

# The Trinity Weekly

## October 5, 2023

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A Sacred Place for All People

### The Dean's Corner: Abundance & Gratitude

Why do we love St. Francis so much?

It's hard to top St. Francis in popularity contest among saints. To most folks he is the GOAT – the Greatest of All Time – unless it's December when everyone loves St. Nicholas best.

This Sunday we'll celebrate St. Francis with the annual Blessing of the Animals, but also reflect on what it was about Francis we love so much. He loved animals, he loved all of God's creation. But more importantly, he loved all of God's children and believed that embracing poverty was the only way to share in the freedom that provides for us all. That is profoundly counter-intuitive in our culture . . .



[Read the Full Message.](#)

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**\*Now planned for inside the cathedral\***

## **Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

### **8 a.m. Early Eucharist**

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching and celebrating**

Sunday begins with Early Eucharist in the chapel. This intimate service features basic music and follows the Book of Common Prayer in its order of worship.

### **9 a.m. Blessing of the Animals**

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching**

**The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating**

In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, we welcome pets of all kinds (even plush) to join us in the cathedral for the Blessing of the Animals. Music by The Abundant Table musicians, led by Morgan Mecaskey, vocals by Ashlee Foreman, percussion by Efrain Hernandez, and Spencer Paul on bass. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space located in the east transept. The service will be live-streamed on [trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream).

### **10:10 a.m. Sunday Schmooze for Pets & People**

All are welcome to visit with friends and visitors during our monthly social gathering. Look for high top tables in the Piazza and enjoy a light snack while visiting with friends, human and non-human, and welcoming newcomers.

### **11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

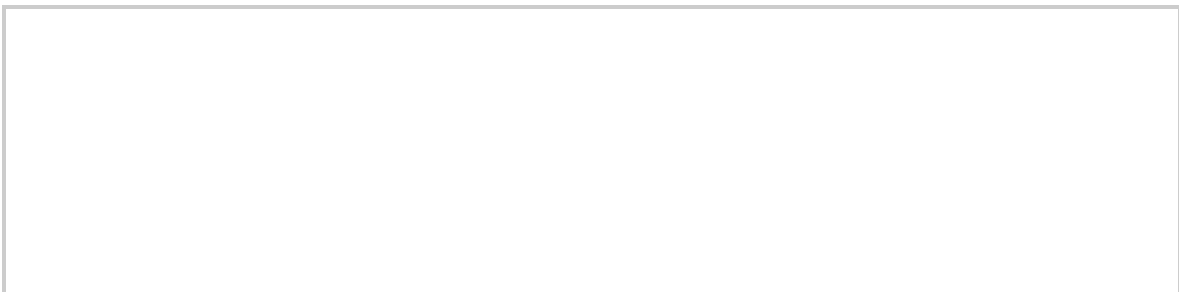
**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching**

**The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating**

Music and choir led by Todd Wilson, featuring Stanford, Beati quorum via, and The Blue Bird. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on [trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream).

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**REV. BECCA STEVENS**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 15**





The Rev. Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms social enterprises, will preach during Choral Evensong on Weds., October 11 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Community Forum at 7:00 p.m.

From Dean Owens, "Nearly three decades ago, the Rev. Becca Stevens opened a home for five women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. In making this commitment, she quickly recognized that financial self-sufficiency was instrumental to their recovery, yet they could not find work because of their history. In search of a solution, she and a number of volunteers began making candles in a church basement. From that basement initiative, Thistle Farms social enterprises were born." ([Read the full story](#)).

Thistle Farms is widely known for its social enterprises that help women survivors overcome and heal from systems of prostitution and exploitation. Their popular line of body and home products will be available for purchase (and holiday gift giving) during all the events. **On Sunday, October 15, the Rev. Stevens will preach during the 9:00 a.m. *Abundant Table* service and Choral Eucharist at 11:15 a.m., with a Trinity Forum at 10:10 a.m.**

[Click here for event details.](#)

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## Your Pledge Is a Celebration of God's Joyful Abundance

The Joyful Giving, God's Abundance stewardship campaign continues through October 29. Help support the mission and ministry of the cathedral by making your pledge at [trinitycleveland.org/pledge](http://trinitycleveland.org/pledge).

Stewardship pledge forms and envelopes are available on a table in the promenade on Sundays through the end of October. Completed pledge



Ministry Moment with Becky Fuller, Co-chair

forms can be dropped in the offering or mailed back to Trinity. Stewardship Committee

The series of Ministry Moments, where members explain why giving to Trinity is important to them, continues during this Sunday's 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. This week, we'll hear from member Brant Lee.

If you have any questions, please contact stewardship committee members Beth Billings, Becky Snider Fuller (co-chair), Don King, Kathy Raymond, Cynthis Ries, Robert C. Smith, Luke Taylor (co-chair)

## R.S.V.P. Harvest Dinner & Hymn Sing, October 28, 4-6 p.m.

Join us for a joyful celebration of generosity and gratitude, organized by the stewardship committee to express our appreciation as the 2024 stewardship campaign comes to a close.

Dinner will include pasta (gluten free available), salad and bread.

Please visit [bit.ly/trinity-harvest-dinner](https://bit.ly/trinity-harvest-dinner) to R.S.V.P.

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## Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Formation

Each week, following the 6:00 p.m. Choral Evensong services, we will host a light meal and adult educational offering, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



**Oct. 11 - Thistle Farms:** A Conversation on Trauma and the Restorative Power of Love with the Rev. Becca Stevens

**Oct. 18 - Labyrinth:** Teaching & Walk with Cynthia Ries

**Oct. 25 - Stained Glass Windows:** Explore the story in Trinity's windows, Part 1, Led by Michael Wells

**Nov. 1 - Enneagram:** recognizing resource points and movement as a sign of growth led by the Rev. Adrienne Koch

**Nov. 8 - A conversation with Dr. Timothy Beal:** Explore the



intersections of religion and culture with distinguished author and CWRU professor, Timothy Beal, PhD.

**Nov. 15 - Enneagram:** Sharing triads and the art of learning from each other with the Rev. Adrienne Koch

**Nov. 29 - Soul Collage:** Create a deck of cards that help you to access your own connection to Wisdom and Spirit

[Visit the Trinity calendar for a full list of upcoming events.](#)

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## Explore Personal Faith & Episcopal Theology During an Upcoming Inquirer's Class

If you are new to Trinity or curious about deepening your connection to the Episcopal Church, join the Rev. Adrienne Koch for Inquirer's class, select Thursdays from 5:30-7pm at Trinity this fall and spring. Participants share their spiritual journeys and use the Baptismal Covenant to connect to Episcopal Theology and personal faith.

This class is a requirement for adults who desire to be baptized or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil in 2024. Email [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org) by October 31 to participate.

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## Participate in a Week of Action

**October 2-10, Faith Week:** This is an opportunity for communities of faith to display their commitment to repealing the death penalty. There are several ways you can get involved.

**October 9-10, 5 p.m.-5 p.m., Day of Prayer:** Faith Week will culminate with an in-person, 24 hour, interfaith prayer vigil at the Ohio Statehouse. October 10 is also World Day Against the Death Penalty.

### Trinity members are invited to do the following:

- Join Catherine Smythe-Zajc at the vigil in Columbus on Oct. 9-10
- Submit prayers to Catherine using the floral prayer box in the promenade. Some will be read on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Trinity; others will be read by Catherine at the vigil

Contact Catherine at [smythezajc@roadrunner.com](mailto:smythezajc@roadrunner.com) for more information.

[International Day of Prayer Flyer](#)

[Day of Prayer Vigil Invitation & Call](#)

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# Music & Art

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## Lunchtime Brownbag Concerts Wednesdays at Noon

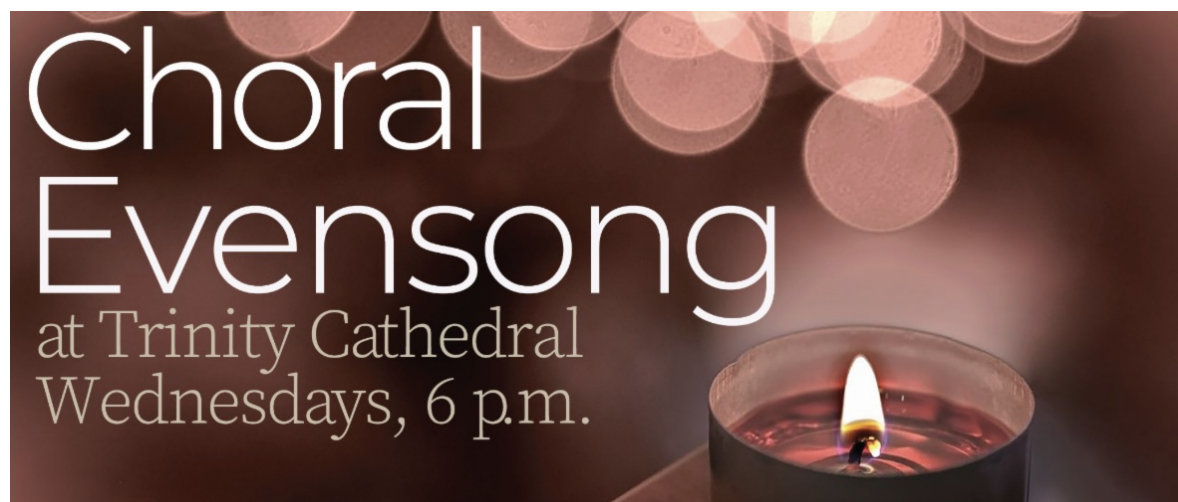
Brownbag concerts are offered every other Wednesday at 12 noon (October–December and February–May). As the name implies, you are welcome to bring lunch into the cathedral while you enjoy the performance.

### October 18 – Nathan Carterette, piano

Acclaimed performer will play the music of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff



The concerts feature a great diversity of music genres, including classical, jazz, Big Band, folk, choral and dance, and our performers include local artists and those from all around the country. [Click here for upcoming concerts.](#)



### October 11

#### Philip, Deacon & Evangelist

The Rev. Becca Stevens  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
Service: Tallis fauxbourdons

### October 25

#### Tabitha of Joppa

The Rev. Peter Faass  
Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Service: Howells "Westminster"

### October 18

#### St. Luke the Evangelist

The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed  
Choristers of Christ Church, Hudson  
Service: Sarah MacDonald in A-flat

### November 1

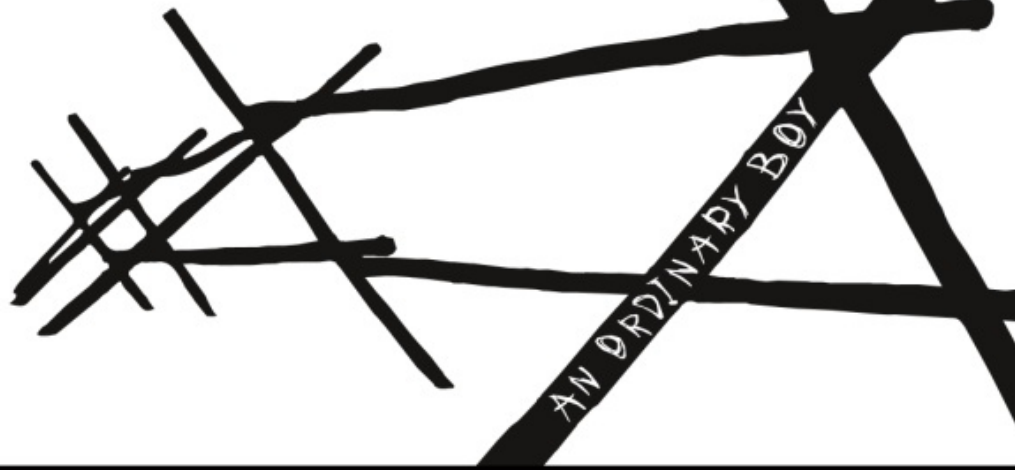
#### All Saints Day

The Rev. Keith Owen  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
Service: Dyson in F

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# Considering **Matthew Shepard**

by Craig Hella Johnson



**Saturday, October 21** at 7pm  
Avon Lake United Church of Christ

**Sunday, October 22** at 4pm  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

Pre-concert talk with Charles Edward McGuire, PhD, 45 minutes before each concert

**Free-will donations will be accepted**

Cleveland Chamber Choir  
*More than Music*

[clevelandchamberchoir.org](http://clevelandchamberchoir.org)

**November 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Organ Recital Featuring**  
**Monica Czausz Berney**

Music and Art at Trinity will present a free-of-charge fall concert to celebrate the 46th anniversary of the Flentrop Great Organ and the 2nd anniversary of the Muller Organ in the chancel at Trinity Cathedral, featuring leading young American organist Monica Czausz Berney.

Ms. Berney is a multiple-award winning musician currently serving as director of music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street, in Washington, DC. She will



also be leading a masterclass with students in the organ studio at the Cleveland Institute of Music while she is in Cleveland.

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## Trinity Cathedral Upcoming Events

October 29 — Newcomer and New Members Lunch

November 5 — Baptism Sunday, All Saints' Day

November 26 – Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 10 – Visit from St. Nicholas

January 7 — Baptism Sunday, The Baptism of Our Lord

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## In the Diocese

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### Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training at Trinity Commons, Nov. 30 - Dec.1

The Commission for Racial Justice will offer this two-day training on **November 30 and December 1** at Trinity Commons. This anti-racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed Diocesan positions, and it is also open to all members of the Diocese. Space is limited. The cost of the training materials and food is covered by the Diocese of Ohio. Registration is required, click here to register. For questions or more information, please contact Antoinette Taylor.

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### Diocesan Youth Programming for 2023/2024

Youth Programming for 2023/24 is here! There is a wonderful program year planned with retreats, conferences, and ways for youth to connect with themselves, others, and God. The focus this year will be on being grounded in belief, starting with a Fall Youth Retreat **October 7-8.** More information and



registration are available on the diocesan website.

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## In the Community

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### **A Conversation with Dr. Gretchen Sisson, Ph.D. Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood, October 30, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Virtual**

In a political moment in Ohio where adoption is often invoked as an abortion alternative, what can we learn from the experiences of women who have relinquished children for adoption? Adoption Network Cleveland is pleased to host sociologist Gretchen Sisson, Ph.D. for a special preview of her upcoming book, *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood* (Macmillan, February 2024), and Trinity Cathedral is proud to be a partner in this virtual event.

Dr. Sisson will share insights from *Relinquished* that illustrate birth mothers' reproductive decision-making, their life-long experiences of adoption, and why these stories matter for us in Ohio. The event will begin with remarks from the author, to be followed by a discussion and Q&A moderated by Kate Livingston, Ph.D., birth mother and founder of Ohio Birthparent Group (active 2010-2017). [Click here to register.](#)

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *The Trinity Weekly* is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date.

Please send news to [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.org).

Deadline for items to be included in the November 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Wednesday, October 23. Please Doreen Hughes [dhughes@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:dhughes@trinitycleveland.org) if you wish to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.



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