



“... in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Cor 5:19-20) All the invitations here seek to further that mission by nourishing souls to flourish in the reconciling grace of Jesus Christ.

Participating in Jesus’ Mission at Brentwood

Worship, where the Holy Trinity embraces us with their love

- **Wed, Aug 14, 8pm – Jazz Evensong** – with **Ben MacRae, Dan Reynolds, & Conrad Good**
- **Sun, Aug 18, 10am – Sunday Morning Worship** – we will explore the good news that Philip interpreted for the Ethiopian political official
- **Wed, Aug 21, 8pm – Jazz Evensong** – with **Brad Pearson & Friends**
- **Mon, Aug 26, 8pm – Big Band Vespers** – featuring the music of one of the leaders in Christian worship music, Craig Buhler

Learning, where the Holy Trinity transforms us to be blessings

- **Every 2nd Friday, 5:30pm - Bible Study & Light Supper** – we are on our break for the summer and will resume on **Sept 13**
- **3rd Thursdays, 2:30 – 4:00pm – SFU Philosophers’ Café**
- We are working on a study guide to the **Brentwood Declaration** and would value your input – there is a booklet to frame that input at the back – please take one and fill out the sections

Fellowship, where the Holy Trinity connects and nourishes us

- You are warmly invited to join us for lunch after the service

Service, where we reach out into our communities to inspire them

- **Sun, Aug 25, 7pm – Craig Buhler in Concert** – friend and mentor of our own Ben MacRae is with us for this last weekend in August for this concert, Sunday Morning Worship, and Big Band Vespers – for more on Craig, see www.craigbuhler.com.
- We collect and buy socks for those supported by **First United Church** in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside

Another Consideration about Acts

Stephen’s final words not only complete the parallel with Jesus but also display a generosity of spirit that grates sharply against the crowd’s violence. As Jesus commended his spirit to God (Luke 23:46; see also ps 31:5), so Stephen prays that Jesus himself will accept his spirit. As Jesus had prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know their own actions, so Stephen prays for his accusers and assailants that this act might not be held against them ...

Beverly Roberts Gaventa, *The Acts of the Apostles* (Abingdon, 2013), p 132.