

# The Trinity Weekly

## December 29, 2022



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A Sacred Place for All People

### The Dean's Corner: Our Duty and Delight

The festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols begins with a bidding:

*Let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and to see the Son of God lying in a manger.*

That bidding prayer reminds us that this is more than simply one last helping of Christmas cheer before getting back to life as we once knew it. Here, the hymns and stories are reframed to tell the whole story of Christmas, or rather they are returned to their original meaning: the incarnation of God will change our whole world, starting with each of us.



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

### This Sunday, January 1

#### First Sunday After Christmas

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

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

Join us for one combined service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist.

We'll gather to sing favorite carols, hear once more the message of salvation, and share communion together. Please note: This is the only service offered at Trinity on New Year's Day. The service will be livestreamed at <https://www.trinitycleveland.org/watch-listen/>

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## A Lovely Christmas in Snowy Cleveland

Despite winter storm Elliot disrupting the days before Christmas with blizzard warnings, high winds and subzero temperatures, Trinity held two Christmas Eve services plus a morning service on Christmas Day. Many thanks to all who made it happen: from flower guild members to ushers, clergy to greeters, sacristans to vergers, choir members to sound techs and livestreamers.

BJ welcomed folks via Facebook, letting everyone know, "Christmas is On!"

[Read the dean's Christmas message.](#)



A "pick-up" Christmas pageant involved children and many adult congregants at the 5 p.m. service.

The Rev. Adrienne Koch celebrates Eucharist with the congregation at the early Christmas Eve service.



Members of the 5 p.m. congregation light one another's candles, with a flame originally passed by the clergy.

The opening procession begins at the 10 p.m. service.



Bishop Hollingsworth preached and celebrated Eucharist at the 10 p.m. service.



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## Marion-Sterling Mitten Tree

Please help keep the children of Marion-Sterling School warm and well-dressed this winter, by bringing new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks for the Marion-Sterling Mitten Tree. The tree is located in the promenade through Sunday, January 1.

We've heard from the school's staff that the children really count on our warm accessory donations each year—thank you! The contact for this program is Becky Fuller [sniderfuller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sniderfuller@sbcglobal.net).



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## The Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival Saturday, December 31 at 2 p.m.

The Boar's Head is a cherished institution at Trinity, performed here since 1961. The Elizabethan-inspired pageant celebrates the arrival of the Christ child and the triumph of good over evil. If you've never seen it before, you owe it to yourself to take part in this holiday tradition. It is a feast for the senses with its bright vibrant colors 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.

Would you like to volunteer to be a part of the Boar's Head cast? Participants are needed to play Beefeaters (yeomen of the guard), Elizabethans, waits

(requires stamina for skipping while singing a seven-verse song), torch carriers, monks, choir and Yule pages (ages 4-7). For more information, please visit <https://www.boarsheadcleveland.org> or contact [boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com](mailto:boarsheadfestival@hotmail.com).

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## Sacred Space Theme is *Reasons for Hope*

Sacred Space will meet Tuesday, January 3 at 5:30 p.m. The topic is *Reasons for Hope*, which was inspired by this Washington Post article. Participants are encourage to read the article, then come up with their own reasons for hope to share with other attendees. The meeting takes place via Zoom.

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## January 11 – National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Province V of The Episcopal Church will be hosting a Zoom prayer and awareness service at 7 p.m on January 11th. You can register to attend here.

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### The Trinity Forum: 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 at 10:10

a.m. 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. He will also preach at the 11:15 a.m. service on Jan. 15. Don't miss his sermon, as Powery is known as one of America's great preachers.

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## Knowing God Bible Study

Starting Sunday, January 22, a new seven-week *Knowing God* Bible study class will begin. This is a study of *The Kerygma Program*, which provides non-denominational resources for Adult Bible study with proven strategies for developing and sustaining effective study groups. 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. Class dates are January 22 and 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26 and March 5. All classes take place during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour.

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### LGBTQ+ Activities for the New Year

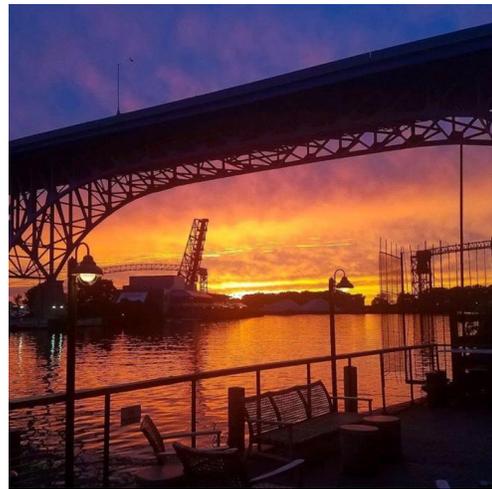
Planning for Trinity's LGBTQ+ ministry activities in 2023 has started! We want to share some early dates with you so you can reserve them on your calendars! These events are for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. All are welcome!

Jan 15 - Brunch at Collision Bend Brewing (1 p.m.)

Feb 25 - Dinner at Dan McGuire's house, 354 Bratenahl Road, Bratenahl, OH (6 p.m.)

Mar 19 - North Coast Men's Chorus, featuring songs of ABBA at Mimi Ohio Theatre in Playhouse Square (3 p.m.).

For more information and a complete 2023 LGBTQ+ calendar, contact Dan McGuire ([dmcguirenyc@gmail.com](mailto:dmcguirenyc@gmail.com)) or Matthew Jaroszewicz ([matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com)).



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### Diocesan Observance of Bishop Harris and the Rev. Absalom Jones

The Wilma Ruth Combs/Northern Ohio Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Diocese of Ohio, and Trinity Cathedral are co-hosting the Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones. This Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Retired Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts, who succeeded Bishop Barbara as Suffragan.

Celebrant Bishop Hollingsworth will be joined by diocesan co-celebrants on the occasion of the first observance of this feast day following the passage of the General Convention resolution honoring Bishop Barbara. The offering will be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for the Episcopal Historically Black Colleges. A reception will follow in the Trinity Piazza. If you have any questions please contact Dianne Audrick Smith, President, Wilma Ruth Combs Chapter, UBE at [das.srvtldr@gmail.com](mailto:das.srvtldr@gmail.com).

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## It's Not Too Late...

... to make a contribution to Trinity's Christmas offering. All donations received benefits Trinity's Hunger and Outreach ministries such as *A Place at the Table*, the urban farm, campus ministry, the Marion-Sterling partnership and more. You can donate online at [bit.ly/ChristmasDonation2022](https://bit.ly/ChristmasDonation2022). You can also send a check to the Trinity office. Make sure to write "Christmas donation" in the memo line.

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## Save the Dates

December 31 – The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival (first time in 3 years!)

January 1 – First Sunday After Christmas Lessons & Carols – 10 a.m.

January 15 – Trinity Forum: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Jan 15 - LGBTQ+ Brunch at Collision Bend Brewing

January 22 – Pancake Breakfast to Support Trinity Youth Summer Missions

January 22 – 'Knowing God' Bible Study Begins

February 1 – BrownBag concerts (12 p.m.) and Choral Evensong services resume (6 p.m.)

February 11 – Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones

April 29 – Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio

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# In The Episcopal Church

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## Presiding Bishop Curry's Christmas Message

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, has issued his Christmas message for 2022: 'Love Always.' You can [watch a video of the message or read the transcript](#) in English and Spanish.

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## In the Diocese

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### Bishop Hollingsworth's Christmas Message

Last week, Bishop Hollingsworth delivered a Christmas message to the diocese on December 23. [You can read the message here.](#)

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### 2023 Winter Convocation

The [2023 Winter Convocation](#) will be held at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky on February 3-4. Building upon her book, [Real Connections](#), Joy Skjegstad will lead serve as the Keynote speaker while she leads attendees in discovering practical ways they can develop deeper and more meaningful relationships. The first 300 adult registrants will receive a copy of her [Real Connections](#) book to help develop these ministry practices in our parishes. The Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop Coadjutor-elect, will also be in attendance and will preach at the Eucharist service. A wide variety of [workshops](#) will be offered. More information and registration is available on the [diocesan website](#).

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *Trinity Weekly*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org)

Deadline for items to be included in the February 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Friday, January 20. Please contact Scott Blanchard at [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org) to receive a printed copy at home.

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