

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL TRINITY

***Our mission is to welcome all people
to know and live as Christ in the
world.***



The Carillon

**Friday
December 12, 2025**

The Dean's Dispatch

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7b)

This verse is from the greeting of St. Paul in his letter to the congregations in Rome. I often use it to begin Morning Prayer. It is a cornerstone of my faith. I think it a good one for us all. We should all bid the grace of God for one another. It's a way of being that seems lacking in current society, where we look with suspicion upon one another as a first step. Our transactional way of life is not the way of Jesus.

So, it is good when the grace of pure generosity breaks through instead. Recently, there have been several moments of generosity and renewal of life at Trinity that I want to celebrate:

- Several parishioners stood up to assist at the Good Neighbors Warming Center we hosted last week. Joan Peyser took on additional coordinating efforts for our hosted week, in addition to her usual generosity in leading our Centering Prayer group and our renewed Lay Eucharistic Visitors program.
- This month, a donor who wishes to remain anonymous gave an additional \$100,000 toward the

construction cost of our new parish hall! What a tremendous addition to the project!

- Another donor, who likewise wishes to remain anonymous, provided their Required Minimum Distribution from retirement funds to assist in procuring the vestments and materials we need to add Vergers to our Cathedral liturgies. Vergers are lay ministers who assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship, especially in the marshaling of processions. The history of vergers dates back to the middle-ages when the verger was the "Protector of the Procession." Vergers would lead the way, making room for the procession to enter the cathedral or church from the town square. With **virge** (a form of mace) in hand they would literally clear the way if necessary. The basic vestments of the verger are a black **cassock** with a **chimere**. Virges, cassocks, and chimeres are costly and this gift is a huge help!
- Finally, we are VERY NEAR our pledge campaign minimum budget goal for 2026! Thank you all! We are only short about \$80k, which is much closer than this time last year! If you have not yet pledged out of the gifts that God has given you, please do so this week so your vestry can finish planning our finances for next year. **Click here and select "Pledge Offerings" in the drop down.** You can choose how much you want to give and how often (Annually, monthly, weekly, etc.) and have it drafted according to your wishes. I dream of how much we could do with more! *So, I very much appreciate that over 30 households have increased their pledges in faith this year.* Thank you!

Your generosity is literally building the Kingdom of God in this embassy that is Trinity Cathedral, Reno. I invite you all into adding to the great outcomes we are experiencing in our response to God's call.

Brick-by-brick we work towards the completion of Christ's Kingdom, and dollar-by-dollar we will succeed in that mission. Thank you for your faithful consideration of support. It is a profoundly important way to prepare our welcome for the Lord this Advent Season.

O come, let us adore Him!

Pax,

Tim+



Epiphany Baptism Class

Our next opportunity for baptisms is approaching quickly! Dean Tim will be offering a preparatory class for individuals and families wishing to celebrate a baptism on Epiphany Sunday, January 11.

The class will be held between the **9 am and 11 am services on Sunday, January 4**. If you or a loved one are considering this important sacrament but are unable to attend the class, please speak with Dean Tim or reach out to the office at info@trinityreno.org to make alternate arrangements.

Poinsettia Season is Coming!

The Flower Guild is gratefully accepting offerings toward poinsettias to adorn our altar during Christmastide.

Look for envelopes in the cathedral and near the doors. To give online, please **click here** and choose Easter/Christmas Flowers in the drop down menu. Please let us know if you would like to make your offering in celebration, in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one.



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Christmas Week Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 pm: Family Eucharist with Christmas
Pageant; music begins at 4 pm

8 pm: Choral Eucharist; music begins at 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 25

10 am: Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 27

5 pm: Rite II Eucharist

Sunday, December 28

8 am: Rite I Eucharist

10 am: Choral Eucharist



Music Notes



Pipes on the River Carol Festival

On **Friday, December 19 at noon**, Trinity Cathedral will host a community Carol Festival. Organists Jerrold Tidwell, Howard Wolvington, and Howard Bennett will play beloved carols of Christmas on Trinity's magnificent Cassavant Pipe Organ. Each organist will play variations and a variety of arrangements of carols on the organ, and attendees will be invited join in song!

Take a break from the holiday hustle to rest and enjoy our gift to the Reno community!

Choir Members - Please Note!

Our rehearsal on Thursday, December 18 is cancelled.

Love great music? The St. Cecilia Guild needs your help!

We are looking for music lovers and organizers to make our concert series and parish music programming a success. No music experience necessary, only a love for good ministry and great music.

Please contact Jerrold at music@trinityreno.org for more details!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at Trinity

The Episcopal Youth Event craft and bake sale will be December 6th and 7th and December 13th and 14th following services. The proceeds raised will help fund the next Episcopal Youth Event! Please come support this great cause and see what the kids have been crafting and baking!



Episcopal Youth Event Christmas Craft and Bake Sale



December 6th and 7th and
December 13th and 14th in the
Bishop Lewis Chapel following
services!



Coming Up Soon

Dec 14: Christmas pageant prep. We will assign costumes.
Dec 13 after 5 pm service: Pajama party & movie night
Dec 21: Pageant dress rehearsal
Dec 28: No Sunday school
Jan 4: No Sunday school

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/>

The Canon's Corner

As we come to the closure of our sessions on community, I want to thank you for being part of this journey. I hope these reflections have sparked new ways of seeing and connecting. For our final session, I invite you to slow

down, take a walk, and simply observe.

When we move through our neighborhoods with intention, we begin to notice not just what is but also what's missing. These small observations can lead to meaningful change. For instance, if you see many people walking but nowhere to sit and connect, perhaps a local café could be encouraged to add a bench or table.

I remember walking through a town square in Italy, where men played chess, sipped coffee, children laughed, and a flower vendor brightened the scene. It felt like a movie alive with connection and joy. That memory reminds me of what's possible when public spaces are designed for gatherings.

Inspired by that, I encourage you to take three 20–30 minute walks in different parts of your neighborhood: a residential area, a commercial street, and a park or community center. Walk slowly. Observe deeply. Bring a friend if you can- two sets of eyes often see more than one.

As you walk, ask yourself:

- Who is here?
- What activities happen here?
- What joys or challenges are present?

Take notes or photos. Then reflect:

- What stood out?
- What questions do you have?
- Where might you be called to act?

Maybe you'll notice a lack of gathering spaces or wonder where local workers live. These insights can lead to small steps like suggesting outdoor seating, writing a kind note to a neighbor, or sharing your reflections with a community group.

Walking with intention helps us reconnect with our surroundings and reimagine what's possible. Each step, each observation, is a seed of transformation. May we walk with open eyes, wonder with courage, and act with love, trusting that even the smallest gesture can help shape the community we long for.

Blessings,
Canon Diana+

During this time of slowing down and readying ourselves for Christmas, I'd like to share with you the Morning Resolve I say each day:

A Morning Resolve

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking.

Cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular, I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ministry News

Greetings from the Finance Team!

As we approach year-end, your co-treasurers would like to clear up some confusion as to the application of pledges across years:

1. Your pledge will be processed when it is received and will be applied to the year it is received and processed, per IRS guidelines. That is also the year it will appear on your giving statement.
2. If you want your pledge applied to the church income, and to fulfil your pledge obligation for the next year, write that in the memo. BUT your donation will always be on your giving statement for the year it was received and processed.

For example, if you write a check in December 2025, and put in the memo "Pledge 2026", it will be applied to church income in 2026 but will be on your 2025 giving statement. If you want the amount on your 2026 giving statement, DO NOT write the check until January 1, 2026.

Thank you,
Lindsay Campbell & Carol Roman

Coffee Hour Provisions

We appreciate our coffee hour helpers and food providers, and those who have been attending!

The January sign up sheet is posted on the table in the side chapel.

If you have brought food to be enjoyed, please remember that you are responsible for taking any leftover food and food containers home at the end of coffee hour. We have no ability to store leftovers, and the pile of empty containers is growing. These have been washed and are ready to go home with their owners.

We look forward to seeing you after the 11 am service.

Please contact Lori Voorhees rjlvoorhees@gmail.com or text **530-519-4435** for more information or if you cannot provide for the Sunday you have signed up for, so we can cover it.

Warming Center UPDATE!

The Warming Center team of volunteers would love to enrich our visitors' experience with some cold-weather gear to hand out. Donations of warm hats and gloves for our next turn hosting would be most welcome. Please bring donations to the Trinity office any time during office hours (M-F 10-12 and 1-3).

Our Warming Center for Women and Children is back on this year! Our non-profit leading partner, RISE, has found funding to once again offer this important ministry to the least of these in Reno. We will once again join with St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Cathedral, First United Methodist Church, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help women in extremis from freezing in the cold.

This year we hope to have volunteers step forward to provide a warm hand-off in the morning, with coffee and a small breakfast, to those who will spend time in our warm auditorium. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Our remaining dates to serve will be the evenings/nights of:

- Dec. 23-30
- Jan. 20-27
- Feb. 17-24

PLEASE NOTE: RISE has changed the volunteer structure this year, so if you previously signed up for our warm hand-off, please visit this updated link and sign up [here](#) instead.

Email GoodNeighborsReno@gmail.com with any questions.

Second Friday Social Hour

Trinity's Second Friday Social Hour will take place today, **Friday, 12/12**, in the Bar at the Renaissance Hotel. Location is **1 S. Lake Street**, downtown Reno, from **4 - 6:30 pm**. There's free parking, a nice drink menu, non-alcoholic drinks, and food that can be ordered. Plenty of chairs with backs. Bring a friend if you'd like! See you there.



Divinely Fine Women December Lunch

Please join the Divinely Fine Women on **Saturday, December 13th** at The Cup at Old Town Mall, **4007 S. Virginia Street**, Reno at **11:00 am**. Call Susan Lombardi at **775-329-2044** to RSVP, or text or email Helen Wright at **775-530-4602** or hlwrno@gmail.com.

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. Please plan to come and spread the word.

DATE CORRECTION: 20s & 30s Group Potluck

The 20s & 30s Group Advent Potluck will be **Friday, December 19 at 6 pm**.



A Lot of Good Men Christmas Lunch

Saturday, December 20th
11:30 am
Mimi's Cafe
5090 Kietzke Lane

Contact Clyde at cnp_reno@yahoo.com to RSVP.

All men of Trinity are automatically a part of this group. We want to foster friendship and support for one another.



Common Table News

Please note that December's Common Table potluck is on pause due to the busy time of the holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Common Table potluck on **January 7th!**



Attendees at November's Common Table

Membership News

Deaths

George Hess, survived by wife Carole Hess, both long-time members

Do you have membership news to share?

If you would like to share tidings of a birth, marriage, or death in your family, please email your news to info@trinityreno.org by 10 am Thursday to be included in Friday's Carillon.

Prayer Concerns

Trinity Family and Friends

Lincoln, Jessica, Dicky, Glen, Emily, Esmeralda, Tycho, Nancy, Tracy, Lori; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the bishop in praying for our Diocesan staff

Departed

George, Kelly

Bereaved

Carole and children; Maureen, Tyler, and family

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. We pray for those in our church community who are currently experiencing a health crisis.
Email prayerteam@trinityreno.org to let us know of your prayer request.

Healing Eucharist

Healing Eucharist is held every Wednesday at noon 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: **10 am Thursday** for the Friday Carillon.
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The Vestry

2026 - Bruce Bethke (Junior Warden), Mikkel Bassett, Kathryn Landreth, Ann Morgan (Clerk)

2027 - Margaret Brown (Senior Warden), Rebecca Dixon, Aaron Koning, Eric Nummela

2028 - Josette Dornoff, Katherine Mahannah, Gary Warren, Nan Marie Wollam

Youth Representative: Josephine Flocchini

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>

Weekend Ministers

Altar Guild: Terry Cain, Betsy Bethke, Marlies Eldridge, Barbara Marquand.

Saturday at 5 pm: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Mimi Butler, Lee Ryan, Lectors; Julie Martinson, Intercessor; Susan Lombardi, EM.

Sunday at 7:30 am: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Garrett White, Server/Crucifer; Jessie Clark, Lector/ Intercessor; Joe Nishikida, Nancy MacDonald, Ushers.

Sunday at 9 am: Dean Timothy Watt preaching, Canon Diana Turner presiding. Everett Walquist, Crucifer; Aaron Humphries, Server; Scarlett Tietje, Intercessor; Natalie Humphries, Jack Wolfe, EMs; the Wolfe family, Ushers.

Sunday at 11 am: Dean Timothy Watt preaching, Canon Diana Turner presiding. Juliette Leneaux, Server/Crucifer; Kurt Mische, Nancy Petersen, Lectors; Lisa Otterson, Intercessor; Dave Bennum, Lindsay Campbell, EMs; Karen Henke, Harold Campbell, Ushers.

Statistics From Last Week

Attendance for 5 pm service: 21

Attendance for 7:30 am service: 23

Attendance for 9 am service: 85

Attendance for 11 am service: 88

Attendance for Lessons and Carols: 60

YouTube views of Sunday service: 34

Last Week's Offerings: \$28,181.26

Weekly Prayer

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocesan Staff

In our Anglican Communion we pray for:

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Third Sunday of Advent



The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Response: Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Epistle: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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