

# Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

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## Pastoral Care FAQs

### **Who needs pastoral care?**

Anyone asking spiritual questions, or experiencing life transitions including:

- The death of a loved one
- Illness
- Economic uncertainty
- Birth and adoption
- Marriage, divorce, separation
- Family conflict
- Aging, cognitive decline
- Isolation
- A loved one's addiction or mental illness

### **Who provides pastoral care?**

Our clergy, Wren Blessing and Stephen Crippen, oversee and guide Grace's Pastoral Care Leadership Team. Our Pastoral Care Leadership Team responds to the pastoral care needs of the parish while protecting desired confidentiality.

Not only do Grace's clergy and lay Pastoral Care Leadership Team provide pastoral care, but each person at Grace is also called upon to care for others. Everyone has special gifts to offer, and each of our gifts becomes pastoral care when carried out in the name of Christ on behalf of the community. Our clergy and Program Ministry Council coordinate the sharing of these gifts.

### **Pastoral Care Leadership Team**

Our clergy, Wren Blessing and Stephen Crippen, oversee and guide the Pastoral Care Leadership Team. Current members are:

Nancy Beck | nlbeckspirit@outlook.com

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Florrie Munat | fmunat@aol.com

Judy Williams | jbwms@comcast.net

## Clergy Care

Wren Blessing and Stephen Crippen provide pastoral care to members of Grace Church in partnership with Grace's Priest Associates, Pastoral Care Leadership Team, and lay Eucharistic Visitors.

### **In emergencies, including sudden hospitalization or at the time of death:**

Call Grace Church's office | **206.842.9997 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 pm**

After office hours, or if you cannot get through to the parish administrator, follow instructions on Grace's voicemail to get in touch with the Priest on Call, or use the parish directory to contact Wren Blessing or Stephen Crippen by cell phone.

### **In other circumstances:**

Call the office during office hours (see above) to make an appointment with Wren, Stephen, or a Priest Associate. If you call when the office is closed, please leave a message that will help us clearly understand your situation and immediate needs.

### **Home Eucharistic Visits:**

Wren and Stephen coordinate with Grace's Priest Associates and lay Eucharistic Visitors to make regular home Eucharistic visits, or to pray with and anoint those who, due to serious illness or infirmity, are homebound or in a medical facility.

### **Healing Prayer:**

Grace holds a Healing Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., providing an opportunity for prayer and anointing for anyone seeking grace and strength.

### **When requested, Wren or Stephen will:**

- Offer spiritual direction and counseling
- Offer prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of a child, or other family occasions and milestones
- Offer a blessing of a home, or a service of prayer marking a transition or new season
- Hear confession and offer the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent
- Meet with a family to prepare for baptism, or with a couple to prepare for marriage
- Connect a Grace Companion – a layperson trained to listen and be present without suggesting solutions – to a person who would like support or who is going through a difficult transition

### **Priest Associates**

At Grace, we enjoy fellowship with many retired clergy, including: the Rev. Jim Phinney, the Rev. Kate Kinney, the Rev. Bill Sell-Lee, the Very Rev. Bill Maxwell, the Rev. Patti Barrett, the Rev. Beth Orling, and the Rev. Bob Zimmerman.