



Dear Christ Church,

It is with deep sadness that we, the staff and Vestry, need to tell you that our beloved Christine Warner was in a serious accident yesterday and is in Intensive Care after being struck by a truck while standing on the side of the road. She is in critical but stable condition. She has incurred broken facial bones, ribs, and damage to her carotid arteries and some organs. Anything is possible, from a low chance of not surviving, to long-term organ damage, to full recovery. The next few days are critical.

We know our Christ Church community: you all are a prayerful, generous, faithful community who knows how to stand with each other through anything, trusting and believing in the powerful Name of Jesus to bring healing and redemption. We want to first and foremost ask you all to be on your knees in intercession for Christine's full and complete healing; for Cliff as he navigates these waters of being both husband and a father; and for Brendan, Cormac, Skye and Bronwyn as they also process and walk through this tragedy.

We know there will be an outpouring of loving care, concern, and offers to help in any way possible, as is characteristic of our community. **We ask that you would please refrain from calling, texting and emailing Cliff and Christine directly.** If you would like to reach out to them, we have set up a special email account for you to direct your notes: [care@christchurchofaustin.org](mailto:care@christchurchofaustin.org). You may also mail cards to the church office (112 Medina St., Austin, TX 78702). We will make sure the Warners get every one of your messages.

We anticipate Christine being in the hospital for a few weeks. She will not be able to receive visitors. In the coming days we will also provide more details about other specific ways our Christ Church community can best serve the Warner family, including a special prayer service. **We humbly ask that you wait to hear from the Christ Church office about ways to help.**

We are available to you as a staff and Vestry in any way. Please direct general questions to Meghan Scully at [meghan@christchurchofaustin.org](mailto:meghan@christchurchofaustin.org). For pastoral questions and concerns, contact Matt Dampier at [matt@christchurchofaustin.org](mailto:matt@christchurchofaustin.org).

We offer up this prayer for Christine now, entrusting her to the Lord's care:

*You designed*

*our bodies, O Lord,*

*with a wondrous capacity for regeneration and healing.*

*You give wisdom and knowledge*

*and skill to those who by long*

*training in their professions learn to diagnose and treat ailments of the body. And you, by*

*your Spirit, sometimes effect miracles of healing that even the most skilled of practitioners*

*cannot duplicate. Heal Christine, we pray, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and*

*of the Holy Spirit.*

**Peace of the Lord be with you all.**

Under His Mercy,

The Christ Church Staff & Vestry

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