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Share His Light

It has been a busy and exciting time at the Cathedral this fall, and I am looking forward to more of the same as we enter November and look toward the holiday season. We still have some carryover from the fall in our Christian Formation programs and partnership with William Jewell College. Thank you to all who helped with our successful Fall Festival and Hymn Sing. Now, as we get ready to celebrate All Saints' Sunday on November 6, there is much to anticipate and much to be thankful for in November, December, and January.

Our celebration of All Saints' is followed quickly by Kirkin' o' the Tartan on the 13th, Evensong at 5 p.m. on the 20th, and Thanksgiving. We will end the month with the start of the Advent season. December brings many events including the Nativity Puppets, Advent Lessons and Carols, the return of William Jewell's City Come Again, and our official visit from the Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, our Bishop Provisional. Our Christmas Eve services

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will again be at 5 p.m. (with children's pageant) and 10 p.m. Bishop Diane will be with us for the 5 p.m. service. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year and we will have one service only at 10 a.m. We will also only have one service on Sunday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name, at the regular time of 10:30 a.m. The rest of January includes Diocesan ordinations on the 7th, a Diocesan service and presentation celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 14th (with a video message from our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry), and Evensong on the 15th. I will begin teaching my class, *Many Sacred Spaces: Encountering*

God Wherever We Are, for the William Jewell Center for Faith and Culture on Wednesday, January 25. We'll close out the month with our Annual Meeting where we'll elect four new members to the Vestry.

We begin this quarter in the season of Pentecost, a season of growth, and will end in the season of Epiphany, the season of light. In this time, we will focus on the one who is to come in Advent, his coming at Christmas, and his being revealed to the world at Epiphany. May we be ready to receive Christ, once again, into our lives and be willing to share his light with all.

—Dean Andy

So Many Choices

The Cathedral has many events happening over the next couple months. There are numerous concerts and a couple Choral Evensongs to enjoy. Kirkin' o' the Tartan and Advent Lessons and Carols are on the schedule as well.

You will find information on all these events, as well as the Christmas service schedule, beginning on page 14.

In addition to all the events happening, please take a moment to get to know Deacon Barbara on page 5 and make sure to look at the Stewardship information on page 18. I hope you take advantage of all the Cathedral has to offer this Advent and Christmas season.

—Melissa Kilpatrick



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On the cover: The Nave decorated for Christmas, photo by Chris Morrison.

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Bring a Friend

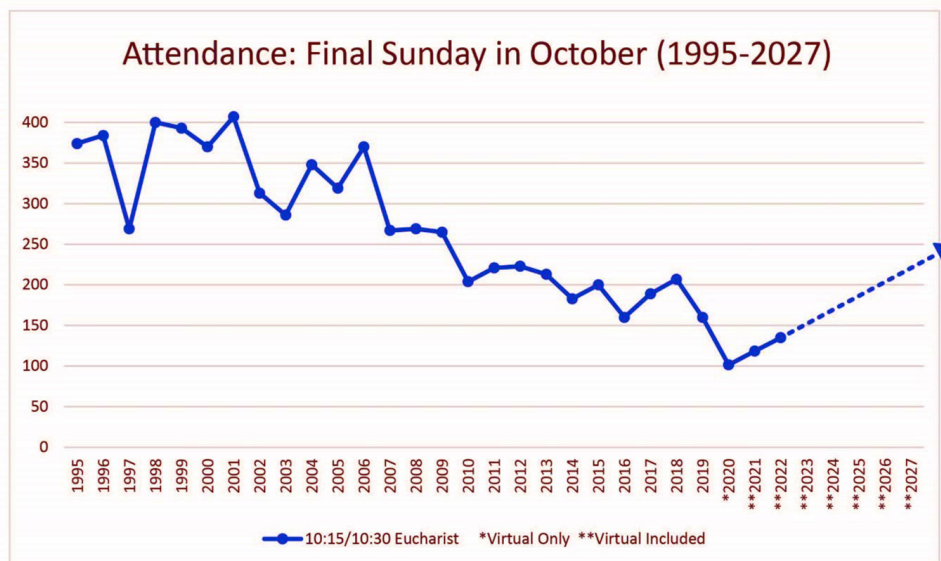
Hello and welcome to my article for *The Angelus*. Those of you who like charts and graphs are in for a treat.

There's a lot of potential takeaways from a graph like this. One, it used to be normal to see 400 people in the Nave during the 10:15 (now 10:30) service on Sunday mornings. Some of you can remember that, but most of us just have to imagine it. Every Sunday must have felt like Easter Sunday!

Two, it's clear that attendance has declined pretty steadily over the last two decades or so. But we knew that already, didn't we? After all, it's a reflection of worship attendance across The Episcopal Church, and virtually every denomination in the Western world.

There's not just one way to feel about that. Depressed is an option, sure. Especially if you were one of those 400 present here at the Cathedral on the final Sunday in October in 1998. Even on a good week it must feel fairly empty to you, and that's discouraging. Another option is to feel a sense of resignation. It's the way of the world; we're living in a post-Christian society, so we might as well accept it. After all, we're not like those megachurch go-getters, with a "10,000 members or bust" sign on the back of our gospel-wagon. After all, our tradition is a bit more of an acquired taste, and maybe we're okay with that. If people want to come, they'll come. And if people want to stay, they'll stay.

But if you look again at my line graph, you'll notice I'm not settling for that. (Surprise, surprise.) Consider, if you will, that dotted line that carries us forward from 2022 through 2027 and beyond. I will confess that, in drawing this "trend line," I have made a statistical



rookie mistake. I have drawn inferences from too little data—as if a trend of increasing attendance from 2020 to 2022 is enough to assume what things might look like five years from now. Of course we bottomed out in 2020! But that doesn't mean it's all uphill from here.

If I had a statistician's hat, this is where I would take it off, and replace it with the pastor's hat. Because while we may not have any mathematical reason to assume that things are looking up, I believe we have every spiritual reason to. I'll prove it:

Ask yourself why you belong to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Ask yourself why you attend Eucharist services, why you pledge, why you volunteer and why you read *The Angelus*, of all things. What need does this meet in your life? The need for Jesus? Of course. But also, perhaps, the need for beauty, the need for rootedness, or the need for belonging.

Now look around at the people you encounter on a daily basis. Do they not also need these things? Many of them

may be finding beauty or belonging somewhere, but I promise you, many of them are not. And this is how I prefer to think about the topic of "church growth." We don't need to grow simply because we need to grow. We need to grow because we have something that many people need. And frankly, they have something we need, too. There are gifts and talents out there, inspiring stories and big ideas that haven't occurred to our current congregation. There are connections and relationships that need to be made. What's more, your lifelong BCF (Best Church Friend) may be someone you haven't even met yet.

As we look ahead to this marvelous season, of Advent, of Christmas, and of Epiphany, let's think about all those who deserve to share in the marvelousness. In other words—and it's just now occurring to me that I could have used three words to spare you all the verbosity above—as you make your plans to participate in the life of the church this holiday season, please ... bring a friend.

—Canon Ryan



Welcome, Barbara!

The Rev. Barbara Wegener recently joined the Cathedral staff as our deacon. Here are a few questions she answered to help us get to know her a little better.

Could you tell me a little about yourself?

I am the youngest of four children born to Margot and Adron Carroll. My father was in the Army Air Corp, which became the Air Force, and my mother was a British War Bride from WWII. My mother attended the Church of England, so I was raised Episcopalian. My family moved around a bit when I was a child, but the majority of my church life was spent at St. Matthew's in Raytown, Missouri. I was married at St. Matthew's, and my children were baptized and confirmed there as well. I'm divorced and have three adult sons and six grandchildren; four grandsons and two granddaughters. One of my sons lives in Kansas City and one in Nashua, New Hampshire, close to Boston. My third son lives in Southwest Colorado (Durango).

I retired in 2019 after a career in Human Resources with the Federal Government and started Diaconal Studies at Bishop Kemper School for Ministry in Topeka in 2020. I graduated in May 2022 and was ordained on October 1, 2022. I'm currently attending Clinical Pastoral Education Training with Saint Luke's Health System.

What ministry areas would you like to focus on here at the Cathedral and why?

I'm excited to learn the different ministries the Cathedral currently and historically has offered to parishioners and the community. I am reading a history of the Cathedral and discovered there was a well baby clinic offered at one time!

As a deacon, my focus is on those in need in the community, so I'm looking forward to working with Pete's Garden, who will

soon be working from the lower level in Founders'. We are a county and a city of plenty, and I'm grateful the Cathedral will be a part of providing to those in need of food.

I also plan on becoming involved in NourishKC. Although their move to a new location has made participation more difficult, I will be working on a way to maintain support and involvement by our congregation as NourishKC expands to provide broader services.

Within the congregation, I will be a part of lay ministries such as the healing team, and would like to add in additional lay ministries so we can minister to each other. Loving each other as Christ loves us, so we can in turn, share that love with our community.

Do you feel called to be ordained to the priesthood? Why or why not?

My discernment began many years ago and was vague for a long time. I sensed I was being called to serve, but did not know what I was being called to do. So I volunteered for everything I could, Sunday School teacher, choir, Vestry and more. I also thought my calling was of my own making and not by God. After my sons were grown, the calling became stronger, and although I didn't think I was called to be a priest, I didn't understand why. Approximately a year before I retired, I met with Archdeacon Bruce Bower who shared what being a deacon is about, and suggested I read the ordination service in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to see if it spoke to me. I read the examination at the beginning of the service of ordination of a bishop, a priest and a deacon (these services begin on page 512 of the BCP if you're interested). While there have been periods of time in church history when the diaconate was thought of as 'less than' a priest, or a junior priest, the three ordained ministries in the Episcopal

church have different 'jobs' so to speak. A deacon is called to report directly to the bishop, and to "... serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely." I am charged to ... make Christ and his redemptive love known, by my word and example, to those among whom I live, and work, and worship. I am to interpret to the church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world. I am to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and to carry out other duties assigned from time to time. At all times, my life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Once I read the Examination, I understood my calling to the Diaconate as my heart is drawn to the sick, the helpless and those in need—sometimes within the congregation, but more often outside of the church building. I believe the church is found in the world, and the world is the future of the church. While I will always be open to the will of the Lord regarding my vocation, my heart is that of a servant and I feel God has called me to be a deacon.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

I love all things British and Scottish and am looking forward to the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on November 13! I am honored and humbled to be serving at Grace and Holy Trinity. I'm excited to get to know the congregation as we worship the Lord together.

Please feel free to reach out to me to talk, have a cup of coffee, or sit and enjoy silence. Deacon Barbara can be reached at bwegener@kccathedral.org.

—Deacon Barbara



Learning to Be Open

“O Holy Wisdom, direct us on your path. Make us worthy of your teachings and open our hearts to accept your embrace, that we may serve you in peace and grace. Amen.” (Daily Prayer for All Seasons, 142)

This past fall much of the youth, college and young adult ministry has focused on learning to be open to the embrace and activity of the Triune God and how we can work with God for Their redemptive mission in the world.

The youth this fall have been engaging in a series called Interfaith Neighboring where we learn about what it means to be a neighbor to folks not like ourselves. We have read text from our Christian holy scriptures as well as others, we have had guest speakers come in and share their stories and experiences with their faith while also talking about the importance of interfaith cooperation. When we gather together as a diverse people, we have the opportunity to see God’s redeeming work come together in a multitude of ways and make all things new (Revelation 21:5). We put this into practice by going back to Mitzvah Garden KC just before Rosh Hashanah where we tilled the ground to prepare for new planting in the coming months and we also heard the Shofar be blown as a sign of God’s reign and presence as well as to “wake us up” from spiritual sleep.

In conjunction with our Interfaith Neighboring series, during Youth Group on Wednesday evenings at 6, we have been walking through a series called Hunger for the Gospel



Young Adults helping to keep the Cathedral beautiful

where we draw comparisons with Holy Scripture and the Hunger Games film. We have talked about power dynamics and the parallels to the land of Panen and Exodus, themes of meekness, peacemaking, and justice and the culture we live in now, and sacrificial love and the breaking of bread. When we talked of sacrificial love and the breaking of bread, Fr. Ryan came to “break bread” (okay it was pizza), wash our hands, and bless our hands for the work that we are called to do individually and collectively.

Our college ministry is still in a growing season and hopefully in these next few months will flourish even more! With help from the Diocesan Commission on College Ministry, we have been working on a grant to launch a podcast in the new year. Additionally, if any college-age student would like to serve on the Commission on College Ministry or help with the podcast, let me know. We would love to have a student be part of the commission and the podcast development!

The Young Adult community has also had some activity this fall and

engaged in servant leadership. We spent Saturday, October 15 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, pruning trees, planting flower pots outside Founders’ Hall and other gardening activities to help beautify the campus a tad bit more. And we had a great time. Look at those smiles! God is God, God is good all the time.

In the next few weeks you can expect to see lots of promotion for Thanksgiving and Advent activities. On Saturday, November 12 from 5–7 p.m. GHTC will host a Friendsgiving for Young Adults (20s and 30s) in the Northwest Metro Deanery and on Wednesday, November 16 from 6–8 p.m., youth at GHTC will partner with Resurrection Downtown, Dialogue Institute, Jewish Vocational Services and Lyriks Institution for a Friendsgiving here at GHTC. If a youth or young adult is interested in attending either of these events, please visit our [LinkTree](#), social media pages or the Cathedral website on either the [Youth Ministry](#) or [Young Adult Ministry](#) Pages.

The Lord be with you.

—Clare Stern-Burbano



Scenes from the Young Adult Work Day on the GHTC Campus.



Cathedral Youth helping at Mitzvah Garden KC.



Canon Ryan washing and blessing youth hands for the work they are called to do.



Center for Faith & Culture at William Jewell College Inaugural Season

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is one of four parishes in the greater Kansas City area partnering with William Jewell College for a teaching partnership. The other churches involved are Country Club Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Kansas City, MO; Second Baptist Church, Liberty, MO; and Village Presbyterian Church (USA), Prairie Village, KS. Two courses on faith and culture will be taught at each church in both the fall and spring semesters. One class will be taught by a professor at William Jewell and one by a staff member at the partner parishes. Canon Ryan taught one of the classes at the Cathedral this fall, and Dean Andy will teach one in the spring. *Visit page 10 for a description of Dean Andy’s spring class.*

Please visit jewell.edu/faith-classes for a description of all the courses and to register. **Classes are free to members of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral using the coupon code GRACE, but you have to register on the William Jewell website.**

We are excited to be a part of this inaugural season and hope you will take advantage of this learning opportunity and sign up for any of the classes, whether at the Cathedral or one of the other partner parishes.



Continuing to Be A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Sweatpant Drive

During the month of November, Outreach will be collecting sweatpants for children who are admitted to the hospital at Crittenton's Children Center. Since 75% of the children admitted to the hospital are teenagers, adult sizes are needed the most (sweatpants can be S, M, L, XL, or XXL for either boys or girls). A few smaller sizes are needed for the children in foster care.

Packing Treat Bags

November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, there will be an opportunity to pack treat bags for children in Foster Care at Crittenton between services in Founders' Hall for their annual Holiday party.

Sock Drive

Outreach will be collecting socks for the homeless during the month of December. These socks will be given to those in need at the Kansas City Community Kitchen.

Women of Grace Winter Luncheon and Service Project

Saturday, December 10 the women of GHTC will be invited to a luncheon in Haden Hall to pack treat bags for the backsnack children and children in residence at Crittenton. If you are interested in attending please **contact the Cathedral or Terri Curran** for a correct lunch count. If you haven't donated socks for the homeless, please bring them to the luncheon.

BackSnack Family Bag Packing

Sunday, December 11, family bags for BackSnack children will be assembled between services in Haden Hall.

Free Store

On January 14, Saint Andrews Episcopal Church will host the Free Store at Saint James Methodist Church on Paseo. Guests will be served a catered lunch, followed by a personal shopper assisting those attending to pick out winter clothing. Volunteers will be needed to serve lunch and clean up. More information to follow as it gets closer to the date.

"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love." – Mother Teresa

—Terri Curran



Birthday Gift Cards for Foster Children

Help a child in the foster care system by donating \$25 for a birthday gift card. These gift cards are given to children who do not receive any other gifts to celebrate their birthdays. In the past we have donated 40 gift cards each year, but with the growing number of children in the system, 40 gift cards are not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. To contribute please mail your donation to the office or give **online**.

Waiting, Watching and Anticipation

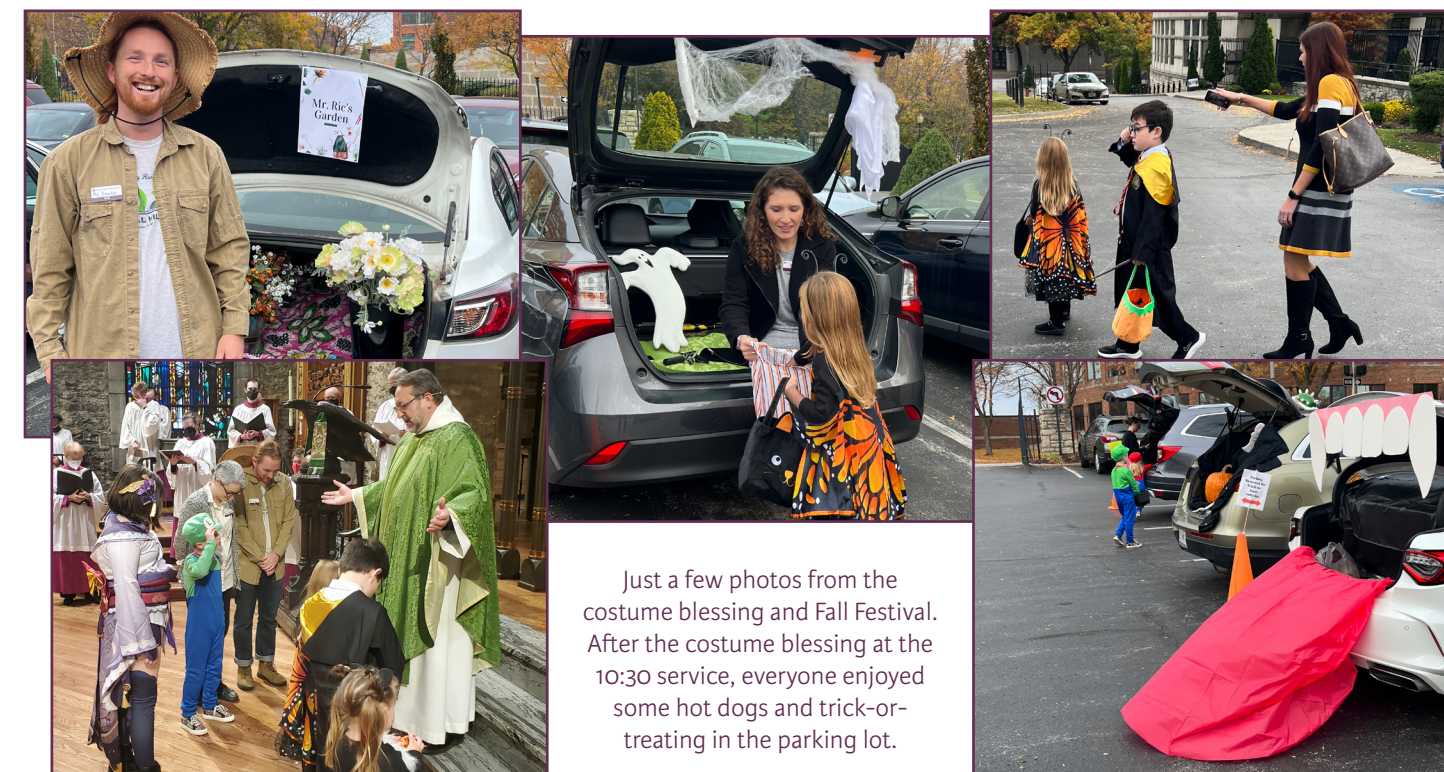
With school now being back in session for a few months, I think we have all slipped into our fall routines. I hope that in-between homework, sports activities, practices and extracurriculars, you all find a few moments to enjoy the seasonal change and maybe a warm drink. The children's department has a lot of exciting events coming up. In October, we enjoyed our annual Fall Festival, complete with a hot dog lunch and trick-or-treating. The 3rd–5th graders are thrilled for Lego Bible Study happening November 6–December 18. Pre-K through 2nd grade will continue with their Godly Play Storytime. On November 12, the 3rd–5th graders plan to take a memorable trip to Sky Zone. Finally, during Advent, the children will watch as an igloo is made of milk jugs.

Reflecting on these fun and formative activities, I cannot help but smile. Who doesn't smile when they think about Christian formation, Biblical literacy and fellowship with one's worshipping community? Well, it may not seem a little stuffy when posed in this way. But the activities listed above accomplish these goals. During the Godly Play story time and Lego Bible study, the children are invited to read and reflect on the stories of the people of God. The Sky Zone outing is a fantastic opportunity for our older children to fellowship with one another and deepen the meaningful relationships that they have established at church. Now, you may wonder, "how is she going to argue for an igloo made out of milk jugs." I am so glad you asked. Advent is a season of waiting, watching and

anticipation. The igloo will be a life-sized model that the kids will be able to play inside, but not until Christmas. Each Sunday in Advent, we will read stories appointed for the season about longing and waiting for the Messiah. Simultaneously, the children will be able to observe the building of the igloo progress over those four weeks. In a small way, we will share that same feeling of anticipation as we watch the igloo being built.

I believe that God's love will continue to manifest itself in the lives of our children and their families. It is a blessing to be a part of their lives.

—Brittany Sparrow Savage



Just a few photos from the costume blessing and Fall Festival. After the costume blessing at the 10:30 service, everyone enjoyed some hot dogs and trick-or-treating in the parking lot.



Upcoming Music Events

Join us for the following events taking place November 2022 through January 2023.



**Friday, November 11
7:30 p.m.**

Friends of Chamber Music presents The Ulysses Quartet

The Ulysses Quartet, an emerging string quartet praised for their “textural versatility” (*The Strad*) and “Avid Enthusiasm” (*San Diego Story*), offers a program entitled “Lift Every Voice,” a tribute to composers from all walks of life that bridges traditional chamber music repertoire with outstanding living composers. There will be a pre-concert lecture by Artistic Co-Director Dmitri Atapine in Founders’ Hall at 6:30 p.m. Doors to the nave open at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets and More Info



**Sunday, November 13
8 & 10:30 a.m.**

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan

Join us for our annual celebration of Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan! We will display all the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us! This event is free.



**Sunday, November 20
5 p.m.**

Choral Evensong

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With

its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. This event is free.



**Sunday, December 4
5 p.m.**

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral will offer its sixth annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ’s return. In the lessons, we begin with Adam and Eve, move through prophecies of the coming Messiah and end with the Angel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary. The musical portions of the service are chosen to expand on the readings and on our longing for Christ’s return. The music will include familiar Advent congregational carols, choral pieces, and organ voluntaries. This event is free.



**Friday, December 9
7:30 p.m.**

The Kansas City Chorale presents Benedict Sheehan’s A Christmas Carol

Don’t miss this stunning dramatization of the tale by Charles Dickens presented by the Grammy award winning Kansas City Chorale conducted by Charles Bruffy. Grammy-nominated composer Benedict Sheehan has created a concert-length story score that weaves familiar Christmas carols and a choral orchestration into the fabric of the Dickens story. As a storyteller dramatically orates the haunting tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, the Kansas City Chorale performs a dramatic and exceptionally demanding soundtrack that includes many lush arrangements of favorite carols.

Tickets and More Info



**Monday, December 12
11:30 a.m.**

William Jewell College presents The City Come Again

William Jewell College’s gift to the city in words and music, features the college’s Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.



**Sunday, December 18
2 p.m.**

The William Baker Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

The William Baker Festival Singers, conducted by William Baker, join with Canon Musician Emeritus John

Schaefer and the Raymore-Peculiar High School Treble Chamber Choir, Stephen Rew director, to present this annual concert of beloved carols and traditional classics. Tickets may be purchased at the door or **in advance**.



**Sunday, January 15
5 p.m.**

Choral Evensong

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. This event is free.

—Dr. Paul Meier

Journeying the Way of Love

Journeying the Way of Love
Sundays, November 27–December 18
 9:15 a.m. • Hybrid • Common Room/
 Zoom

For the season of Advent, Journeying the Way of Love offers four sessions to be explored as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community and out in the world.

Contents:

- **Advent One:** The Annunciation: Saying "Yes" to the Journey
- **Advent Two:** Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends
- **Advent Three:** The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community
- **Advent Four:** The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

Participants are encouraged to read and reflect on these passages in Luke throughout the season of Advent and "try on" the spiritual practices of the Way of Love. To accompany this curriculum, participants should stop by

the Advent Resources table and pick up a copy of the Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar, which offers daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love. When the group gathers each week, participants will reflect with one another on how they experienced taking up the practices in the calendar. This class will be led by Dean Andy and Canon Ryan.



Wednesday Class *(in partnership with William Jewell)*

Many Sacred Spaces: Encountering God Wherever We Are
Wednesdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15
 6:30–7:45 p.m. • Founders' Hall

Where do we encounter God? For some people it is only in a place of worship, for others it is in nature. Buildings and physical structures, for some, can seem to hold God in by putting God in a box rather than acting as gateways to draw us closer to God. Others might think that the openness of nature doesn't allow us to focus our thoughts, that they might get lost in all that space. It really is subjective. Why does it have to be one way or the other? Why can't it be both? Or, even stranger, could it be found in a prison cell, hospital bed, or other form of containment where we can

feel isolated and cut off from God and the world? The answer is yes; all of the above; anywhere ... anywhere you can find a way to open yourself to the presence of God.

Our physical spaces have many names: churches, tabernacles, temples, mosques, basilicas, chapels, oratories, grottos, shrines, etc. Our non-physical spaces have names as well: woods, rivers, forests, lakes, streams, oceans, mountains, plains, valleys, etc. Even, perhaps, golf courses. All, whether physical or not, can be a sacred space if it is where we encounter God at any level. Sacred spaces can be formally set apart for a purpose, but also informally created by us to serve the same purpose, that is, being drawn closer to God.

There are definite differences here, but the end result can certainly be the same. In this course we will explore different ways to experience God in all types of Sacred spaces. We will have class discussions on topical readings as well as sharing our own experiences.

Potential Reading:

- An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* (Barbara Brown Taylor)
- Seeing God Everywhere: Essays on Nature and the Sacred* (Edited by Barry McDonald)
- Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* (Marjorie J. Thompson)

—Dean Andy

Women's Bible Study

Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor
Tuesdays
 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Women's Bible Study group (WBS) meets on Tuesdays from 12:30 until around 1:30 p.m. on Zoom using one of the Cathedral's Zoom spaces. As members arrive, they catch up, before joys and concerns are shared. Then a discussion of the current selected book or series begins. Around 1:30 the following week's facilitator is identified before concluding with a closing prayer. WBS attendance remains high as they continue meeting by Zoom. WBS has decided to continue to meet virtually as members are more able to regularly attend.

Apart from Lent and Advent, WBS's discussions in 2022 were motivated

and enlightened by five books. Two with a focus on women in the Bible.

- From January until the beginning of Lent, the group continued discussing *Women in the New Testament* by Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan, members learned "... how the stories of women are an integral part of the Gospel and its meaning for us ..."
- From the fifth week after Epiphany until the beginning of Lent members shared some of their favorite Psalms and how Jesus has used them to work in our lives.
- During Lent until the second week of Easter we looked at *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross* by Susan Robb. The book looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring

each from a biblical and historical perspective.

- From the second week of Easter until the ninth week of Pentecost WBS explored Adam Hamilton's *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. In *The Call* we'll "follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey."
- Beginning the tenth week of Pentecost we started discussing Tom Berlin's *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor*. In *Reckless Love* we'll explore how "Jesus taught (us) to love our neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God."
- From the twentieth week after Pentecost we explored Hebrews in *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude*, by David DeSilva. Where we "traced the themes of grace and gratitude ..."
- For Advent WBS read *God Is With Us* by Robin Wilson. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Scriptures for church year A, participants are led to understand, appreciate and engage in meaningful and joyous celebrations of Advent and Christmas and to live each day in God's hope through Jesus Christ.

For more information about WBS contact **Lissa Hoeprich**.

—Jeff Johnson

—Lissa Hoeprich

Lectionary Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study
Tuesdays
 6:45 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Lectionnaires meet online via Zoom every Tuesday evening from 6:45 to 8 p.m. This is a group of 15 or so people who enjoy a back-and-forth discussion about scripture. In the last two years we have convened around the lectionary schedule and in doing so, have developed friendships with

not only our fellow Lectionnaires but I daresay with the subjects themselves: Jesus, Moses, Abraham, David, Paul and Peter. Each week another layer is applied, another reference, a deeper feeling, and sometimes a revelation. Join us by emailing the Cathedral office or reaching out to **Jeff Johnson**.

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is on the way and Advent and Christmas will quickly follow. Check out the events we have scheduled at the Cathedral to help you plan your holiday season. As always, you can find more information on our website, kccathedral.org.

November

Sunday, November 6, 9:15 a.m.

New Children's Formation (3rd–5th grade): Lego Bible Study—Time to build up our faith! Children's Formation proudly presents—Lego Bible Study. We look at scripture readings and then show what we have learned through Legos. After the work is done, we will post our videos on kccathedral.org. Join us November 6 through December 18 at 9:15 in Haden Hall for fellowship and fun, with a side of learning.

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Class (in partnership with William Jewell): What Is So Special about Earth?—Over the past two decades, thousands of planets outside our Solar System have been discovered, many of which could have the right ingredients for life. With these discoveries, the question arises, "Is the Earth special?" This class is led by Dr. Maggie Sherer, Professor of Physics & Chair, William Jewell College. **Registration is required. Although class has already started, late registration is welcome. Use the coupon code GRACE to register for free.**

Thursday, November 10, 6 p.m.

Raja Yoga Prayer Practice—Raja Yoga is a practice of contemplation and experience which helps engage our being with the holy presence. This prayer practice seeks to integrate Raja Yoga philosophy and Christian theology in a way that honors both. This will be a breathwork and seated practice, not a pose (Hatha) practice. Dress comfortably, no equipment needed. All are welcome. Questions? **Contact Clare.**

Friday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.

Friends of Chamber Music presents The Ulysses Quartet—The Ulysses Quartet, an emerging Quartet praised for their "textural versatility" (The Strad) and "Avid Enthusiasm" (San Diego Story) are presenting a program entitled "Lift Every Voice," a tribute to composers from all walks of life that bridges traditional chamber music repertoire with outstanding living composers. *There will be a pre-concert lecture by Artistic Co-Director Dmitri Atapine in the Founders' Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.* For program information and to buy tickets, visit chambermusic.org/concerts. Use discount code GRACE15 to receive 15% off single tickets. The Friends of Chamber Music will donate back to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral 10% of all ticket sales earned through congregation members.

Saturday, November 12, 5 p.m.

Young Adult Friendsgiving Dinner Potluck—GHTC Young Adults gather with others from the Northwest-Metro Deanery for a Friendsgiving potluck. **RSVP to Clare** to be sent the link to sign up.

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, November 13, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan—Join us Sunday, November 13 for our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We will display all the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us!

Thursday, November 17, 6 p.m.

Raja Yoga Prayer Practice

Sunday, November 20, 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Wednesday, Nov. 23–Friday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Break—Office Closed

Thursday, November 24, 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service—Join us Thanksgiving Day for a service of Holy Eucharist. Come celebrate with your church family and give thanks for all your blessings.

Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.

Advent Decorating Volunteers—Volunteers are invited to help us begin decorating for Advent from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. when we will be decorating the Jesse Tree with our Advent wreath and adorning the rails, reredos, chancel and Nave walls. Please contact Joan Bergstrom, sacristan@kccathedral.org, or Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org, if you would like to help.

Sunday, November 27, 11:45 a.m.

Advent Workshop—All are invited to the Advent Workshop Sunday, November 27 during the 10:30 coffee hour in Founders' Hall. We will be making an Advent countdown craft, as well as other crafts and activities.

December

Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m.

Interfaith Series—Featuring texts from the Tanakh, Qur'an and Christian Scriptures. Contact Kari O'Rourke, kari.stmhp@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Friday, Dec. 2–Sunday, Dec. 4

The Nativity Puppets—This celebrated annual spectacle comes alive with larger than life, seven-foot puppets and live voices, singers, and musicians for this classic enactment. For showtimes, details and to purchase tickets, visit nativitypuppets.org.

Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols—The Cathedral will offer its sixth annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ's return. This event is free.

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Interfaith Series

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

The Kansas City Chorale presents Benedict Sheehan's A Christmas Carol—Grammy-nominated composer Benedict Sheehan has created a concert-length story score that weaves familiar Christmas carols and a choral orchestration into the fabric of the Dickens story. **Tickets and More Info**

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

- Sunday, December 11, 9 a.m.** **BackSnack Family Bag Packing**—Sunday, December 11, family bags for BackSnack children will be assembled between services in Haden Hall.
- Monday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.** **William Jewell College presents The City Come Again**—William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.
- Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.** **Interfaith Series**
- Sunday, December 18** **Bishop's Visitation**
- Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m.** **The William Baker Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral**—The William Baker Festival Singers, conducted by William Baker, join with Canon Musician Emeritus John Schaefer and the Raymore-Peculiar High School Treble Chamber Choir, Stephen Rew director, to present this annual concert of beloved carols and traditional classics. Tickets may be purchased at the door or **in advance**.
- Thursday, December 22, 7 p.m.** **Interfaith Series**
- Fri., Dec. 23, Mon.–Tue., Dec. 26–27** **Christmas Break**—Office Closed
- Saturday, December 30** **New Year's Eve**—Office Closed

January

- Sunday, January 1, 10:30 a.m.** **New Year's Day**—The only service today is at 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, January 14, 4 p.m.** **Martin Luther King Jr. Event**—Diocesan service and presentation celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. (with a video message from our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry).
- Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.** **Wednesday Class (in partnership with William Jewell): Many Sacred Spaces: Encountering God Wherever We Are**—Where do we encounter God? For some people it is only in a place of worship, for others it is in nature. In this course, led by Dean Andy, we will explore different ways to experience God in all types of Sacred spaces. We will have class discussions on topical readings as well as sharing our own experiences. **Registration is required. Use the coupon code GRACE to register for free.**
- Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.** **Annual Meeting 2023**—The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29, 2023. One service only at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. A special meeting of the Vestry will follow the Annual Meeting to elect officers and schedule the Vestry retreat.



Christmas Services

- Saturday, December 24, 5 p.m.**
Christmas Eve (with Nativity Pageant)
Join us Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and watch the Cathedral kids present the Nativity Pageant. Bishop Diane will be with us.
- Saturday, December 24, 10 p.m.**
Christmas Eve
Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.
- Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m.**
Christmas Day
Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers Needed!

Every service and event here at the Cathedral is dependent on volunteers, they are essential!

We need Ushers, Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Acolytes, Childrens Ministry, Hospitality and Social Outreach volunteers to fulfill our mission as a loving and welcoming church. Please consider expanding your participation at the Cathedral by being a volunteer. Contact us at volunteers@kccathedral.org for more information.

DECEMBER 2022 INTERFAITH SERIES

WITH TEXTS FROM THE TANAKH, QUR'AN & CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Join us as we journey to a mythical place...

Your Voice is Welcome at our Virtual Discussion Table

Hope Avenue

Walk a Mile Trail on the Shoe Path

Peace Parkway

The Judge in the Peaceful Realm

Love Boulevard

The Forest of Fear and Feeble Knees

Joy Lane

Faith Conditioning - a Great Workout

THURSDAYS - 7 P.M. CENTRAL TIME

DEC. 1, 8, 15 & 22 ON ZOOM

Contact kari.stmhp@gmail.com for Zoom Link

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Stewardship 2023

Dear Cathedral family,

A few weeks ago, Dean Andy asked us to remember the words St. Paul wrote to Timothy as we think about stewardship and our pledge for 2023. Paul wrote that the people should set their hopes “on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

These words ring true as we all hope to have a good foundation for the future. That’s what we want at the Cathedral, both in our stewardship and in our Strategic Planning efforts for the future. A good foundation is always something to strive for, but it’s more than that. If we live the “life that really is life,” we need to follow Paul’s lead to do good, be rich in good works, be generous, and ready to share. Our goal this year is to encourage everyone to consider the gifts you have been given as you prayerfully pledge your financial support to the Cathedral for 2023.

With grateful hearts, let us:

- Do good: acts of kindness to others, reaching out in good work

through the ministries of the Cathedral.

- Be rich in good works: commit to love and serve our neighbors in this community and beyond and continue to respect the dignity of every human being.
- Be generous and ready to share: in the gifts that we have been given — our lives, our families and friends, and most importantly in the salvation that has been lovingly given to us by our Redeemer.

All of this leads to a good foundation for the future.

Over the weeks to come, you will hear from fellow parishioners as they share their thoughts about what they love about the Cathedral and why they give. You will receive information about the Cathedral’s finances and the importance of your pledge. Together we will pray for our stewardship efforts and, with God’s help, celebrate the results.

Please join us for lunch on Sunday, November 20 in Founders’ Hall to celebrate our spiritual lives together as we each begin our journey of stewardship discernment.

A Good **FOUNDATION** for the Future

You may make your financial commitment by mailing your pledge card to the Cathedral, by turning your card in at the lunch, or by making your pledge online through the **Cathedral’s website**. Thank you for your continued support of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral!

—Dean Andy & Steve Moore

MLK Diocesan Service

There will be a Diocesan service and presentation celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 14 at 4 p.m. (with a video message from our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry).

Call for Vestry Nominations coming soon!

Watch your email and the bulletin for more details.

Gifts for Flowers and Greens

Flowers and Greens will once again adorn the Cathedral as part of our celebrations. Your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one helps provide festive decorations for Christmas Eve through The Feast of the Epiphany.

You can donate online from our **website** or mail your donation to the Cathedral office. For more information, contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

August 21

- in loving memory of my grandson, Max—Carolyn McLeroy

August 28

- in thanksgiving for Joanne Repass Jones—Ric & Janet Sweeting

September 11

- in loving memory of Ron McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy

September 18

- in loving memory of Harold “Chip” Bergstrom—Joan Bergstrom
- in loving memory of Phyllis & Alan Ryder—the Ryder family

September 25

- in thanksgiving for Ric Sweeting—Janet Stewart Sweeting

October 2

- in thanksgiving for our 30th anniversary—Ric & Janet Sweeting

October 9

- in loving memory of Mary Lagergren—the Lagergren family

October 30

- in thanksgiving from my daughter, Maya McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for my granddaughter, Grace Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Jane Bennett Vaughn—Williams—her children, Debra, Dirk and Chris



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Join us for a

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24
10 a.m.