



Dear Christ Church,

It has been such a unique privilege to be part of this community these past number of days. It has been a beautiful picture of the body of Christ interceding as the local and global church before the Father. Each day of this painful journey has had its own challenge. Each day has required us to lean into Christ and into each other. We are so encouraged to see each of you overflowing with compassion for Christine and her family.

Christine has been able to breath on her own without a ventilator for a period of time today. That's a milestone; another day of forward progress, now two days in a row. She has begun to break the surface of consciousness enough to now ask, "What happened?" Her brain has remained free of the blood and spinal fluid that the brain surgery was designed to remove. Praise God! Please begin praying for the facial surgery that will be on Tuesday as it will be long and extensive seven-hour surgery.

As we begin to pivot our energy towards the longer-term needs of the Warner family, tomorrow we will provide details on how our community can offer both practical and financial help for the Warners.

Cliff wants to share a few words with you:

My children and I are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayer, and support. Everyday I have been brought a stack of printed notes written to the care@christchurchofaustin.org address. Each time I sit down and read them, and think I may read a few at a time to spread it out through the day, I end up reading every single one in one sitting. The words of encouragement, hope, truth, and the stories they tell, combined with people's descriptions of my extraordinary wife, nourish my soul. I still can't quite wrap my head around the love of our friends, family, and parishioners. Thank you again for your prayers for Christine as the scope of what we are facing continues to unfold. With much love, Cliff.

We are honored and proud to watch the muscle memory of our community in such difficult circumstances. We watched you drop to your knees in brokenness, yet full of faith. You gathered together and invoked the Spirit of truth, beauty and wholeness.

Tomorrow we will gather in worship with hearts full of grief and longing for Christine's healing, and yet ready to robustly praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are eager to be with you! Two very special guests will be shepherding us through the ministry of the Word and Table. Together we will partake of the bread and wine, the Body of Christ broken for us, the blood of Christ shed for us. The vast power that has raised our Christ from the dead is not lost on us this day.

Under His Mercy,

The Christ Church Staff & Vestry



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