, 20 | Christmas Pageant Rehearsals, 11:30am

HOW HAS ST. THOMAS HELPED YOU GROW?



As you reflect on the role St. Thomas plays in your life, please consider how you can help support the church financially. You can find information on our stewardship campaign, as well as a devotional guide, in the Ebsworth Life Center. Bring your pledge cards on **Ingathering Sunday November 15**, or drop it off at the St. Thomas office.

Questions? Contact pledge@stthomasmedina.org

October 18–November 15 | 9am

PRACTICING PRESENCE: MEETING GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE

What if your daily life is already full of opportunities to encounter God? Join Gretchen Wilson-Prangley for a six-week journey into **contemplative practice for busy disciples**, inspired by Bishop Phil LaBelle's *ZimZum Discipleship* series. Discover practical ways to notice, reflect, and grow in faith amid the rhythms of everyday life.

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM IN THE LIBRARY

JOIN THE EMAIL LIST

Stay in-the-know about St. Thomas by joining our email list. We send a weekly Ministry Minute and occasional updates from our staff, vestry, and committees. Use the QR code to sign up or go to www.stthomasmedina.org/mailinglist.

NOW MEETING IN MEMBERS' HOMES

GAME NIGHT

For questions & location, contact:

Peter or Sheila Justus: 425-646-7856
pgjustus@gmail.com, *or*

Peter or Nancy Pitarys: 425-891-3917
npitarys923@gmail.com

NOV. 20
6:30PM

THANKSGIVING FOOD & WARM COAT DRIVES

November 1 – 22

Food and clothing costs keep rising, and many of our neighbors are feeling the strain. PorchLight also lost its federal funding last year. Your help is greatly appreciated!

RENEWAL FOOD BANK
Food & Hygiene Drive

PORCHLIGHT
Warm Coat Drive

HOW TO GIVE

Pick up a grocery bag with a shopping list in the Great Hall. Return donations to the table near the North Lobby by November 22.

Please buy new or check expiration dates (nothing over 365 days expired). Volunteers and drivers are also needed Nov. 22-23. Contact Laurie Angelo at laurie.angelo@outlook.com.

Or, give online:
www.renewalfoodbank.org/donate

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT ST. THOMAS?

Volunteers are needed! Serving is one of the best ways to get to know people and feel at home at St. Thomas. We especially need: Godly Play Storytellers, Front Desk Volunteers, and leaders for our Coffee Hour, Usher, and PorchLight Emergency Shelter ministries.

Learn more or sign up at
stthomasmedina.org/volunteer.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

November 15, 22, 29

St. Thomas is partnering with Bellevue LifeSpring, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, and Rainier Athletes so that children in Bellevue experiencing poverty can share in the warmth and excitement of the season.

Pick a tag. Starting Sunday, November 15, gift tags will be on the Giving Tree in the Ebsworth Life Center before and after each service.
Buy the gift. Purchase the gift listed on your tag.
Return your gift. Bring it unwrapped, with the tag attached, to the Giving Tree desk by November 29. You can also drop gifts in the collection box in the office.
Thank you for your kindness in making Christmas brighter for children who need it most.

Questions? Contact Trish at trish.evison@gmail.com.



Rector Housing Update

The next Rector Housing Forum is **Sunday, November 22, following both services**. The Rector Housing Design Committee will share a draft design of the home, with its key design principles and features. If you haven't seen the property yet, to be built on property donated by the Lane family, contact Tera Soelter at terasoelter@msn.com to arrange a tour, or watch a video of the property at the QR code. **The forum will include time for questions and feedback.** We hope you can join us!

The Search Process for Our Next Rector is Underway

Calling a new rector is an act of discernment. The Profile Committee, commissioned September 27, exists "*to help St. Thomas and the priest God is calling see each other as we truly are and discern, together, a vision for our shared ministry for the years ahead.*" The first step in creating the Parish Profile that will describe St. Thomas to our potential new rector is an all-parish survey. **Please respond to the survey that will be sent via email on November 16.** We need every voice. Please pray for the committee and begin reflecting on what you love about St. Thomas and your hopes for our future. Questions? Contact the Profile Committee at parishprofile@stthomasmedina.org.

ST. THOMAS MUSIC GUILD PRESENTS

2026-27 Season

www.stthomasmedina.org/musicguild

New Year's Eve Celebration Concert
DECEMBER 31 | 7:30 PM
Ring in the New Year with a light, eclectic program featuring Charles Robert Stephens and friends.

Governor's Chamber Music Series: Viva la France!
FEBRUARY 28 | 2:00 PM
Join us for a program of chamber works by Debussy, Ravel and Poulenc with strings and pianist Judith Cohen.

Bach Cantata #4: Christ lag in Todesbanden
MAY 2 | 2:00 PM
The Choir of St. Thomas with orchestra will offer Johann Sebastian Bach's Easter cantata.

Jazz in June
JUNE 13 | 2:00 PM
We end the season with a program by the Cascade Jazz Quartet featuring standard, modern, and original jazz.

FREE WILL OFFERING AT THE DOOR
RECEPTIONS FOLLOW EACH CONCERT.

A Change to 10AM Coffee Hour is Here!

Bring a snack to share once a month.
Next date: November 29

We love how well-attended Coffee Hour has become, and how many of you get to connect with one another during that time! We're asking for your help to keep it going.



NO NUTS OR FIN FISH, PLEASE

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.

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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.