

## Announcements

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1<sup>st</sup> Abbie Horn  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> Gayle Cory  
February 4<sup>th</sup> Doris Kyffin  
February 6<sup>th</sup> Jacob Gogan  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Stacey Skoric  
February 8<sup>th</sup> Roy Bruce, Jeff McWilliams, Stephanie Hedrick  
February 10<sup>th</sup> Susan Cory  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Dave Jenkins, Patti Smith  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Murray  
February 17<sup>th</sup> Kathy Reed  
February 18<sup>th</sup> Phil Farman  
February 21<sup>st</sup> Leslie McNeil  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Fisher  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> Tracy Wormald  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Irene Jobe  
February 28<sup>th</sup> Michelle Horn, Joan Madsen-Nielsen

### Christian Education – Children’s Sunday School

Next Meet is Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### Christian Education – Adult/Teen Study TODAY!

Meeting in the Sanctuary from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

### Presbyterian Women

#### PW Scholarship

Presbyterian Women are accepting applications for their 2025 scholarship. Any Presbyterian graduating high school senior or college student may apply. Applications are available in the church office and are due by March 31.

### World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 7, 2025

12:00pm

Christ Episcopal Church



### Bio: Warren Murphy



The Rev. Warren Murphy was ordained an Episcopal priest on January 15, 1973 in Buffalo, N.Y. He began his ordained ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church being in charge of a special project to provide assistance for kids who wandered the streets as "throwaways", runaways or just street loners. He created a program called Compass House which has been in existence for over 50 years. It is the largest youth program in western New York state.

In 1977 he moved to Wyoming with his wife Kate to serve the Little Snake River Parish located in Dixon and Baggs, Wyoming. This is a parish that begins in Colorado and is over a hundred miles long, ending at the Dinosaur National Monument in Utah. A very rural location. In 1982 they moved to Lander, Wyoming where he became Rector at Trinity Church. His ministry there was expanded to service the mountain community of Atlantic City and for 5 years he also served as Priest in Charge of the Shoshone Mission of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

In 1989 along with Kate and their two children, Aaron and Malcolm, they were called to Christ Episcopal Church in Cody. He served as Rector at Christ Church until 2004. In that same year he became Executive Director of the Wyoming Church Coalition and began a statewide ministry. This is now the Wyoming Interfaith Network, where he continues to serve on its board. Presently he assists at both Christ Church and Calvary Church in Red Lodge, Montana. He is canonically a member of the Episcopal Dioceses of both Wyoming and Montana. Warren has been the Cody Police Department Chaplain for 34 years as well as a CASA volunteer.

He is author of *On Sacred Ground: A Religious and Spiritual History of Wyoming*, *Unique and Different: A Memoir of a Wyoming Journey* and *Under the Firmament* (a book of meditations). He serves as historian for the Episcopal Diocese and has been a board member for numerous nonprofit boards in the area. His wife Kate was a long-time public health nurse in Park County.



February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Please fill out attendance form and pass it along your row

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Come near to one another and to our God  
Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

**This is a time for meeting and greeting.**

**This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.**

Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.

God is our refuge in whom we trust.

**We believe God is here and will be known by us.**

**Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.**

We are here to receive life in all its abundance.

God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

**God raises us up and sends us forth.**

**Surely God will help us wherever we go.**

### Invocation

Loving God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts. We draw near to you as survivors of another week, grateful for your care. You have provided for us, preserved our lives, and invited us once more to this time of prayer. Now we would be still before you, leaving behind our distress and anger, entrusting our weaknesses to your empowering spirit. Raise us up to embrace your way of love. Amen.

**Hymn** "Lord I Want to Be A Christian" *Hymn #372*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to forgive our enemies or make allowances for the behavior of those less fortunate than ourselves. We confess that we do not pray regularly for our friends, much less for our enemies. Our giving is motivated by self-interest as much as by thankfulness and compassion. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

**Gloria Patri**

**Choir** "Still"

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Children's Time** *with Mackenzie Scott*

**Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" *Hymn #326*

**Scripture** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 | Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
*Marilyn Montville*

**Message** "Overcoming Hate" *Warren Murphy*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" *Onscreen Only*

**Ushers:** Dave & Janalyn Shultz  
**Accompanist/Choir Director:** Tim Schoessler  
**Worship Leader:** Kathy Reed  
**Message:** Warren Murphy

**Closing Prayer**

Love your enemies and do good.

Lend to others, expecting nothing in return.

**As we want people to treat us,**

**We commit ourselves to treat them.**

Judge not, and you will not be judged.

Condemn not, and you will not be condemned.

**We want to forgive as God forgives us.**

**We would be merciful as God is merciful.**

God will raise you up to new life.

Be still before God and wait patiently each day.

**God is our refuge and our salvation.**

**We recommit our ways to God.**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

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**Genesis 45:3-11, 15 NIV**

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

<sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

<sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

<sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.

<sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.

<sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 NIV**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

<sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

<sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

<sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

<sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

<sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

<sup>45</sup> So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

<sup>46</sup> The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

<sup>47</sup> The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

<sup>48</sup> As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

<sup>49</sup> And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.