



Benediction Weekly

November 26, 2017

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Reign of Christ Sunday

Also known as Christ the King Sunday, today's observation celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. In celebrating the Reign of Christ, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new Church Year that begins next week on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming of the joyous *Kin-dom* of God.

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY REIGN OF CHRIST

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Svc
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

Tuesday, Nov 28

- 2:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 30

- 10:00 am – Hollister: *"Coming of the Cosmic Christ"*

Friday, Dec 1

- 7:00 pm – Matthew Fox Lecture: *"Creation Spirituality and the Future of the Planet"*

Saturday, Dec 2

- 10:00 am – Matthew Fox Workshop: *"Mystics, Prophets and the Making of Spiritual Warriors"*
- 12 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center

Sunday, Dec 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- NO 8am Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ Matthew Fox, preacher, followed by POTLUCK LUNCH
- 3:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

St. Benedicts Welcomes

Matthew Fox for a lecture on Friday, a workshop on Saturday, and as guest preacher Sunday at 10:30

Matthew Fox holds a doctorate in spirituality from the Institut Catholique de Paris and has authored 32 books on spirituality and contemporary culture that have been translated into 60 languages. Fox has devoted 45 years to developing and teaching the tradition of Creation Spirituality and in doing so has reinvented forms of education and worship.

His work is inclusive of today's science and world spiritual traditions and has awakened millions to the much-neglected earth-based mystical tradition of the West. He has helped to rediscover Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, and Thomas Aquinas. Among his books are *Original Blessing, The Coming of the Cosmic Christ, The Reinvention of Work, A Spirituality Named Compassion* and *Meister Eckhart: A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times.*

Sign up for Peoples' Kitchen this Saturday – Dec 2nd is our turn to serve lunch to the clients at Prado Day Center. Food and servers needed. Suzan & Pat coordinating.



Please turn in your pledge card, if you have not already done so. It is important for us to get an estimate of income for 2018 so we can budget for the fullest ministry possible. Extra blank cards are available at the ushers' station.

Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Barry Turner; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Michael Lucas; Lectors: Ann Edwards & Janelle LaFond; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Joan Hayes; Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez; Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Barbara Schippers; Tellers: Judy Schloss & Bryson McKelvey; Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Music Director: John Cribb

Thank you all for your service!



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP
First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns.
Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE – a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE – Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE– Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*,
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West



Cash put in the plate today will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Or write a check to StB's with "RDF" in memo.

**Hollister Institute:
Book Discussion - "The Coming of the Cosmic Christ"
Thursday, November 30 at 10am.**

This Thursday morning class, based on Matthew Fox's book The Coming of the Cosmic Christ, is being led alternately by Caro+ and Barry+. This week we are examining "*Cosmic Christ in Tradition.*" The Cosmic Christ is not a new idea in Christian thinking, rather one that has been eclipsed by modern thought. In this class we'll explore some of the theology that points to the Cosmic Christ and the importance of its rediscovery today

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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- 1 - Matthew Fox Lecture, 7p
- 2 - Matthew Fox Workshop, 10a
- 2 - Peoples' Kitchen at Prado, 12n
- 3 - Mathew Fox guest preacher, 1030a
- 3 - Potluck + Prado 12p
- 6 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 6 - Choir Rehearsal, 7p
- 7 - Hollister Book Study concludes, 10a
- 7 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 9 - "Spruce Up the Church" workday, from 9a
- 9 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Café, 9a
- 9 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 12 - Choir Rehearsal, 7p
- 13 - Carol Sing at Abundance Shop, t.b.a.
- 13 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 13 - Choir Rehearsal, 7p
- 14 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p
- 16 - Concert Rehearsal: Instruments 10a, Full Ensemble 11a
- 16 - Christmas Concert, 3p
- 17 - Blue Christmas Service, 630p
- 19 - Carol Sing at Abundance Shop, t.b.a.
- 20- Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 21 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 31 - Healing Service, 1030a

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- Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24:**
8 am - Contemplative Communion Service
1030 am - Service of Lessons and Carols
430 pm - Communion Around the Crèche
745 pm - Carol Sing
8 pm - Festival Eucharist

- Christmas Day - Monday, December 25:**
10 am - Quiet Communion Service,
followed by Brunch

**Volunteers are needed for all service ministries
December 24 & 25. Please see sign up board.**



If you would like to honor a loved one by contributing for Christmas poinsettias, please use the contribution envelopes on the sign up board to indicate the wording of your dedication, such as:

- In memory of...
- In honor of...
- In thanksgiving for...

Suggested contribution is \$10 each. Please place envelope in offering plate.
Donors may take home poinsettias after Christmas Season.

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy:
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670;
or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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