



The Call

The printed voice of Trinity Episcopal Church
Weaving God's Unfinished Tapestry

From Rev. Haydie

I've said it before: the best of all Christmas movies is *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. Every year, the Muppets remind us that this is more than a season of waiting and hope. It's more even than a season to be "merry and joyous." It is, they sing, "the season ... when the saints can employ us to spread the news of peace and to keep love alive." And every year, Trinity "keeps love alive" by sharing with those in need.

I hope you'll join us in prayerful waiting throughout Advent. I hope you'll join us in rejoicing when we celebrate the baby's birth at Christmas. And I hope you'll join us, this month, in sharing with God's beloved people around us!

- **Goats.** Purchased through Heifer International, this gift provides income to families in the US and across the world. A goat costs \$120, and a share costs \$10. To donate a goat or a share, make your donation to Trinity and mark it "Goats."
- **Blankets.** The Interfaith blanket drive has started! Bring your new or gently used blankets to the church or church office by December 29. We'll get them to the organizers, who will distribute them to programs throughout the area. Prefer to send a check to buy blankets? You can make it out to Trinity and we'll forward the funds.
- **My Brothers' Table gift bags.** Kathleen Kangas notes that "it's our tradition to provide holiday gifts to folks who come to My Brothers' Table. Please bring new and warm hats, gloves and socks for women and men. We also need personal care items, especially pocket pack tissues and disposable razors. And everyone loves a little holiday candy. Please bring donations to the Parish Hall by Saturday December 13."

Advent blessings to you all—

Haydie+

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*"By the tender mercy of our
God, the dawn from on high
will break upon us"*

Luke 1:78

2025 Vestry

Miffy Lane

Senior Warden

Monica Eckert

Junior Warden

Susan Goslee

Clerk

Ruta Casabianca

Timothy Cole

Rosa Hill-Alford

Diane Nelson

Kathy Venemon

Angela Young

Members

Miffy's Message

The Christmas season is almost here. Our festivities would be very bland if we had not adopted many of our traditions from the immigrant ancestors who have come to this country over the centuries. However, we all know that some traditions have risen from ancient times. Gift giving can be traced back to the Roman festival of Saturnalia, as do hanging wreaths on our doors and feasting. The ancient tradition of hanging stockings for gifts comes from Scandinavia. Even kissing under the mistletoe has its roots in Druidic and Norse traditions.

Our German ancestors brought us the Christmas tree, Advent calendars, the carols "Silent Night" and "O Christmas Tree," Christmas markets, the candy cane, and gingerbread houses. Our Santa Claus began in Turkey with St. Nicholas and Holland with Sinterklass. Christmas cards originated in England. The Yule Log, which is meant to bring good luck, comes from Scandinavia. We enjoy the ballet *The Nutcracker* every year thanks to Russia. We can thank Canada for ugly Christmas sweaters. Mexico brought us the beautiful story of the Poinsettia.

There are others, but whatever traditions your family enjoys each Christmas are now your own. Enjoy every minute of this glorious season as we celebrate the birth of Christ. I wish you all a very "Happy Christmas," as they say in the United Kingdom.

Miffy Lane

Christmas Worship

Wednesday, December 24

8:30 pm

Vocal and Instrumental Prelude

9:00 pm

Festive Eucharist

No Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 29

Tell out, my soul!

As the pledge campaign for our 2026 budget comes to a close, Trinity expects 26 pledges for 2026 totaling \$100,250. God is good, indeed! We're grateful to God and to all of you whose generosity keeps us worshipping, serving, and growing together.

Magnificat!

What a joy in Christmas week: J. S. Bach's "Magnificat in D Major" and more, performed at 6 :00 pm on **Sunday, December 21** and **Monday, December 22**. This hour-long concert will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Choose the night that works for you and make your reservation now! **Because seating is limited, reservations are required.**

The program will also include selections from Bach's Cantata 61 "Come, Savior of the Nations" and Sonata No. 3 in C Major for solo violin, and Benjamin Britten's "Hymn to the Virgin." It will be performed by the newly formed Idaho State University Alumni Chamber Choir, conducted by Scott Anderson, and by the Pocatello Collegium Musicum. The Collegium was founded by Geoffrey Friedley in 2024 for the performance of Baroque music and for the enjoyment of performers and audience alike. The current ensemble of musicians from throughout Southeast Idaho includes ISU faculty and alumni.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door. The concert is produced by Musicians West, Inc. with a generous grant from the Bistline Foundation in the Idaho Community Foundation.

Reserve your place at
one of the "Magnificat" concerts now!

email

trinitypocatellomusic@gmail.com

- Your name
- Which date you'd like to come.
- How many seats you'd like to reserve.

PWCC Update

Thank you for all the donations of calendars and greeting cards this last month. They will find good homes with the residents of PWCC who are very grateful for them. Please continue your prayers for the women and their families as we enter this holy season of Advent and Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support for this outreach ministry of Trinity's.

God's Peace,

The Rev. Diane Paulson

December

Birthdays

- 3 Sam Barker-Elston
- 9 Sue Frasure
- 11 Bunky Perez
- 14 Robert Guyon
- 15 Joe Crupper
Katelyn Nelson
- 19 Dan-Vi Hoang
Camille Venemon
- 21 Amy Christensen
Billie Johnson
- 22 AJ McKenna
- 24 Miffy Lane

Anniversaries

- 6 Gene & Barbara Kurtz
- 21 John & Kay Specht
- 27 Roberta Turner &
Doug Buurma

First Friday Concert and Compline

At **5:00 pm on Friday, December 5**, the special musical event preceding Trinity's monthly Sung Compline service will be a recital by ISU voice students, who will be singing the works they . Come listen... enjoy some wine and cheese... and close the evening with compline at 7:00 pm!



Advent Tea

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 pm

Tea ❄️ Mulled Wine ❄️ Spiced Cider
German Christmas Cookies ❄️ Stollen
Storytime ❄️ Singing
Gemütlichkeit!

*All are heartily invited to
a slow start to the Advent Season.*

December at Trinity

- Join us on **December 5** for our First Friday Concert at 5:00 pm and Sung Compline at 7:00 pm.
- This year's **Advent Tea** will be on **December 6** at 2:00 pm.
- Many hands make quick work, so join us for the **Greening of the Church** after the service (and a visit from St. Nick!) on December 7.
- Pick up yummy baked goods and crafts at the **ECW Holiday Fair** at coffee hour on Sunday **December 14 and 21**.
- **Baroque Music Concert.** Trinity will host an hourlong concert featuring J.S. Bach's "Magnificat" twice in Christmas week: at 6:00 pm on **Sunday, December 21 and Monday, December 22**. Offered twice to avoid overcrowding, these glorious concerts are free but require reservations.
- **Christmas Eve!** We'll begin our celebration of Jesus's birth with a festive Eucharist on December 24 at 9:00 pm, with special music beginning at 8:30 and a candlelit singing of "Silent Night" after communion.
- **Lessons and Carols.** Trent Clegg will lead this traditional service at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 28.

2025 Stewardship Update

As of November 30 Trinity had received

- \$11,916.67 (80%) of its anticipated 2025 open plate offerings
- \$77,531.35 (86%) of its anticipated 2025 pledge offerings.

Trinity's ministries depend on your generosity. Thank you!

Episcopal Church Weavers

Episcopal Church Weavers (ECW) met November 15 to plan for the Trinity Holiday Fair and MBT Christmas gift bags. We gave Rev. Diane \$150 for craft supplies, so the women of PWCC can decorate their doors for the holidays.

For the Trinity Holiday Fair we need bakers to bring cookies to the church during office hours on Friday, December 12 or by 11:00 on Saturday, December 13. Crafts and Christmas items for the fair can be brought any time before December 14. We will make cookie plates and set out the sale items at 11:00 on Saturday, December 13. These will be sold at coffee hour December 14 and 21.

We also need items for My Brothers Table gift and treat bags by December 13. We plan to make 70 of each this year. We need Christmas candy, tangerines, new hats, gloves, winter socks, individual Kleenex, and razors. We have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste, body wash and soap but could use other toiletries like lotion, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Our next meeting will be **December 13 at 11:00** in the parish hall. A light lunch will be served. Please come help us prepare for this fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for church ministries and to help with church needs. All are welcome!

Many thanks to **Mocha Madness** coffee shop
for donating \$500 to My Brother's Table.
We're grateful for good neighbors!

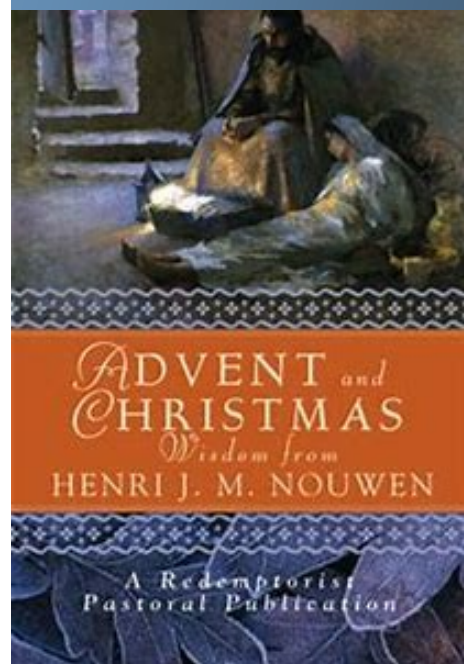
Trinity Reads

This month's "book" offers us a change of pace in this season of quiet waiting and hope. *Advent and Christmas: Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen* provides a short reading, scripture, prayer and suggested activity for each day between now and January 6. We'll meet to talk about it at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 16**.

Looking ahead to January, our next book comes strongly recommended by Bishop Jos: Thom S. Rainer's *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*. Catchy title, no? The bishop recommends Rainer's book to all of us as a way to explore issues that can help—or hurt—the vitality of our common life.

Looking Ahead

- At 10am on Saturday, January 3, we'll share an Epiphany Eucharist with the First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches. This will be the fourth year we've participated in this joint service, which will be held at the Methodist Church.



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 2:00 OGP 4:45 Alleluia Choir 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	2 12:00 PVIF Meeting 3:00 OGP	3 3:00 OGP	4 3:00 OGP 7:00 Choir Practice	5 3:00 OGP 5:00 First Friday Choral Performance 7:00 Sung Compline 8:00 AA	6 2:00 Advent Tea
 7 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:00 Greening the Church 1:30 My Brothers' Table	8 2:00 OGP 4:45 Alleluia Choir 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	9 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	10 3:00 OGP 5:00 Poky Human Right Club Christmas Party	11 3:00 OGP 7:00 Choir Practice	12 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	13 11:00 ECW 3:00 Astronomy Club
 14 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing 1:30 My Brothers' Table	15 2:00 OGP 4:45 Alleluia Choir 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	16 3:00 OGP 7:00 Trinity Reads 8:00 AA	17 3:00 OGP 7:00 Vestry	18 3:00 OGP 7:00 Choir Practice	19 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	20 10:00 Loving the Questions
 21 10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30 My Brothers' Table 6:00 Magnificat Concert	22 6:00 Magnificat Concert 8:00 AA	23 8:00 AA	 24 9:00 Christmas Eve Service	 25 Office Closed	26 8:00 AA	27
 28 10:00 Lessons & Carols 1:30 My Brothers' Table	29 8:00 AA	30 8:00 AA	31	Church Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm Remote Office Hours: Wednesday -- 9:15am. to 2:00pm		

Trinity Episcopal Church
Participant Schedule
December 2025 - 10 a.m. Service

	December 7 The 2 nd Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer	December 14 The 3 rd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	December 21 The 4 th Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	December 24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m.	December 28 The 1 st Sunday after Christmas Lessons & Carols
Officiant	Geoffrey Friedley	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg
Homilist	Geoffrey Friedley	Misty Martinelle	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg
Eucharistic Minister	--	Misty Martinelle	Joe Crupper Misty Martinelle	Angela Young	--
Lector 1	Anne LoPiccalo	Miffy Lane	Anne LoPiccalo	Tom Eckert	Catherine Buttrick
Lector 2	Catherine Buttrick	Trent Clegg	Misty Martinelle	TBD	Ruta Casabianca
Lector 3 (Gospel)	Kathy Venemon	—	—	—	Kathy Venemon
Prayers of the People		Ruta Casabianca	Catherine Buttrick	Anne LoPiccalo	—
Ushers	Jeffre Miller Susanne Forrest	Rita Haggardt Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild	Angela Young	Angela Young	Rev. Haydie	Angela Young	Angela Young
Bread	--	Diane Nelson	Diane Nelson	Diane Nelson	--
Audiovisual Team	Joe Crupper	Kevin Scott	Joe Crupper	TBD	Kevin Scott
Coffee Hour	Miffy Lane	Catherine Buttrick	Rev. Haydie Catherine Buttrick	--	Susanne Forrest
Vestry On Duty	Miffy Lane	Susan Goslee	Kathy Venemon	--	Angela Young
My Brothers' Table	Pocatello Stake	TBD	Kathleen Kangas	--	John Gregory

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday (virtual), Thursday, and Friday 10:00am-2:00 pm

CHURCH STAFF

Bishop:	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan	Parish Secretary:	Marky Essinger
Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Music Director:	Trent Clegg
Priests:	The Rev. Donald Paulson	Alleluia Choir Director:	Geoffrey Friedley
	The Rev. Diane Paulson	Choir Accompanist:	Jaden Klein