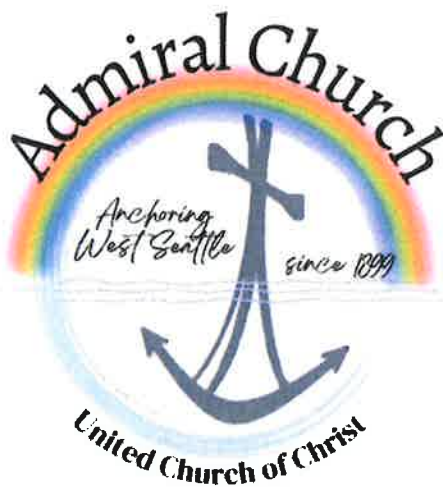


THE TIDINGS

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



Renew This Sanctuary: Building Shelter for Prayer and Praise

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

As Christians, images of the Jewish Temple occupy a strange place in our history and theology. When the Temple was destroyed, two religions were created: synagogue-based Judaism, and church-based Christianity. The Sanctuary where one could draw near to the

Most High was moved theologically, down from the prow of the hill and into the midst of the people. Christ became the replacement for any lingering allegiance to the sacrificial system in Christianity; we are no longer sacrificial, we are free in Christ Jesus.

If Jesus was the final sacrifice (see Hebrews 10, also note the related image of Jesus as the eternal High Priest in Hebrews 7), Sanctuary has to mean more than the place of sacrifice (note the pivot here away from traditional stewardship theology). Sanctuary is a container, a social energy that allows for a journey of transformation. It is created by how people move together through space, not by the space itself. Sanctuary is a vibe, a resonant harmony, a sense of being held, called, expanded. Sanctuary is what *good church* feels like. Stewardship is about taking care of the Sanctuary.

The journey through Sanctuary starts with the disruption of the norm; Sanctuary might be a place to flee, or rest, or just breathe slower for a minute. Sanctuary is **Sacred** in the truest sense of the word: it is set apart. We create and steward Sanctuary by remembering that as much as we are responsible for in our lives, there is One greater than us who carries it all. We disrupt norms of scarcity, of urgency, of "having to have it right". We learn to trust in a God bigger than our understanding.

The expanded and expansive God abides in a **Majestic** Sanctuary, a place of great wonder and awe. The complexity of matter and energy, the power of beauty, the expanse of the heavens, all of the greatness of God is magnified and amplified, encountered and felt, never fully understood. We steward Sanctuary by remembering and sharing beauty in dark times, when all can seem callous and cruel.

Facing the painful parts of life reminds us of our need for community, for the buoyancy of love and care that keeps the rough water from taking us under. We need a **Liturgical** Sanctuary where we organize our individual efforts into communal efforts. The word in Greek (*leitourgia*) literally translates "work or service for the people". All of our life is rooted in God, and all of our gifts are shared with us by God, but are distributed amongst us in disparate ways. We steward Sanctuary by creating a structure through which to magnify our power to enact the Love of God.

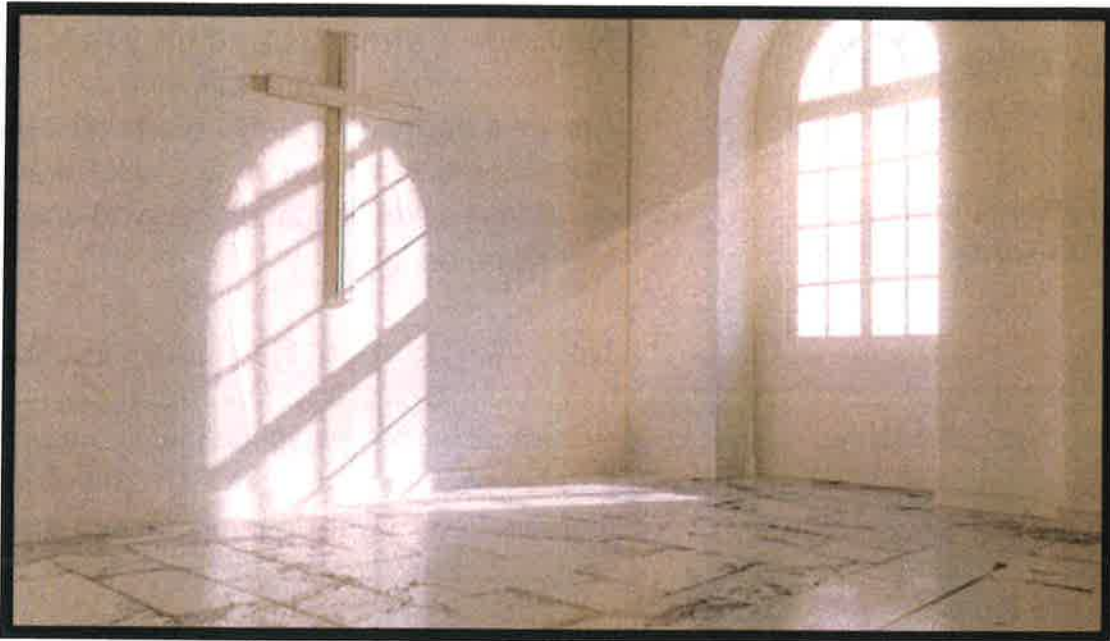
As we grow in our ability to serve and connect with others, we come to find that we are not ultimately separate from one another. Our Creator has called us children, called us beloved, called us all to be one family in Christ Jesus. Our Sanctuary becomes **Incarnational** when we allow ourselves to feel with one another, to share in the flow of healing and compassion together. Our bodies are honored, engaged, blessed, and enlivened in true Sanctuary. We steward Sanctuary by seeking after abundant life, remembering that His sacrifice was to free us from sacrifice, so that we could love our bodies, and other bodies unlike ours, as part of the One Body. We find the Body of Christ everywhere in Sanctuary.

This month we will be spending time in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. We will look at these four attributes of Sanctuary, considering what they mean for our community as we continue to convene and hold Sanctuary in West Seattle. I encourage you to read the book of Philippians a few times this month (it's 4 chapters, so not too long). There is also a great animated

overview you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE9qqW1-BkU>

Just remember, you are Sanctuary to many, and we have power together to expand Sanctuary wherever we gather in the name of the One who calls us by name.

In Peace,
Pastor Andrew



**We provide nursery care Sunday mornings
during the church service!**

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY - If you would like a ride to any church event listed please contact Peggy Rich joyinthemorning1130@gmail.com or call (206)460-3021 and she will arrange your transportation to and from these planned events.



Church Events

**Tuesdays - Bible Study
5:30-6:30 | the Lounge**

**Nov. 2 - Games, Games,
Games 2:00 - 5:00 in the
Lounge**

**Nov. 17 - Special
Congregational Meeting**

**Nov. 19 - PFLAG Meeting
7:30 - 9:00**

**Nov. 21 - Booth building for
Christmas Market in the
Sanctuary**

**Nov. 22 - Set Up and pricing
for Christmas Market in the
Lounge**

**Nov. 23 - Christmas Market
10am - 4pm**

Sermons & Scriptures

**Nov. 3 - Sermon: Sanctuary is Sacred
Scripture: Philippians 1**

Are we stewarding a space that breaks us out of routine ways of seeing the world? That gives us a reprieve from the burdens of responsibility for the world?

**Nov. 10 - Sermon: Sanctuary is Majestic
Scripture: Philippians 2**

Are we stewarding a space where we remember to honor the transcendent and unknowable? Are we setting aside time and energy to encounter and share beauty?

**Nov. 17 - Sermon: Sanctuary is Liturgical
Scripture: Philippians 3**

Are we stewarding a space that is organizing us to be of service and power in God's name? Are we learning how to walk together toward the world we want to live in?

**Nov. 24 - Sermon: Sanctuary is
Incarnational**

Scripture: Philippians 4

Are we stewarding a space that becomes connective tissue and healing energy between our bodies? A space that helps us feel fulfilled and alive?

ADMIRAL CHURCH WEBSITE: Please note that the MEMBERS' PORTAL link has been moved to the lower right of the Admiral Church website.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17TH AT 12:00

A Congregational Meeting will be held after the Worship Serve on November 17th. An information packet will be made available before the meeting for church members. The meeting will provide the membership an update on the roof and gutter situation, the decision of the Council to move out of the building during the summer of 2025 and the need to restructure staffing in the near future. We would like everyone who is able to attend this important meeting. There will be a vote and your vote is important! See you there.

OUTREACH TEAM

West Seattle Food Bank

Admiral Church still collecting egg cartons for the West Seattle Food Bank (only cardboard, please), and paper grocery bags with handles. Thank You, Marylou, for faithfully gathering and picking up egg cartons and paper bags to deliver to the Food bank!

The October Clothing Drive has ended and the clothing that has not been claimed by the needy at the church this past month will be taken to The Welcome Table in White Center for distribution.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS TEAM

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

Nov. 2, from 2:00 - 5:00 in the Lounge

Are you a gamer? Expert or beginners are welcome. Hands on boardgames, traditional games, new games, card games, whatever type of game you like to play - this is your chance to show us what you've got! Come share a fun time with church friends and their friends on the first Saturday of each month! See you Nov. 2nd!



Christmas Caroling Opportunity!



The Admiral Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a winter festival on California Ave in the Admiral neighborhood. It's on Saturday, 12/14, from 10am-2pm. Some of our choir members have agreed to provide roving caroling for the event. Others are welcome to join in the fun! If you are interested, please contact Laura Sutkus.

LOCAL ARTISANS, CRAFTERS AND BAKERS



CHRISTMAS MARKET

November 23rd/10-4

**ADMIRAL CHURCH
4320 SW HILL STREET**



Tinyurl.com/AdmiralXmas

CHRISTMAS MARKET COMMITTEE

The Christmas Market is an ALL HANDS ON DECK EVENT at Admiral Church!!! This is a huge event for a church our size and every able-bodied soul is needed to make this, our single fundraising event a success.

Aside from crafters and bakers who have committed to providing their wares, we need:

- volunteers to set up booths with Andrew on Thursday, Nov. 21st
- volunteers to finish set up in the sanctuary and pricing and set up of the baked sale items on Friday, Nov. 22nd
- volunteers during the Christmas Market on Nov. 23rd to provide breaks for those selling and provide general assistance as needed.
- volunteers to clean up on Nov. 23rd to prepare the Sanctuary and Lounge for Sunday Service.

YOU CAN BE HELPFUL BY VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THESE ACTIVE



ROLES OR YOU COULD HELP BY MANNING ONE OF THE BOOTHS SO THAT THE CRAFTER CAN TAKE A WELL DESERVED RESTROOM OR LUNCH BREAK.

INTERESTED??? Text or call Stephanie Trinneer or Tyna Ek.

PFLAG MEETING NOV. 19 7:30-9:00



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& ANDREW

THIRD TUESDAY

IN PERSON 7:30-9pm

ADMIRAL CHURCH

4320 SW HILL ST SEA, WA. 98116 PFLAG.org

Please join us for our next PFLAG meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th @7:30 PM. For more than 50 years, PFLAG has been providing peer-to-peer support, publications, toolkits, and other resources to make sure that the family members of people who are LGBTQ+ get the support they need.

**Worship Service
every Sunday @ 10:30
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