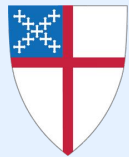


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Welcome Our New Minister of Music



I am excited to introduce to you Ms. Mi Ou Lee (pronounced together as, "Me O") as the next Director of Music Ministries of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Mi Ou was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. She earned her Bachelor of Music from the National University of Singapore, and her Master of Music in both Piano and Organ Performance from the University of Kansas. She has completed her three-year in-residence Doctor of Musical Arts from Rice University with her dissertation scheduled for completion in May 2022.

Having been raised in the Korean Presbyterian Church, Mi Ou is deeply grounded in her Christian faith and feels called to serve the Lord through her exceptional gift of music. She has served two years as Organist of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kansas City while studying for her MM, and three years as Organist of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston during her doctoral studies.

Ken Cowan, Director of Music at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church and Mi Ou's organ professor at Rice, describes her as having, "excelled in a wide variety of styles of accompaniments, hymnody and service playing needs as well as repertoire playing." He goes on to say, "her playing is exceptional by any measure," and "with seemingly unlimited capacity for growth."

Mi Ou is looking forward to building up our music programs and choirs, as well as ministering to the students of St. James Episcopal School. Mi Ou will be a great addition to our team and I can't wait to see how God is going to bless our worship through her gifts and talents. **Please join me in welcoming Mi Ou Lee to the Good Shepherd as she begins her new ministry among us on September 1, 2021.**

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Wilton +

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Dear Church of Good Shepherd family,

My name is Mi Ou (pronounced Me-Oh) and I have the distinct privilege to serve as your Director of Music starting in September. My family and I have been praying, seeking for God's call in my life. As I have had the opportunity to get to know the dear ones at the Church of the Good Shepherd, I am so delighted to be able to join this wonderful community to make Jesus visible at the church and in the community.

As you may know, I visited Corpus Christi earlier this month and from the few people that I had the opportunity to meet, I knew what a beautiful body of Christ is at the Church of the Good Shepherd, and I am really excited to be a part of this family. I have been praying for you, and I sure hope you will pray for me as I move to Corpus Christi from Houston. I hope that you will come and meet me in September so that I can hear your name and get to know a little about your story. And if you have ever had thoughts of sharing your musical talents with the congregation, I encourage you to come and talk to me!

I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the Church of the Good Shepherd and I look forward to walking with you. God bless you!



"POUNDING"
for MI OU LEE

Pounding...it sounds painful...but it's not! A "Pounding" for a minister stems from an old tradition where church congregations welcomed their new pastors by giving them a pound of something.

We are asking everyone to bring something to welcome our new Director of Music Ministries, Mi Ou Lee, as she begins life in our city.

Anything you can provide would be helpful to her. Gift cards, cash, or useful items would be greatly appreciated!

You can bring your item to the Parlor on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12th.

The graphic features several gift boxes in blue, red, and yellow, along with decorative elements like a pink flower and a wheel-like shape. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue and black fonts.

A Reminder of our Health and Safety Protocols

This summer the Diocese of West Texas updated our COVID-19 Guidelines.

To summarize our current protocols:

- Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask or physically distance indoors or outdoors on church property.
- Unvaccinated people are strongly encouraged to continue to wear a mask and physically distance.
- Clergy, Staff, and Lay Volunteers may not request or require proof of vaccination of any individual.
- Clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear masks for the distribution of communion, but not during the Eucharist prayer, preaching, and reading.
- Lay worship leaders are not required to wear masks while speaking or reading to the congregation, as long as six feet social distance can be maintained.
- Staff and Lay Leadership who interact with children under the age of 12 must continue to wear a mask and physically distance. Masks are required for childcare workers and volunteers, regardless of vaccination status.
- Communion bread and wine may be served at the altar, with wine by intinction only, no sharing of the common cup.
- Fellowship gatherings may return indoors and include food and drinks.
- Masks are required for anyone serving food or drink during distribution, whether inside or outdoors and regardless of vaccination status.

We encourage everyone who is able, to be vaccinated. It is now time for individuals to take responsibility for their own unique circumstances. We will support everyone's right to continue to wear masks and physically distance, and ask for mutual respect and understanding by all, for all, as we come together.



"Let us go to the house of the Lord." -Psalm 122:1



Rally Day

KICK-OFF A NEW PROGRAMMING YEAR

Sunday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Rally Day Church Service
(Children's & Celebration Chapels Resume!)

11:45 a.m. Rally Day Celebration

LUNCH - SNOW CONES - MUSIC!

Be Comfortable - Wear Casual Attire

BEGINNING RALLY DAY...September 12

Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor - Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May will lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. This is very similar to what we have offered this summer in the Parlor, which has been very popular! The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

ALL IS [not] FOLLY - Parent Class

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by the Rev. William Campbell

We live in a crazy world in weird times. The act of worship every week is supposed to keep us centered. The family unit is supposed to provide us with a hope of staying grounded, faithful, relational, and in a practice of sacrificial love. But the daily, inescapable reality is that in neither worship nor family are we in complete control. The Gospel speaks into this, if only we can pause to hear and understand it. Drop your kids at Sunday School, pour yourself a coffee, and join Father William for an "intently haphazard" conversation about parenting, worship, and the lessons we're often too busy to hear or learn.

WALKING YOUR DOGMA, TALKING TO GOD

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library - Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

Many eyes glaze over when we talk about the Church's Creeds or doctrine. Nonetheless, they form the reservoir out of which genuine authentic prayer arises. Understanding the interplay of prayer and belief will make our prayer life more real and powerful and our faith deeper and more mature. Join Father Frank Sunday mornings!

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. ✝ 10:30 a.m. ✝ 5:30 p.m.

Live Stream of our 10:30 a.m. service can be found at cotgs.org

Tuesday Noon Worship

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Evening Worship

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

BEGINNING September 15th...

Wednesday Evening Classes

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE: Hearing, Praying, and Living the Eucharistic Prayer

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Led by the Rev. Philip May



The heart of our worship is the Eucharist, and the heart of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer. Take this opportunity to dive deeply into the ancient words of these prayers, their history, their meaning, their spirituality, and their role in our lives of faith. As we open our minds and hearts, these prayers they will become so much more than words we listen to. They will become a way for us to join in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, to be in communion with one another, and to be truly present at the Lord's Supper. Join us Wednesday evenings in the Parlor for the *return of our potluck suppers* and for this time of learning and reflection.

CENTURIES OF SAINTS

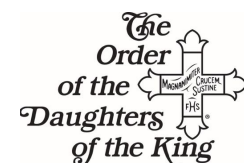
6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

This class is a look at the Church's saints, century by century, tells more than just who the good guys and gals were. The ones that we recognize as saints of God tells as much about us as about them, and much about who we think God is and who he wants us to be. We will look at the people named by the Church as saints, one century at a time, to see how the Church has changed over time and how it remains the same throughout the ages.



Daughters of the King Invites New Members



The Daughters of the King is an international lay order for Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic women who are vowed to prayer, service, and evangelism in their daily lives. Good Shepherd has an active chapter which meets regularly to pray and study together. They pray for our parish, for individuals based on submitted prayer requests, and for the wider community and world.

If you are interested, please contact Linda Pate at 361-739-2292 or lindapate@stx.rr.com.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Thessalonians: Living in the End Times

Led by Elizabeth Black

Tuesdays beginning September 14 - December 8

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. For centuries Christians have proclaimed these central truths. The gospel that began in space and time will ultimately be fulfilled at Christ's return. And as we wait and long for Christ's return, this gospel gives us encouragement and a reason for hope. These ten studies on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians open our minds to the truth, lift our hearts to hope, and cause us to worship our faithful, victorious God.

We will meet in the Parlor in accordance with the COVID protocols as set by the Church and the Diocese of West Texas.

Bring a Bible and a Workbook:

Workbooks can be ordered on Amazon and cost \$9.99.

Search for: *1 & 2 Thessalonians: Living in the End Times* by John Stott (the brown book)

Please email Elizabeth if you plan to attend at ehblack1@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Begins Sunday, September 19

8:45 a.m.

Our wonderful ECOLI team is ready to cook you breakfast again! We are excited to have a warm breakfast offered between our 8:00 a.m. service and Sunday School every Sunday beginning September 19th in Munds Hall Auditorium.

GIVE ONLINE

3 Easy Steps on our Website:

1. Go to cotgs.org
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. PAY ONLINE & SUBMIT

3 Easy Steps on our App:

1. Download the Ministry One App in the App Store.
2. Get account credentials from Betty Murry bmurry@cotgs.org
3. Go to the "Giving" tab.

We Invite You to Join our New Guilds!

Call the Church Office if you would like to serve the church in one of these ways.

Wedding Guild

The Wedding Guild will be comprised of a group of women who will assist the Wedding Coordinator and the Altar Guild at weddings at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Funeral Guild

The Funeral Guild will help organize funeral receptions held at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild will make arrangements on Mondays from Sunday altar flowers, wedding flowers, and funeral flowers and deliver them to hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins, or anyone assigned by the church office staff.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

From the Youth Minister

School has started and we are looking forward to a great year!

This year our theme is "Today". It is a simple, but important theme. As we navigate this pandemic we try to make sense of it. For some of us, we feel stuck, our life has been on hold. We were waiting to go back to school and work and waiting for our lives to get back to normal. Sometimes we forget that Today has a lot of potential. There are opportunities every day to grow, forgive, meet new people and to experience God. Today God wants us to hear and see him. It is hard to do that if we are stuck and not looking to the future. God gives us a hope that the world does not offer us. This year we are going to hear why it is important to be present Today and appreciate what God has given us.

For Youth Group this year, we will be using a rotation of the following each Sunday: service, fun, meeting at family houses, and worship. We are still working on the worship gatherings and that information will be passed on to you when information is available. The middle and high school groups will meet at different times mostly, and will meet together occasionally.

Join us for Youth Group this year!
Glenn Meschko



SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

September 5 - Labor Day Weekend - No Youth Group

September 12 - Fun Night in the Gym - Pizza Provided

- Middle School: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Pizza for Both Groups: 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- High School: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

September 19 - Serve meals at 'Tacos not Bombs'

- Meet at the Youth House 11:45 a.m.
- Both Middle and High School
- Lunch afterwards at the Surf Club

September 26 - Worship and Prayer - More info to come!

COME LEAD CHAPEL!

Attention 7th - 12th Graders

We would love to have all of our middle and high school students come help us lead Celebration Chapel for our 1st - 5th graders on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

You will be given leadership responsibilities such as reading scripture, leading song and music, helping kids learn what to do, and worship!

Each Sunday, come to the Church Office break room between 9:30 and 10:00 to learn your leadership part and eat a breakfast taco!

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday School - Children & Youth

Begins Sunday, September 12

9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

Meet in Water Street Classroom 107
(3 year-olds - 5th grade)

All children are invited to come learn the Word of God together. This is a time of learning, fun, and fellowship!

Confirmation Class - 6th Grade

Meet in Water Street Classroom 106

First Day meet in Munds Hall Auditorium w/Parents.

Confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church. It is important that all confirmands and parents attend class together on the first day.

Youth Sunday School

Meet in the Church Office Break Room for Tacos!
(7th - 12th grade)

All youth are invited to come to room number 105 to prepare and plan for Celebration Chapel which will be held in Munds Hall at 10:30 a.m. Our youth will lead this service.

Celebration & Children's Chapels

Resume on Sunday, September 12

10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

Children age 3 - Kindergarten in the Children's Chapel
Meet in the Children's Chapel for a service just for you! You will learn about Jesus, the Word of God, songs of praise and much more!

Celebration Chapel

For 1st - 6th Grade and Led by Youth 7th - 12th Grade
in Munds Hall Auditorium
All 1st - 6th graders are invited to Celebration Chapel while their parents attend church. This is a service just for you led by our youth. This worship will include scripture, prayer, and music!

*Everyone will join their parents in Church for communion.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Begins Sunday, September 12

Important Meeting for Parents and Confirmands:

9:30 a.m. Sunday, September 12
in Munds Hall Auditorium

We will begin a new year of confirmation class for 6th graders with an important meeting for both parents and confirmands in Munds Hall Auditorium.

We believe that our young people are on a journey, and that at this age they are in a position to accept for themselves what was accepted for them at Baptism. The confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church.

If you would like your child to participate contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742 or at sandymccampbell@aol.com.

HAPPENING #149

Attention 10th - 12th Graders

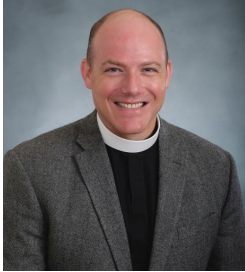
**Good Shepherd is Hosting
this Happening!**

November 19 - 21

You can "Happen" right here
in Corpus Christi...
at Good Shepherd!

This is a life changing and
extremely fun weekend you will
NOT want to miss!

More information coming soon!



Reframing Risk from the Rev. William Campbell

Every few years, I find myself thinking about risk in a new way. Fatherhood certainly changed my attitudes and understanding thereabouts, but most recently my consideration stems from the ongoing pandemic and conversations that Claire and I have about what is and what is not worth “the risk” to our family—things like daycare, school, work, and, yes, even church.

Those same conversations have me thinking, too, about how I can approach risk as more a spiritual practice than to focus solely on the negative consequences I traditionally associate with risk.

Because risk is an essential part of a relationship with God. Throughout Scripture God calls people into risk in His Name. God, in Christ, risks temptation, suffering, pain, and even death on a cross for us. And Christian history is filled with examples of Spirit-filled people of God risking everything in their earthly lives to perpetuate the gospel message. Even in “normal times” and in “normal worship” we risk: as we forgive and confess and seek forgiveness for our sins; as we contemplate His goodness next to our shortcomings; as we gather to pray, worship, give thanks, study, and talk about our witness of God in the world. These risks are amplified in times of great need—COVID is a time of great need.

With most spiritual practices the task is not so much to let things go completely but, rather, to hold them lightly to increase understanding of God and self. So I ask: how can I hold up all the risks I see and fear for myself and my family, make a turn, and give over the burden of them to God? How can I better measure the risks I take and for what reasons I take them?

Changing how we approach something begins with naming and understanding it (it’s the same with sin—naming something forces us to acknowledge it in order to start working with it). So yeah, “risk”—named.

Next, what is it—how do we understand risk? How should we? The Oxford English Dictionary defines risk as, “exposure to the possibility of loss, injury, or other adverse or unwelcome circumstance” (OED, 3rd Edition, 1989). That seems apt, but in the last decade the study of risk assessment and management has changed the way people talk about risk. In 2018, for example, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO is an organization headquartered in Switzerland that develops and publishes technical, industrial, and commercial standards that are internationally agreed by experts) has changed their definition of “risk” in its most universal applications from “the chance or probability of loss” to this: “the effect of uncertainty on objectives” (ISO 31000, 2018). I think the change in definition speaks to how differently individuals approach risk. It also removes the negative. Not all risks are bad—some risks are healthy and others are essential.

Even louder, the change to include the element of uncertainty in risk speaks to the fact that—as a people—we are failing to stop and recognize the “why.” Why am I taking or *not taking* this risk?

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FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR (continued)

Now we're making some progress. Risk speaks to objectives (what we have to gain) as much as it speaks to uncertainties (the eventual cost of pursuing the gain). We should measure both. A conversation about risk from a spiritual perspective, then, is a conversation about values (what's important to you) and stewardship (what you believe about what you've been given).

Maybe next time you consider risk then, consider God and what He says we have to gain via the risks we take. What does the Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304-305) or how we understand Human Nature (BCP 845) or Ministry (BCP 855) have to say about when and for what you take risks? Your new answers might surprise you.

His Peace,
William

Remember Christian Soul

That today and every day you have

God to glorify.

Jesus to imitate.

Salvation to work out with fear and trembling.

A body to use rightly.

Sins to repent.

Virtues to acquire.

Hell to avoid.

Heaven to gain.

Eternity to hold in mind.

Time to profit by.

Neighbors to serve.

The world to enjoy.

Creation to use rightly.

Sights to endure patiently.

Kindnesses to offer willingly.

Justice to strive for.

Temptations to overcome.

Death perhaps to suffer.

In all things, God's love to sustain you.

(Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, Revised Edition, 2014, page xi)



This Summer's Beach Eucharist and Shrimp Boil

We had a wonderful turnout to our Beach Eucharist this summer! It was a beautiful way to gather and share fellowship and communion as the body of Christ.

Thank you to our organizers! The shrimp boil was delicious and fun. We appreciate all of the work that was put into this service and event. We look forward to more events similar to this in the future!

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Service

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Resume September 12th)

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Adults:

Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monthly Services

We offer a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity
Towers retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on the first
Sunday of every month.

St. James Chapel Services

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. Middle School Chapel

Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.

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