

January 2, 2022 | This Week at Christ Church

### A NOTE FROM YOUR RECTOR

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

Start the new year off right by coming to church! Our beloved former Interim Music Director Duane Soubirous will be our guest organist filling in for Lauren.

I have always like starting a new year in church. It sets the tone for the year to come and nothing feels better than getting right with God. Beginning the new year in church feels like a fresh start, a new beginning or as the prophet Isaiah says in Chapter 43:

*Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

A new year also feels like a second chance to me, and I often return to the words of Bishop Steven Charleston:

*Let me make my witness as simply as I can: I am a believer in second chances, in peace and reconciliation, because I stand in need of mercy, knowing life can begin again, if love is allowed to heal. I am a believer in something greater than myself, greater than all that is, the source and the salvation of all creation as far as the eye can see, each life and soul cherished, every innocence redeemed. I am a believer in kindness and fairness, because they are words of transformation, cornerstones of community, the justice we seek right under our noses. I am a believer in us, in you and me and all the people we have never met, but always knew, the human family we could be, if only we have the courage of our convictions.*

Faithfully yours,  
Beth