



Dear Christ Church,

We've gathered this week in unity and prayer around Christine and the Warners. Our common love for her, our common grief over her broken body, and our common invitation to our Father to intervene are right and good. Dear friends, we know that each one of us also carries on our heart other people, experiences and situations through this time. Among grief we find ordinary life as well – the spring days grow warmer and longer; a friend has a birthday; we make missteps with each other and ask forgiveness. Among common prayer we notice unique and individual need for grace.

Our God is loving and gentle with each of us. He is the Shepherd who bends down close to each of us, scattered as we might feel. He speaks and we hear; he leads and we follow.

The Christ Church pastoral team is here for you too. If you need pastoral care, know that our Associate Rector [Matt Dampier](#) is available to you. Beyond him there is a wider pastoral staff including [Jodi Wicker](#) and [Drew Smith](#) available to listen, comfort, and shepherd us toward Christ through common and not-so-common grief.

*O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*A prayer for mission, Evening Prayer II, The Book of Common Prayer*

We continue in passionate prayer for Christine and the Warner family and are working together to provide care for them. Please visit [www.christchurchofaustin.org/christine](http://www.christchurchofaustin.org/christine) to find specific ways you can pray for her through each day and to see regular updates on her condition. If you'd like to be notified of these updates, we recommend <https://blogtrottr.com/>.

To give coordinated practical resources for the Warners, please contact [NOSA@christchurchofaustin.org](mailto:NOSA@christchurchofaustin.org), (that's short for No One Stands Alone) to let Jonathan and Rebecca Sempstrott:

- Name, email, phone number, area of town you live in

- Specific times you're available if you can help with things like household care, errands, meals and grocery shopping, light housekeeping and childcare.
- Do you have a specific service or item you can give or share to match a need.

\*Please note that we are assessing the Warners' needs in real time and matching resources to them. We want to be ready to serve over the long recovery ahead so please be patient, yet ready.

Keep sending notes and prayers to Cliff and the family at [care@christchurchofaustin.org](mailto:care@christchurchofaustin.org). Each day we take these to Cliff and they minister to his spirit. If you would like to help shoulder the financial impact with the Warners, visit the [Warner Family Care](#) site.

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