

The Carillon

Friday December 20, 2024

A Note from Dean Tim

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's almost Christmas! The Christmas season is our opportunity to celebrate the gift of Jesus' first coming among us, born to live and die as one of us and for us. And we rejoice that he is coming again. I cannot wait to celebrate my first Christmas with you all!

The Bible tells us that, wearied by travel across the harsh Judean wilderness, the Holy family sought refuge in an inn at Bethlehem. We can imagine their disappointment when the innkeeper informed them that there was no room for them except for the simple space in a stable located in a cave under the inn. In that stable was a manger, a simple feed trough, which provided warmth and shelter for the baby Jesus. It is an unimaginably humble beginning to the great story of light. I think Trinity is like that manger, a place from which the great story of who Jesus is can grow and change the world.

There are many people whose travel through life, and especially these past few years, have left them wearied: spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and even financially. Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a sacred responsibility: to show others how the love of God is among us. We are called to go out from this manger and into the world; to proclaim for all others, in word and deed, God's love for each one of them. A display of simple human kindness and connection is our greatest gift. Let the miracle of Christmas fill you, that you may be that gift to others this year. Allow the gift of Jesus in your life to reignite your fire so that you may be a light of love, aiding others finding their way home in the darkness.

That is what Christmas is about: Love. Love that overflows your heart and sends you out into the world to heal the broken hearts and lives of God's children. In his poem, The Work of Christmas, Howard Thurman captures what comes after Christmas ends:

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and the princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers, To make music in the heart.

Celebrate Christmas with as much joy and wonder as you can! Celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. Celebrate, and then go out and do the work that we have been given to do, the work of Christmas.

Our holiday service times are below in the next section. Please note that we will continue to the practice of combining the 9am and 11am services into one service at 10am on the Sunday following Christmas, December 29th. Be sure to show up for everything, and at the right times!

Merry Christmas!

Tim+



Christmas Service Schedule

12/24 4:00 pm - Family Service and Nativity Pageant 12/24 8:00 pm - Christmas Eve Vigil 12/25 10:00 am - Christmas Day Service 12/28 5:00 pm - Holy Eucharist 12/29 7:30 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 12/29 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Last Call for Poinsettia Dedications

Please be sure to turn in your offering by this Sunday so that we can get your name into the bulletin!

Thank you for your commitment to Trinity!



The Vestry and Stewardship Committee humbly thank all of you who have committed to financially support Trinity Cathedral through 2025. The Treasurers report receipt of 155 pledges for a total commitment of \$557,000. Your expression of support is very meaningful and enables Dean Tim, the staff, and Vestry to plan for the upcoming year.

We are still \$123,000 short of our optimistic goal for this year's pledge campaign. Therefore, please reach out to the Stewardship Committee Chair, Kait Flocchini at **kflocchini@gmail.com** or the Trinity office at **info@trinityreno.org** or **775-329-4279**, if you have not received the pledge materials, lost your original set,

need a new set of the materials, or have questions or concerns regarding the pledge campaign.

Musical Notes

Dr. Bryan Chuan

Music for Christmas Eve

For Christmas Eve, the Trinity Music Ministry will begin the prelude about 20 minutes before service with music that showcases our ministries and invites people to worship.

4 pm Family Service: The youth of Trinity will perform Christmas solos, and I will play some Christmas tunes on the organ featuring a range of sounds.

8 pm: The choir will be joined by a guest string quartet that will accompany the anthem Christmas Lullaby by Mark Hayes. The string quartet will also join in accompanying hymns.

Pipes on the River Concert Series Begins a New Year

Join us for our final Pipes on the River Concert Friday, December 20, 12 pm. Katherine Parker (soprano), Bryan Chuan, and UNR colleagues present music of Christmas.

We are excited to announce a series of evening concerts to begin 2025!

Friday, January 24, 6 pm James Kennerley in Concert

James Kennerley presents an organ recital as part of a guest artist residency in Northern Nevada. He is a renowned Boston-based keyboardist, conductor, composer, and tenor, who also serves as Municipal Organist in Portland, Maine. Jameskennerley.com





Friday, January 31, 6 pm A Lunar New Year Celebration Concert

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with a musical program celebrating East Asian culture and heritage. Music director Bryan Chuan will perform works by living Asian-American composers on piano and organ, tenor Michael TK Lam will perform Chinese art songs, and violinist Christopher Lin-Brande will perform the stirring Butterfly Lover's Concerto.

Friday, February 7, 6 pm A Brand-New Beatles Piano Concert

Denver-based composer, arranger, and rock pianist Chappell Kingsland presents his own arrangements of Beatles tunes in a program titled Sgt. Pepper and the Mystery Piano. **Ck4piano.com**



Pipes on The River Concert Series 2025 Schedule

Free admission for all concerts, donations welcome.

Friday, January 24, 6 pm: James Kennerley (Boston)
Friday, January 31, 6 pm: A Lunar New Year Celebration with Bryan Chuan (piano/organ), Michael TK Lam (tenor), and Christopher Lin-Brande (violin)
Friday, February 7, 6 pm: Chappell Kingsland (Denver) presents his original arrangements of Beatles songs
Friday, February 21, 12 pm: UNR Keyboard Studio Showcase
Friday, March 6, 12 pm: Bryan Chuan and UNR Brass
Friday, March 20, 12 pm: Dave Hatt (Bay Area)
Friday April 4, 12 pm: Jeffrey Cooper (Chico, CA)
Friday May 2, 6 pm: Pianist Mandy Gessler (Aspen CO
Friday May 16, 12 pm: Angela Kraft Cross (Bay Area)
Friday June 6, 12 pm: Michal Szostak (Poland)
Friday June 20, 12 pm: Chase Olson (Oberlin)

Canon Ruth's Corner

New Support Group

There is now enough interest to launch the support group for caregivers of family members with some form of dementia. I will be contacting those who have expressed an interest and we will find a day and time that suits all the participants and then we will get going. There is still room for others, so contact me if you or someone you know is interested.

Questions? 775-721-2669 (text ok); ruthhanusa@gmail.com; revruth@trinityreno.org.

A Faith and Life Retreat on Believing the Bible: Inhabiting its Stories, Trusting God's Promises

January 11th, 10am-3pm, \$25 suggested (lunch provided) Faith Lutheran Church, Reno, NV with Dr. Fred Niedner Please Register: https://faithlutheranreno.org/faith-life-retreat-2025/

Some "Bible believers" insist that authentic biblical faith includes affirming that the universe is but 6,000 years old, that you could have recorded the serpent talking to Eve in the Garden of Eden had iPhones existed then, and that a guy named Jonah once survived a three-day sojourn (during which he wrote poetry) inside the belly of a great fish. Whether such things "really happened" matters little for how we live. What really matters is whether we recognize the times when we are living in those same stories and the serpent is tempting us, or we are wandering in the wilderness subsisting on manna, or we have landed in a graveyard where broken souls live in the tombs and howl at the moon, or we're hanging nailed between heaven and earth, only to turn and see him, "the King of the Jews," on the next cross over.

Session Outlines

10am Session 1 – Believing vs Trusting, Inhabiting, & Engaging What does it mean to "believe the Bible?" Questions about the Bible's origins, authorship, reputed inerrancy, historicity, and textual integrity often dominate discussions about the church's and individuals' relationship to the Scriptures and their contents. Ultimately, it matters less what we claim about the Bible than what the Bible says about humankind as a whole and each of us in particular as it diagnoses our circumstances, behaviors, and assorted maladies and offers a promising prognosis regarding what could become of us.

11am Session 2– Accepting the Invitation to Inhabit the Scriptures The Bible, beginning with the story of creation, offers readers/hearers a place and an identity in a universe of the biblical narrative's own construction where we can see, examine, revise, and exchange the stories we tell about ourselves and others. We shall listen in on (and see ourselves in) the couple in the garden, Cain and Abel , Jonah, and two lost sons of a waiting father.

Lunch 12-12:45pm, discussion, gathering of questions/responses

12:45pm Session 3 – Swapping Stories with Jesus

The New Testament gospels invite us to believe that Jesus' story is our story, and our story is Jesus' story. The passion narratives of Mark and Luke, for example, meaningfully script our lives no matter where or in what circumstances we find ourselves.

1:45pm Session 4 – Hearing, Trusting, Wrestling with God

Even when we believe in God and accept God's "word," we can find ourselves at odds with God. Then we must have it out with God. Several stories show us how: Genesis 18:22-32 (Abraham dickers with God); Genesis 32:22-32 (Jacob wrestles with the night stranger); Exodus 32 (Moses confronts God, God repents); Mark 7:24-30/Matthew 15:21-28 (Jesus gets nailed and hung up between God's law and a mother's tenacious love).

Fred Niedner is Senior Research Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University, where he taught biblical studies and Hebrew language from 1973 to 2014. While an active faculty member he also served in several administrative roles and preached regularly in Valpo's Chapel of the Resurrection. He has published many scholarly articles, mostly on biblical topics, and for 25 years he wrote a biweekly op-ed column for northwest Indiana editions of the *Chicago Tribune*. Fred currently teaches in a variety of ecclesial settings but does not give grades, and he writes frequently for publications that serve the ministry of preaching.



Schedule for the Upcoming Weeks:

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 pm — Zoom Grief Group Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am — Peeps in the Park Walking Group Thursday, December 26, 10:30 am — In-person Grief Group Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 am — Peeps in the Park Walking Group

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at Trinity

Join us at the 9 am service as we all make our way to Bethlehem using the Godly Play Advent stories. This Sunday will be the last of our special series of Chancel Talks for Advent that will lead us right up to our Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4 pm service on December 24th. We have parts open for all littles who want to participate in the Pageant. Just arrive at 3:30 and we will take it from there!

Sunday School

This Sunday, we will meet as usual in the undercroft for our circle time and then head upstairs for our Nativity Pageant rehearsal.

Preparing for Christmas

We had a joy-filled time together preparing for Christmas last Saturday.









Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Third Week in Advent 2024



Upcoming! Sunday 12/22 – Nativity Pageant Rehearsal during regular Sunday School Time. Sunday 12/22 – Christmas Eve Youth Musicians Rehearsal w/ Dr. Bryan Chuan (Following 9 am service) Tuesday 12/24 – 4 pm Christmas Eve Service and Nativity Pageant Join us anytime, we always want to see you. Sunday School registration forms are always available downstairs in the Sunday School area. There is also a PDF you can download and fill out on the Trinity Website at the bottom of the page for Children's Christian Formation. Please complete this release form before your child goes into class. Link to Parent Release Form:

https://trinityreno.org/christian-education/childrens-christian-formation/

Represent Trinity at the 2025 Nevada Diocesan Convention

The Trinity Cathedral Nominating Committee is seeking volunteers interested in serving as delegates to the Nevada Diocesan Convention next year. The committee will nominate four people and two alternates, for election at Trinity's annual meeting in January.

Delegates attend and vote on diocesan matters at the convention and attend two mission district meetings, one in the spring and one in the fall. The district meetings are typically on Saturdays and last about two hours. The convention in 2025 will be held October 9-11 in Reno.

Only delegates can vote at convention, but all church members are welcome to attend mission district meetings and the convention.

Interested? Contact Senior Warden Barb Marquand, **bmarquand@att.net**, or email or call the church office, **info@trinityreno.org**, **775-329-4279**. Or speak to a member of the Nominating Committee. The committee comprises outgoing vestry members Barb Marquand, Nancy Petersen, Marné McKimmey, Dave Bennum and Luke Wolfe, as well as at-large parish members Gary Fuller and Gretchen Wolfe.

Pardon Our Dust-Updates from the Facilities Committee

Margaret Brown, Junior Warden

The Facilities Committee, previously known as the Building Committee, has been re-activated and is meeting at least monthly to plan and prioritize the various projects needed to maintain our buildings.

The concrete curb in the parking lot next to the flood door and the sidewalk leading to the river door have both been replaced. Both were fall risks. Beginning Monday, December 9, Action Concrete will be replacing the walls of the window well located just to the south of the door to the church in the parking lot. The main wall is in danger of collapsing and must be addressed. They will also be repairing the large crack in the entrance area of the ramp. We thank you for your patience next week, as the lot will be crowded with equipment and the ramp unavailable. The City of Reno will be installing a manhole in the parking lot, roughly across from the church door. This will allow better access to our sewer pipes for repair and maintenance.

Additionally, we are addressing lighting issues in the sanctuary, a roof maintenance project, improved access to both buildings in case of fire, and removal of shrubbery along Court Street. Unfortunately, that area collects trash on a regular basis, some of which is a health hazard.

We will also be purchasing two water fountains, one for each building. They will accommodate water bottles for refill.

Many thanks to our hard-working, dedicated members of this busy group—Bruce Bethke, Lisa Otterson, Janis Williams, Dean Tim—and of course, the person who keeps everything running—Harold Campbell. Margaret Brown chairs the group as Junior Warden.

Divinely Fine Women Returning January 2025

Please join the Divinely Fine Women of our church as we reconvene this social group beginning January 11, 2025. Our first meeting will be a potluck lunch to begin at 12 Noon, and we will continue meeting on the second Saturday of each month. Meetings will be held at member's homes or at a local restaurant, with the information going out the month prior.

The group is for women of the parish, with its goal being to establish new and renew old friendships within our church. Please come back if you attended in the past, and come if you have not attended or are new to the church.

Call Susan Lombardi at **775-329-2044** to RSVP and to hear about the location of the January meeting. You may also text to **775-530-4602** or email to **hlwrno@gmail.com**. Please plan to attend, and spread the word.

A Word from your Endowment Committee

As the calendar ticks down to the end of 2024, remember that you may make charitable gift directly from your traditional or Roth IRA account to the Trinity Endowment fund tax free! These gifts need to be completed by December 31 to qualify for this tax year.

Here is an example of how this could work for you. Don and Nancy (not their real names) have traditional IRAs in addition to pensions from their employers, Social Security benefits, and good savings accounts and investments. Because they are older than 70-1/2, they are required to withdraw amounts from their IRAs annually. (This is called a required minimum distribution). Don and Nancy do not need to withdraw this money to live on, and the amount taken out will be subject to income tax. These withdrawals also cause their Social Security and other income to be taxed more heavily. In addition, they couple have been praying about ways they can make a meaningful gift to Trinity to help provide for the congregation's earthly financial future.

So, after speaking with their advisor, Don and Nancy have decided to make all of their charitable gifts through qualified IRA distributions. These transfers are free from federal income tax, but will still count toward their required minimum distributions. So instead of taking out money they don't need and paying tax on it, they are making donations to Trinity and other charities close to their hearts! The tax-free distribution of IRA funds for charitable purposes is equivalent to reporting income and receiving a 100% deduction!

Don and Nancy's advisor reminded them that these distributions must be made directly from the IRA to the charity. If it passes through their hands, the deduction is lost, and the tax is triggered. Since December 31 is fast approaching, the couple needs to contact their IRA administrators right away!

Remember, individuals over age 70-1/2 who have a traditional or Roth IRA may arrange tax-free gifts of up to \$100,000 per year for qualified charitable purposes. Our Endowment Committee at Trinity will be happy to answer questions on how you can make a meaningful gift that benefits you and our congregation.

Next Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

Wednesday, January 8 1:00PM to 3:00PM For information, call Jodie Rossi at **775-324-2308**

Angel Tree 2024 Gifts Successfully Delivered

We were supposed to deliver to the school out in Stead on Saturday, but we had a winter sleet/snow storm. It would have made loading all these bags into cars difficult and wet, and driving out to Stead very dangerous, so we postponed it until Sunday. The weather was clear, cold, and bright, the roads dry.

The Daughters of the King would like to thank everyone at Trinity for their generosity and willingness to jump in and help at the last minute.



Left to right: Debbie Zalmana, school counselor Elsa Goldstein, school principal Michelle Will, Howard Bennett, Ginny Nelson, and whole families from Trinity who answered the call to help transport all the gift bags



Prayer Concerns

Trinity Family and Friends

Susan, Jim, Jody, Kelly, Bev, Jenn, Jurgen, Kathleen, Jane, Tycho, Nick, Dorothy, Emily, Debbie, Jodene, Rob, Tom, Courtney, Madison, Elliott, Kevin, Janis; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the bishop today in praying for St. Thomas, Las Vegas **Departed** Bill Merrick, Jacquie Reinhartsen

Bereaved Diane Merrick

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Amen.

The prayer list is updated regularly. Unless otherwise requested, names remain on the list for one month. Email Betsy Bethke at **betsybethke@yahoo.com** to let us know of your prayer request.

Healing Eucharist

On the first Wednesday of each month, Trinity has a Healing Eucharist at noon. Father Julius Rogina is the officiant. The service takes place in the Bishop Lewis Chapel. During the service, the names of those on the prayer list are read aloud and those wishing to be anointed with oil may come forward or may be anointed on behalf of someone else. All are welcome to attend.

Four Steps for Submitting Items to the Carillon

Wondering how to get Trinity news and happenings into the Carillon? Here's what to do:

1. Write the information the way you'd like it to appear in the Carillon. Although we will edit submissions as needed, it's very helpful to get items that are fully written out.

2. If you'd like a graphic or photo to go with your submission, please send the graphic or photo as an attachment to the email. This makes it much easier to include than if you embed the image in the email itself.

3. Email your submission to the Trinity office: info@trinityreno.org.

4. Mind the weekly deadline: 2 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday Carillon.

The Vestry

2025 - Barbara Marquand (Senior Warden), David Bennum, Nancy Petersen and Marné McKimmey

2026 - Ann Morgan (Clerk), Bruce Bethke, Mikkel Bassett, Kathryn Landreth and Rebecca Dixon

2027 - Margaret Brown (Junior Warden), Aaron Koning, and Eric Nummela

Youth Representative: Luke Wolfe

Heavenly Father, give our wardens and vestry a daily renewal of your presence, uphold them with your peace, a peace that passes all understanding, enlighten them with your word, and strengthen them with your grace. Amen.

Worship With Us Online

Sunday worship at 11: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGYbPbauG4TbNTpgnZpGFfw

Morning Prayer at 7:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: https://us06web.zoom.us/join Meeting Id: 863 7715 2553, password: Prayer

Weekend Ministers

Altar Guild: Juliette Leneaux, Audrey Buccola, Dawn Brisbane, John Seelmeyer.

Saturday at 5 p.m.: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Lee Ryan, John Seelmeyer, Lectors; Julie Martinson, Intercessor; Susan Lombardi, EM.

Sunday at 7:30 a.m.: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Betsy Bethke, Server/Crucifer; Randy Wright, Lector/Intercessor; Bruce Bethke, Joe Nishikida, Ushers.

Sunday at 9 a.m.: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Elijah Walquist, Crucifer; Aaron Humphries, Server; Margaret Brown, Intercessor; Luke Wolfe, John Harjer, EMs; the Harjer family, Ushers.

Sunday at 11 a.m.: Dean Timothy Watt preaching, Canon Ruth Hanusa presiding. Lisa Otterson, Server/Crucifer; Juliette Leneaux, Frank Baird, Lectors; Nancy Petersen, Intercessor; Cathy Brewster, Terry Cain, EMs; Kurt Mische, Tom Anderson, Ushers.

Statistics From Last Week

Attendance for 5 p.m. Saturday service: 28 Attendance for 7:30 a.m. service: 22 Attendance for 9 a.m. service: 54 Attendance for 11 a.m. service: 75 YouTube views of service as of 2 p.m. Wednesday: 53

Attendance for Advent Lessons and Carols: 67

Last Week's Contributions: \$9899

Weekly Prayer

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Thomas, Las Vegas (Feast Day 12/21)

In our Anglican Communion we pray for: The Church of the Province of Uganda

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Third Sunday of Advent



The Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Response: Psalm 80:1-7

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

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