

# The Trinity Weekly

## October 12, 2023

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A Sacred Place for All People

### The Dean's Corner: Love That Heals All Wounds

*When I say love, you can translate that into "life with God". To me, love is where the temporal and the eternal meet.*

- Becca Stevens, *Practically Divine*

The Rev. Becca Stevens has spent her life exploring that sacred tension point where the temporal and eternal meet and found it to be what we think of as *love*. Yet, she hasn't simply touched on that in sermons or theological inquiry; she has found evidence of that love in some most challenging and tender places, especially where women have emerged from lives of exploitation, addiction, trafficking, and extreme poverty. Miraculously, she has found this love – where the grace of the eternal meets the flesh-and-bone-reality – to be an infinite source of healing and renewal.



[Read the Full Message.](#)

Sunday, Oct. 15

# SPECIAL GUEST: THE REV. BECCA STEVENS

Joyful Giving, God's Abundance  
[Make a 2024 Stewardship Pledge](#)

## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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

### 8 a.m. Early Eucharist

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, 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. *The Abundant Table Service*

#### **The Rev. Becca Stevens, preaching**

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating**

Featuring 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. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be live-streamed on [trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream).

### 10:10 a.m. Trinity Forum

#### **The Rev. Becca Stevens**

Dean Owens will sit down with justice entrepreneur, author and priest, Becca Owens, for a conversation about the power of love in trauma recovery.

### 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

The Pre-K – 2nd Grade classroom is located down the steps off of the Piazza, going towards the street front restaurants, first door on the left. The 3rd – 6th Grade classroom is the front area of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center.

7th – 12th Grade classroom is in the Youth Group room, which is in the back of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center.

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

#### **The Rev. Becca Stevens, preaching**

#### **The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**

Music and choir led by Todd Wilson, featuring pieces by Bairstow (I sat down under his shadow) and Rutter (The Lord is my shepherd). 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

# SUNDAY, OCT. 15



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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## Trinity Cathedral Upcoming Events

**October 28** — Harvest Dinner

**October 29** — Newcomer and New Members Lunch

**November 5** — Baptism Sunday, All Saints' Day

**November 26** – Advent Wreath Making

**December 10** – Visit from St. Nicholas

## 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](https://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 forms can be dropped in the offering or mailed back to Trinity.

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 Gail Smith.

If you have any questions, please contact stewardship committee members Beth Billings, Becky Snider Fuller (co-chair), Don King, Kathy Raymond, Cynthia 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, salad and bread. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options will be available.

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

### **Newcomers' Brunch, October 29**

Newcomers and new members are invited to attend a casual brunch with staff, clergy and congregational leaders, after the 11:15 service on Sunday, Oct. 29. Come and get to know us!

RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org), 216.774.0407.

### **All Saints' Day Remembrances, November 5**

On All Saints' Sunday, November 5, it is Trinity's tradition to read the names of all the saints who have passed before us. Please submit the names of your loved ones to Doreen Hughes, [dhughes@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:dhughes@trinitycleveland.org), no later than Wednesday, November 1.



Ministry Moment with Becky Fuller, Co-chair Stewardship Committee



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. 18 - Labyrinth:** Teaching & Walk with Cynthia Ries in Cathedral Hall

**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 - 7 p.m. 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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# Music & Art

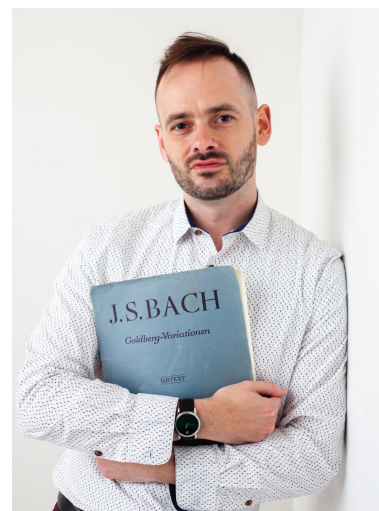
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## Lunchtime Brownbag Concerts Wednesdays at Noon

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

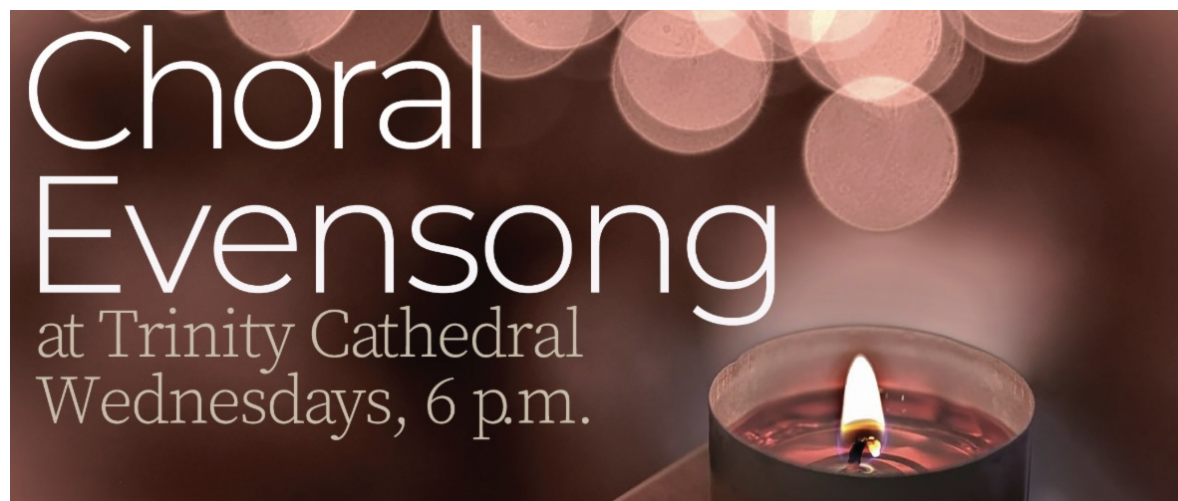
The acclaimed performer will play the music of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff.



### November 1 – James Kibbie, organ

The distinguished professor from University of Michigan will play an exciting program on Trinity's two pipe organs.

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 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

### October 25

#### Tabitha of Joppa

The Rev. Peter Faass

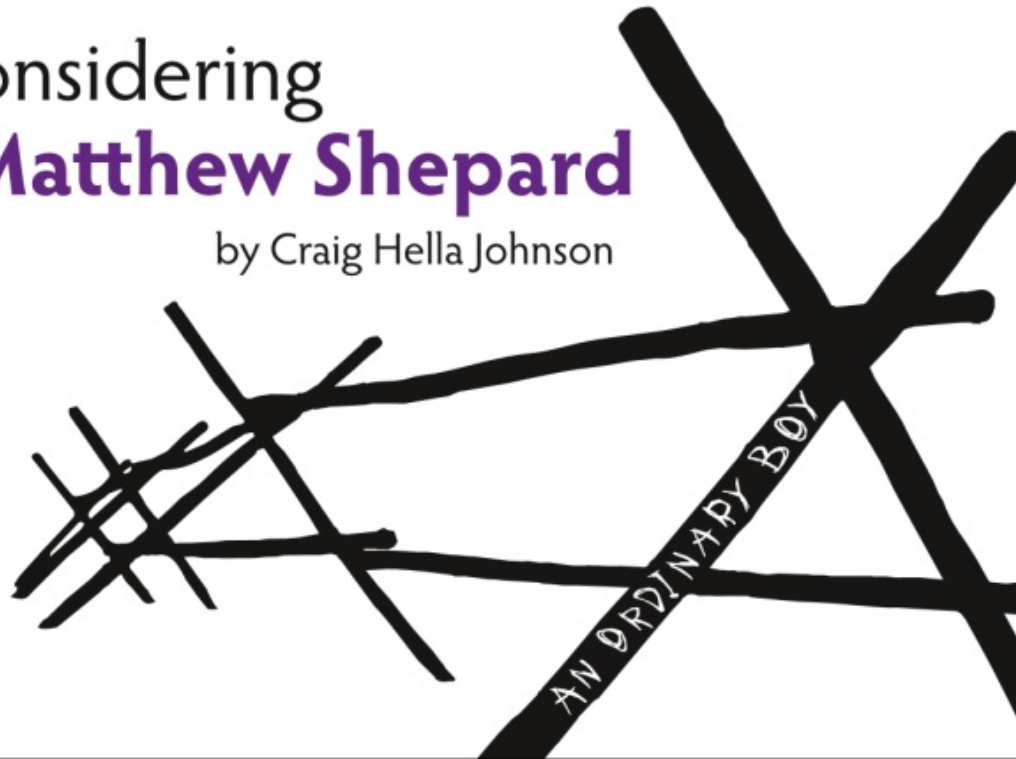
### November 8

#### Ammonius, Hermit

The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach

# 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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## 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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## 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* (Macmillian, 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 email 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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