



## TRINITY CATHEDRAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Place for All People

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# Cathedral Connections

## A New Start



Thanks be to God, we have a new bishop-elect! The Rev. Anne B. Jolly officially begins work as our bishop-elect in winter/spring and after

her consecration in April will serve in partnership with Bishop Hollingsworth until she takes over as our diocesan bishop.

It's an important season for Trinity Cathedral, as we begin to develop a long-term working relationship with our new bishop. During the meet-and-greets in October, I was so pleased to meet three candidates – all wonderful priests – who looked forward to working closely with Trinity as both an expression of the bishop's ministry and a place with a distinct voice in our region and in the wider church. I'm so grateful to the many of you who participated, and by doing so communicated to our candidates that we celebrate and support their ministry.

In the week before the election, our delegates, clergy, and alternates gathered with Trinity members during a Sunday forum talk about what we've learned about the ministry of a bishop, what we think the Diocese of Ohio needs in this moment and what we believe that

Trinity Cathedral needs as well. We heard in that conversation a distinct appreciation of the broad and complex ministry of the bishop. We also recognized that Trinity has particular needs, while a great many churches across the diocese might need something a little different from their bishop than we do.

We want to be a source of unity for the whole diocese while trusting that our bishop is supportive of Trinity's distinct witness and ministry. There's a little bit of a tension in that: how do we serve as a focus of unity while also being a distinct place, with a vocation to model inclusion, transcendence, and creativity in all we do?

It's a tension, yes, but I think we'll find it to be a productive tension (rather than a stressful one) as we cultivate a dynamic relationship with our bishop and our colleagues in ministry across the diocese. Healthy relationships allow for a wide range of possibilities and conversations that will strengthen all facets of our ministry, from the creative to the traditional.

I look forward to a season of developing that vital relationship, and I invite you to join me in being a part of that. Whether through diocesan ministries or through



### PREACHING SCHEDULE

- **December 4**  
The Rev. Lisa Fischbeck
- **December 11**  
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- **December 18**  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- **December 24**  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch (5 p.m.)  
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth (10 p.m.)
- **December 25**  
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- **January 1**  
Lessons & Carols

celebrating the ministries of other churches in the diocese, I encourage you to find ways to uplift the faithful work of our whole diocese.

The Very Rev.  
Bernard J. Owens

Vestry met via Zoom for their November meeting, which primarily focused on discussion of the 2023 budget for the cathedral and the commons. Dan Hout-Reilly, Trinity controller, and David Miano, chair of the Property & Sustainability Committee, also joined the meeting for budget discussion.

Dean Owens was not in attendance, so the meeting was chaired by Senior Warden Patty Roberts. Prior to the meeting, the dean expressed his gratitude for the emotional and spiritual support from the Trinity community during a difficult year for him and his family following the death of his sister Catherine one year ago.

Cynthia Ries reported for the Stewardship Committee. The formal campaign concluded at the end of October with the showing of the film *The Phantom of the Opera* and “thank you” chili dinner, which was well attended and appreciated. Pledges are still being received with individual pledges to date higher thus far than 2022.

Martin Hermes for the Nominating Committee reported that the committee members were reaching out to individuals to determine their willingness to stand for election for the coming year. That process will continue until the next meeting November 28th when the committee will determine if they have enough people to present a full

slate and if not, will identify other members to contact. They will also be receiving any self-nominations or nominations of individuals from Trinity members.

The Rev. Adrienne Koch reported on Cathedral Ministries. Mission teams are providing their lists of upcoming events and any corresponding needs and will be scheduling their time for an information table in the piazza to highlight their ministry. It was agreed by vestry that mission teams would rotate reporting their activities in person to vestry monthly with a time for presentation and questions. This will ensure that ministries have adequate time during vestry meetings.

David Miano and Mark Biddlestone from the Property & Sustainability reported on discussions with experts about what capital improvements/repairs are necessary for 2023 and what can be postponed to 2024. They also reminded vestry that some capital expenditures are split with the diocese. Several areas of need were presented including the sound system, stained glass restoration, lighting for livestream broadcasts and masonry work. The committee has been completing the work scheduled for 2022 based on the yearly plan developed previously and projections of need. Vestry members had a thorough discussion regarding current needs and associated costs and requested that the committee provide more detailed information

for the December meeting. A decision about a project schedule and costs will be finalized at that meeting.

Paul Herrgesell and Dan Hout-Reilly presented the cathedral and commons budgets for 2023. Income in 2022 has been better than budgeted and expenses continue to be below budget. The impact is a forecast of less than a 5% withdrawal on the endowment for 2022. Earned income and congregational support for 2023 is expected to remain higher than in the past. However, expenses for 2023 are expected to increase, especially costs for energy, a continued return to normal programming and inflation. The increase in expenses is forecast to impact the endowment withdrawal in 2023. Vestry had a thorough discussion regarding the budget with many questions answered prior to the final budget presentation in December.

Vestry minutes are available at [trinitycleveland.org/vestry](http://trinitycleveland.org/vestry). The next meeting will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, December 13 (one week earlier due to the holiday) at 5:30 p.m. If you have any concerns, please send them to the wardens at [yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org) or contact any member of the vestry below.

## **Vestry Members**

Gary Benjamin  
Mark Biddlestone  
Elizabeth Billings  
Martin Hermes  
Paul Herrgesell,  
Treasurer  
Diane Hexter

Audrey Hudak  
Linda Lee  
Dale Murphy  
Cynthia Ries  
Patricia Roberts,  
Senior Warden  
Jeff Spiess,  
Junior Warden

## **Welcome the Rev. Anne Jolly!**

Trinity congratulates the Rev. Anne B. Jolly, the new bishop coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Ohio. She was elected at diocesan convention in November. She is the first woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio



and will become the 12th Bishop of Ohio next year.

The election concludes the year-long process of seeking a successor for Bishop Mark Hollingsworth Jr., who began his service in the diocese in 2004.

The Rev. Jolly is the rector of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Deerfield, Illinois. Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, she will be ordained and consecrated at Cleveland Public Auditorium on April 29, 2023. The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry will preside.



Learn More at <https://bit.ly/Advent-LC-2022>

## Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 4  
4:00p.m.  
Free In-person  
Music by Vaughan Williams, Weir, Howells, Chillcott and others



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Don't miss Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. Readings alternate with choral anthems and congregational hymns. The choir moves gradually from the back to the front of the cathedral, and the nave changes from darkness to light over the course of the service.

## A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Benjamin Britten's choral classic for Christmastime, *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be presented on Wednesday, December 7 at noon. The treble voices of the Cathedral Choir and harpist Jody Guinn will perform.

The piece was composed in 1942 on Britten's five-month sea voyage from Canada to England. It is composed in 12 movements or segments.

## Messiah Sing Returns Dec. 14

For the first time in three years, one of Trinity's favorite BrownBag concerts, the *Messiah Sing*, will take place in the nave once again.



score available for audience members but you are strongly encouraged to bring your own music.

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral will present the beloved Cleveland Christmas tradition at noon Wednesday, December 14. Director of Music Todd Wilson will conduct the Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists and the audience in this free event. This includes all the choruses and solos of Part I (the Christmas portion) of Handel's *Messiah*, and concludes with the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

There will be limited copies of the

The tradition of *Messiah Sings* dates back to the 1820s in England. Known there as *Scratch Messiahs* or *People's Messiahs*, the former took its name from the idea of cooking or building from scratch. An unrehearsed choir is the staple of these events.

In North America, the sing-a-longs are known as *Come Sing Messiah*, *Sing-It-Yourself Messiah*, *Do-It-Yourself Messiah* (*DIY Messiah*) or *Sing Along Messiah* among others.

## Boar's Head Returns After 3-year Absence

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, an Elizabethan Christmas pageant featuring elaborate period costumes, live animals and volunteers from an eight county region will return to Trinity Cathedral on December 31 at 2 p.m. The festival was presented virtually in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns.

Performed at Trinity since 1961, the festival is a multi-sensory Christmas experience. It is a feast for the senses with its bright vibrant colors and costumes for the eye, the familiar and extraordinary seasonal music enhanced by the organ and brass for the ear, fragrances of incense and the royal banquet of ham, mincemeat pie and other delicacies for the nose. The 60th presentation features volunteer actors including those who have participated across multiple family generations.

Live animals are part of the cast and have included goats, sheep, donkeys and even a camel in recent years. The actors' costumes are all handmade and are maintained from year to year by festival volunteers.

For more information, visit [boarsheadcleveland.org](https://boarsheadcleveland.org) or email [boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com](mailto:boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com).



## Wondering about God

by Eric Travis, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Each week during Children's Chapel, we explore one of the Bible readings from the service. I ask the children questions that start with 'Have you ever...' or 'What do you think...' or 'I wonder...'. In this way, I am inviting the young person to pull from their experiences and imagine how God can and will enter into their lives. I want them to understand that God is always with them and loves them deeply. But they need more than the hour or so they are in church to hear and explore that message.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and other adults in a child's life can have an impact on faith

development. Here are a couple of suggestions for you to consider.

**1. Make spiritual space at home.** By spiritual space, I mean dedicated time for your family to engage together in growing your understanding of and relationship with God. Saying a prayer before dinner is a great way to start. Maybe you have a family grace that a different person could lead each evening, or you could ask everyone to name one thing they are thankful for. Share your own faith with the young people in your house. Don't be afraid to share the questions and struggles you have. This will show them that faith is something to be worked with every day.

**2. Discuss prayer requests and include your own.** You can do this as you take

your children to school, or anytime that you are together.

**3. Express to your young people how God is actively at work in your life.** Share with them the ways that God is teaching you, and how you know that you are loved by God.

**4. Continue to make church an important part of your weekly schedule.** Your young people will see how valuable being involved in the church community is to you and will adopt that

same way of thinking

These are just a few ways that you can help the young people in your life continue to grow in faith. You and your young people are in my prayers, and I would love to help you help them wonder about God.



## Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, Jan 22  
8:30-10:30am  
Cathedral Hall**

**presented by the Youth Group  
to support Summer Missions**

**Menu includes:  
regular and  
gluten-free  
pancakes,  
sausages, apple  
sauce, regular  
and sugar-free  
syrup, milk, and  
coffee**



**Free will  
donations accepted**

## YOUTH GROUP FUN

On Sunday, December 11, the youth group will have an outing from 1-3 p.m. as part of their Youth Group AC (after church) adventures. They will gather at Whirlyball Cleveland, at 5055 Richmond Rd., Bedford Heights.

Whirlyball is a team sport that combines elements of basketball and jai alai with players riding "Whirlybugs", small electric vehicles similar to bumper cars. Because play requires a special court, it is played in only a handful of locations in the United States and Canada.

Cost is only \$5 a person. Register at [bit.ly/YCOuting](http://bit.ly/YCOuting). If you have questions, please contact Eric Travis at [etravis@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:etravis@trinitycleveland.org) or 216.774.0408.





## Supporting Our Neighborhood Students

Help the Christmas Giving Tree light up with gifts and clothing for our neighboring students at Marion-Sterling School. The Giving Tree has gift tags including clothing needs and gift requests for each child at the school.

Sunday, December 4 is the last day to choose a tag from the tree. Bring back your wrapped gift (roughly \$30-\$35 value) by December 11 (St. Nicholas Sunday). If you are unable to shop but wish to make a financial gift, please visit [bit.ly/TheChristmasGivingTree](http://bit.ly/TheChristmasGivingTree) or send a check to Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 with "Marion-Sterling Giving Tree" in the memo line. Contact Becky Fuller, [sniderfuller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sniderfuller@sbcglobal.net), if you have questions or if you would like her to send you a gift tag by email.

We can also use some volunteers to help with shopping for gifts (the week of December 5), wrapping the gifts (Tuesday, December 13 at 10 a.m.) and delivering them to Marion-Sterling (Thursday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.). Help make a difference in a child's holiday season and help us remember that we are abundantly blessed by God.



## Trinity, Thanks for Giving!

On Monday, November 21, a group of Trinity members drove over to nearby Marion-Sterling School with Thanksgiving dinners for families who have students there. This year's drive yielded around 60 dinners, exceeding our goal of 50. Thanks to all who donated, drove and delivered.

## Mitten Tree

The mitten tree remains in the promenade throughout the holiday season – from Sunday December 4 through Sunday January 1.

The mitten tree also benefits Marion-Sterling students. Over the years, the school's family support specialist has requested warm winter accessories to benefit those students who don't have any. The specialist gives the



items out to students in need during Cleveland's cold winter months.

The mitten tree in the promenade will remain through January 1. Please help fill up the tree with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and warm socks. Simply clip your items to the tree and know that they will help students in need at Trinity's neighborhood school.

## The Trinity Forum

In the Trinity Forum series, **Dean Owens** interviews civic, nonprofit and religious leaders in our community and beyond. Held on select Sundays at 10:10 a.m., you can attend in-person or via livestream at [trinitycleveland.org/trinity-forum](http://trinitycleveland.org/trinity-forum).

**Sunday, December 4**  
**The Rev. Lisa Fischbeck**

The dean's guest will be the Rev. Lisa G. Fischbeck, a priest and church planter who recently retired after 19 years as the launching vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Advocate, a new church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, known for creative liturgy and service to community. While at *The Advocate* Lisa helped spearhead Pee Wee Homes, a development of tiny homes for previously homeless people on the church property. She is the author of *Behold What You Are: Becoming the Body of Christ* and a regular contributor to the Episcopal Church Vital Practices blog. She will also serve as our guest liturgist on Sunday, December 4.



**Sunday, January 15**  
**The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery**

Dean Owens welcomes the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel in Durham, North Carolina on Martin Luther King Sunday, January 15.



They will discuss faith, preaching and witnessing "among the dry bones," and what it means to confront the powers of death with an honest and spirit-filled word of hope.

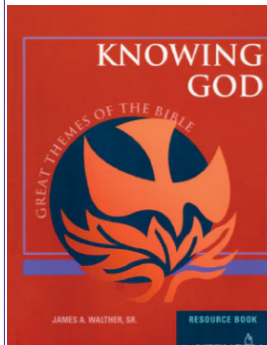
Powery is also associate professor of homiletics (the art of preaching) at Duke Divinity School and author of numerous books.

## Bible Study: The Holidays and Beyond

Join Bible study this Advent in conference room A/B at the 10:10 a.m. education hour. The curriculum for this course is the Kerygma Program, a non-denominational program for adults with proven strategies for developing and sustaining effective study groups. We will use this curriculum throughout 2023 with several separate series. You don't have to participate in the whole series and are welcome to join individual sessions.

Classes left in the Advent series:

- **December 11:** The fulfillment of all promises
- **December 18:** The dawning of day
- **January 8:** Shine, Jesus, Shine – Epiphany



Starting Sunday, January 22, a new seven-week *Knowing God* Bible study class will begin. God's people carried questions about their

Creator which are mirrored in the Scriptures. They wondered: What is God's true nature? Can we trust God to be loving, fair, and just? How can we know the unknowable God? We wonder, too! This study will explore these and other questions which shape our faithful inquiry yet today.

- **January 22** - Back to Beginnings
- **January 29** - God as Communicator
- **February 5** - Questions About God
- **February 12** - God's Justice & Love
- **February 19** - The Mystery of Revelation
- **February 26** - Jesus & God
- **March 5** - The Spirit of God

## TRINITY PODCASTS

Did you know that Trinity podcasts are widely available on several well-known podcast platforms? Some of them include *Apple Podcasts*, *Audacy*, *Google Podcasts* and *Listen Notes*. For



those of us who attend or visit Trinity, it's much simpler to find the Trinity podcasts on the Trinity website, [trinitycleveland.org](http://trinitycleveland.org). Simply click on "Watch & Listen" at the bottom of your screen (or scroll down to "Watch and Listen" on your smart phone or tablet), then scroll to the bottom where you'll find "Podcasts" in two categories: "Sermons" and "Evensong." You'll find sermons and Evensong services dating all the way back to 2016.

Even though it's easier for us to use the Trinity website, it's great that these global platforms carry us. It helps to enhance our identity and to spread the word of God far and wide.

## Inquirers' Class

Are you interested in finding out more about The Episcopal Church, with a goal of perhaps being confirmed, received or baptized into the church? The Rev. Adrienne Koch leads a Zoom class starting in January on select Tuesdays from 5:30– 7p.m. Discussion topics include spirituality, religion,



Episcopal history and polity, scripture and theology. To find out more

or to register, email [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org). Dates are as follows: January 31, February 7, March 7, 14 and 28 and April 4.



## Trinity's LGBTQ+ Retreat

The Trinity LGBTQ+ Ministry held a retreat at Bellwether Farm the evening of Friday, November 4 and all-day Saturday, November 5. The



Isaac, the farm's operations director, led us on a tour of the farm, including future farm plans, to start the afternoon. After the tour, we had two more reflection questions

retreat was led by Father Alex Martin, rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village. The retreat itself was a mix of prayer, reflection and discussion, integrating the topics of All Saints' Day and the challenges and joys of being LGBTQ+ Christians.

The group gathered for dinner on Friday, followed by praying compline and relaxing around a campfire (with s'mores provided by Father Alex). It was a great way to break from "city life" and get to know each other better.

Saturday began with breakfast and morning prayer. Fr. Alex posed a question for us to contemplate during a time of reflection, followed by a group discussion, about those in our lives who have been influential in our faith journey. Participants explored the beauty of Bellwether during times of reflection. The weather was great for this type of activity – something very unexpected for a November retreat!

followed by group discussion: the biggest challenges and joys of being LGBTQ+ Christians. In response to the question about joy, several participants mentioned Trinity as being a place where we could bring our whole selves.

In preparation for the closing Eucharist, the group was split up in pairs to write the Prayers of the People that we would use in the service. Each pair of people was asked to write one prayer for each of six categories, then read them aloud in turn during the Eucharist. For many of us, this Eucharist was the first time we had taken wine with communion since before the pandemic! The service was followed by one final delicious dinner, after which everyone left for home.

The feedback from the participants was excellent. Everything worked together - the location, the weather, the timing, the programming (thanks to a great deal of work by Alex Martin) and the group!

## Special Holiday Season Services



**Saturday, December 24**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5 p.m. Children and Family Eucharist**

**Livestream:** [trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-family-pageant-eucharist](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-family-pageant-eucharist)

**10 p.m. Choral Eucharist**  
**(9:30 p.m. Choral Prelude)**

**Livestream:** [trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-eve-choral-eucharist](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-eve-choral-eucharist)

**Sunday, December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10 a.m. Eucharist and Carols**

**Livestream:** [trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-eucharist](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/christmas-eucharist)

**Saturday, December 31**  
**BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL**

**2 p.m.**

For more information email [boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com](mailto:boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com) or visit [boarsheadcleveland.org](https://boarsheadcleveland.org)

**Sunday, January 1**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**10 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Eucharist**

**Livestream:** [trinitycleveland.org/blog/lessons-carols](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/lessons-carols)

## There's Still Time to Make a 2023 Pledge

Pledges continue to be welcomed at [trinitycleveland.org/pledge](https://trinitycleveland.org/pledge). We still need additional pledges to meet our goal and finalize the 2023 budget, so your support is greatly appreciated.

If you prefer to submit a paper pledge card or have any questions, please contact stewardship committee members Cynthia Ries (chair), Beth Billings, Don King, Linda Lee or Robert Smith.

# Episcopal Church Supports Yemen Eye Clinic

The Diocese of Ohio chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF), with help and hard work from Trinity members, has supported Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in war-torn Yemen. At this summer's 80th General Convention, the clinic won funding support from The Episcopal Church. The clinic has been a shining beacon of hope during Yemen's civil war for citizens to get much needed eye care. Specifically, the funding helped the clinic hire a third ophthalmologist who will also serve as the clinic's medical director for the next three years.

You can read a press release from the Episcopal News Service that details the funding and the vital work that the clinic is doing in Yemen: [bit.ly/RasMorbat](http://bit.ly/RasMorbat). To learn more about the clinic, visit their website at [rasmorbatclinic.org](http://rasmorbatclinic.org). You can also donate to the clinic at [rasmorbatclinic.org/donate](http://rasmorbatclinic.org/donate).



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**Prayer Requests:** Doreen Hughes, 216.774.0415, [dhughes@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:dhughes@trinitycleveland.org)

**Donations:** [bit.ly/PeriodicOnlinePayments](http://bit.ly/PeriodicOnlinePayments)

**Space Rentals:** [trinitycleveland.org/facilities-use-requests](http://trinitycleveland.org/facilities-use-requests)

**Cathedral Connections:** Submit your news items by sending to [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org)

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