

THE CALL

The printed voice of
Trinity Episcopal Church
Pocatello, Idaho

Weaving God's Unfinished Tapestry

December 2022



Come, let us adore him!

Christmas Eve

7:00 pm	Carol Sing
7:30 pm	Holy Eucharist
10:00 pm	Carol Sing
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Christmas Day

10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
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November gives us the Thanksgiving holiday, and usually, in our area, the onset of wintry weather. This year winter came in cold and quickly, before we'd had any chance to acclimate. Early winters don't always precede long and deep winters, but if this year's pattern holds, that will assuredly be what we get. Whatever lies in store, even the most ardent snow hater welcomes snow for December's holidays. Who doesn't love the magic of a snowy Christmas Eve?

Well, maybe our Trinity snowbirds, enjoying the day in their warm and sunny winter quarters. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday, so if there is snowfall, we can brave the winter weather in the evening and on the following morning. We rarely have a service on Christmas morning at Trinity, so this is the year for us to follow in the tradition of the Cratchit family and the reformed Mr Scrooge. PVIF and Trinity volunteers will serve a most welcome meal that day for My Brother's Table, even though it may not be the fattest goose to be found at the butcher's shop.

Our Episcopal Diocese of Idaho held its annual convention in November. It was the first in-person convention since 2019, and the first at which our new bishop presided. The man is an inspiration. Those of us from Trinity who attended left with a sense of hope about keeping the flame of our faith burning, and some practical suggestions about how to achieve that goal. Like I said last month, after his quick "unofficial" visit to Trinity, I encourage you to watch the recordings so you can see and hear for yourself how he helps us to remember that our good works are good news.

Advent arrives at this time of the year, bringing in the beginning of a new church year. I referred online to *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, which gave me some technical and theological information about Advent. The technical information defines Advent as, "The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas." So those Advent calendars that start on December 1st and continue through the 24th, as fun as they are, are only exactly right in those few years when December 1st falls on a Sunday. The definition continues by providing the derivation of the word, and then the theology of the season. "The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ 'in power and glory.'" Wow. That's a lot more than a daily bite of chocolate.

So in this month we celebrate our Lord's nativity, and at the end of the month we reflect on the turning pages of the secular calendar. But neither of those happen until we have prepared for and expected the new beginnings of a nativity, and for the new beginnings of an anticipated return. Certainly, both types of beginning are worthy causes for celebration. I hope that in this month your preparations, expectations, and celebrations are fulfilling in ways both ordinary and deep. The story we believe reminds us that while life carries the darkest tragedies, we maintain faith that it also gives the greatest and most profound reasons for celebration. Birth, death, and resurrection. There's tragedy in those three items, but it's outnumbered by causes for celebration. May the same be true in your own life, as the seasons and years progress.

Prayerfully Yours,

Tom

Tom Eckert, Senior Warden

From Rev. Haydie

Come darkness, come light. Come silence, come song.

Advent is always a season of darkness and quiet, as our days shorten and we move towards that holy Bethlehem night. Yet our advent candles remind us to look for God's light in the darkness: to hold on to the hope—to God's promise—of a world about to turn. To trust that when the heavenly host appears to the shepherds, that night sky will be blazing with light.

We'll have light and darkness, silence and song in our Christmas services this year, too. As usual, both our Christmas Eve services will start with music on the hour (7:00 and 10:00), followed by a communion service half an hour later (7:30 and 10:30). This year, however, **our music will be an old-fashioned carol sing.** We'll warm up our voices, and then we'll get to sing many of the well-loved Christmas carols that often **don't** make it into our Christmas Eve service. Then, as the service is about to begin, we'll hear our choir.

We'll sing carols with all the lights on—we need them to read the music!—and we'll keep those lights on through the sermon and the prayers. As we get to the offertory, though, we'll turn our overhead lights off. We'll rely on the altar candles, Christmas lights, and, after communion, on handheld vigil candles. The rest of our lights will come back on as the service ends and we sing ourselves back into the world, rejoicing in Jesus's presence among us.

The celebration will continue the next morning, because Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year. We'll have an intimate service, with communion but without a choir. We'll hold it in the chancel, where the choir usually sits. It's the perfect moment for a change in perspective: the world will have turned, and we will be turning with it.

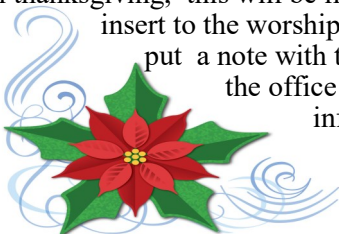
May yours be a blessed and holy Advent.

Haydie+

Christmas Flowers

Donations are being accepted for our Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate, write your checks to Trinity Church and mark them "flowers". Send your check to the church or put it in the offering plate.

If you would like your flowers to be in memory of a loved one, to honor someone or in thanksgiving, this will be listed in an insert to the worship bulletin. Please put a note with the check or call the office with this information.



Looking Ahead

- ♦ Mark your calendars now for Trinity's Annual Meeting after church on Sunday, January 22.



Thank You

My Brothers' Table Trinity Episcopal Church extends our gratitude to Gloria Howell, Gate City Realty, her associates and clients for their generous contributions of canned fruits, vegetables, boxed pastas, and proteins tuna, chili etc. to ensure meals for those in need in our community.



Episcopal Church Women (ECW) met on November 11th. Upcoming plans include the Trinity Holiday Fair December 11 and 18. Prep date will be December 10 at 11 a.m. There are sign up sheets for crafts and goodies during coffee hour or you can email miffylane1@gmail.com or ritahaggardt@gmail.com on what you can donate to the Fair. Funds support on-going church activities.

We also discussed the needs of our Afghan family and how we can help. Thank you Suzanne and Monica for your assistance to the family.

On December 6th Trinity is hosting the Portneuf Valley Interfaith Council. It will be chili and sides. Let Marky or Rev. Haydie know if you can help that day or provide an item for the meal. Rev. Haydie foresees 15-18 people.

Pam Kennedy reported on Zonta's 16 Days of Service Project. They collect and distribute personal hygiene products to schools, shelters and service agencies. We receive items for My Brothers' Table and Our Gathering Place.

Our next meeting will be December 10th at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. We will be setting up for the Craft Fair.

All women of the church, ages 16 and up are members of ECW and welcome to attend.



- 3 Sam Barker-Elston
- 4 Judy Brutz
- 9 Sue Frasure
- 11 Bunky Perez
- 14 Robert Guyon
- 15 Joe Crupper
- 19 Camille Venemon
- 20 Ken Newhouse
- 21 Amy Christensen
Diana Hadley
Billie Johnson
- 22 Abygail McKenna
- 24 Miffy Lane
- 31 Hank Stamm

Anniversaries

- 6 Gene & Barbara Kurtz
- 21 John & Kay Specht
- 24 Hank & Beth Stamm

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office at 233-2640. We don't want to miss anyone.



Please join us for **Greening of the Church** on **Sunday, December 11**, after the service. Many hands make light work, so grab your coffee and treats and head back into the church to help put up the Christmas lights and greenery!





Dear People of Trinity:

As your stewardship captain I am delighted to report that our fish and loaves have nicely multiplied and as of 11/29/2022 our glass is nearly 85% full. Nice going, Trinitarians! So now let's follow the example of Saint Nicholas, whose feast day is on December 6, and add some more gold coins to our pledge treasure to reach our goal of \$84, 000.00. I know we can do it!

Let's forego buying more Christmas dust collectors for people who already have everything and invest in our small but mighty parish and its mission to help make this world and our spiritual lives a little brighter.

It is the season of hope. Let's turn hope into reality! Happy Saint Nicholas Day and many advent blessings,

Susanne Forrest



The 29th Annual Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship Blanket Drive continues until December 15!

The 29th Annual Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship Blanket Drive runs through December 15! You can bring new or gently used blankets to church on Sunday or to the church office during office hours, or you can call Kristen Johnson (208-237-2515) for pick up.

Time is ticking... think Goats!



Each holiday season, Trinity congregants come together to buy goats for those in need. The goats are purchased through Heifer International and provide a source of income to families in the USA and internationally. Each goat costs \$120, and a share costs \$10.

This is one of our largest outreach projects, one way for us to be the "hands and heart of Jesus" in our world and also to keep Gloria and Franklin Cole, who started it, in our memories. To donate a goat or a share, you'll make your donation to Trinity and mark it "Goats." The Goat Drive will end at Christmas, and we'll send all the donations in to Heifer International together.

PWCC Ministry Update

The Pocatello Women's Correctional Center (PWCC), as of November 1st, has a person employed in charge of religious activities. We are now in the process of scheduling Zoom and in-person services and classes. Yeah! COVID concerns are still an issue so scheduling is challenging for staff.

Continuing needs for donations are:

- * Black Composition Books
- * Greeting Cards (no glitter) blank cards work well
- * Basic Chap stick

Thank you all for your support of this ministry.

The Rev. Diane Paulson



**Trinity Holiday Fair
December 11th & 18th
during coffee hour.**

The Craft Fair will be Sunday, December 11th during Coffee Hour. Bring cash or your checkbook and help ECW raise money for various projects. Pick up that little gift or goodie plate for someone without braving the crowded stores.

The following week, Sunday, December 18th is our Baked Foods and Goodie Sale Fundraiser. Holiday cookie assortments will be available during coffee hour.

Last month at Trinity...

Alleluia Choir. On All Saints Day, Trinity remembered its saints with a photo display in the Parish Hall... and we got to hear our new Alleluia Youth Choir for the first time! Supported by Alleluia Choir alumna Grace Friedley, they also served as our acolytes for the day.



Trans Day of Remembrance. On November 19, Trinity joined with the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in a service lifting up the memories of the trans and gender variant people lost to violence in the last year—and praying for a kinder future.

PVIF Thanksgiving. Trinity was one of more than eight PVIF faith communities—from the Pocatello Islamic Society to the LDS Church--singing together, praying together, and reflecting on the joys of giving thanks. Join us next year!



Advent Wreaths. At coffee hour on the first Sunday of Advent, Rev. Diane Paulson helped the congregation make their own Advent wreaths to take home. Piles of ribbons, greens, and brass rings turned into reminders of God's light on December's dark evenings.



A Prayer for Christmas

The internet reveals little about Wilda English — only that she lived from 1916 to 1997 and once resided in California. No details exist about her family, work or interests. Just this prayer, widely shared online. And it is no small thing. Indeed, the prayer tells much about her faith.

God bless Wilda English for sharing these words with the world. May they continue to inspire many!

*God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.*



Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

PUZZLE

F M K N L A D E G S C E J A T S
 H → → → U
 M ↑ **What's in a name?** ↓
 V ↑
 S ↑
 R ↑
 B ↑
 O ↑
 L ↑
 Y ↑
 Q ↑
 O ↑
 X ↑
 A ↑
 V ↑
 H ↑
 R ↑
 T ↑

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

"S_e w_ll __ve b ir__
 to _ s_n, and __u a_e to
 gi_e _i_ the __me J__us,
 b_c_u__ he _ill s__e his
 __op_e f_o_ t__ir s_n_."

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

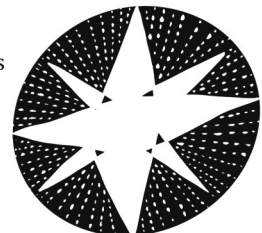
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Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV

Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)____ (2)____ in the (3)____, and the (3)____ has not overcome it."

- (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- None of the above










Answer: B (See John 1:5.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Church Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 am to 2:00pm Remote Office Hours: Wednesday 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>				1	2	3	
 <p><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>10:00 Morning Prayer 1:30 My Brothers' Table</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	2:00 OGP	12:00 PVIF meeting 3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	11:00 ECW
	8:00 AA	8:00 AA	5:45 Alleluia Choir Practice	7:00 OGP	7:00 Choir Practice	3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	
 <p><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:00 ECW Holiday Fair 1:30 My Brothers' Table</p>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	2:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	3:00 OGP	
	8:00 AA	8:00 AA	5:45 Alleluia Choir Practice 7:00 Vestry - Zoom	7:00 Choir Practice	8:00 AA		
 <p><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 ECW Holiday Fair 1:30 My Brothers' Table</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				 <p>First Day of Winter</p>			 <p>Christmas Eve</p>
	8:00 AA	8:00 AA		7:00 Choir Practice	8:00 AA		7:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist
 <p><i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30 My Brothers' Table</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Office Closed						 <p>New Year's Eve</p>
	8:00 AA	8:00 AA				8:00 AA	

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Participant Schedule
December 2022

	December 4 The 2 nd Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	December 11 The 3 rd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	December 18 The 4 th Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	December 24 Eve of the Nativity Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.	December 24 Eve of the Nativity Holy Eucharist 10:30 p.m.	December 25 The 1st Sunday after Christmas Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
Presider	Trent Clegg	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Don Paulson	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller
Homilist	Trent Clegg	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Don Paulson	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller
Eucharistic Minister	--	Geoffrey Friedley	Anne LoPiccalo	Anne LoPiccalo	TBD	--
Lector 1	Catherine Buttrick	Kathy Venemon	John Scott	Miffy Lane	Ruta Casabianca	Trent Clegg
Lector 2	Diane Bilyeu	Ruta Casabianca	Miffy Lane	John Scott	Trent Clegg	
Lector 3 (Gospel)	Anne LoPiccalo	--	--	--	--	--
Prayers of the People	--	Anne LoPiccalo	Ruta Casabianca	--	--	Miffy Lane
Ushers	Judy Aung	Kathy Venemon	Susanne Forrest	John Scott	Angela Young	--
Altar Guild	Judy Aung	Judy Aung	Terrie Wallace	Angela Young	Angela Young	Terrie Wallace
Audiovisual	Geoffrey Friedley	Geoffrey Friedley	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Vestry on Duty	Joe Crupper	Tom Eckert	Chris Elston	--	--	Susanne Forrest
Coffee Hour	Kathleen Kangas	Angela Young	Miffy Lane	--	--	Coffee Only Potluck treats
My Brothers' Table	Robin Nelson & Friends	Jill Watkins	Knights of Columbus	--	--	Portneuf Valley Interfaith



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The Rev. Dr. Donald Paulson
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Music / Choir Director: Trent Clegg
Keyboardist: Trent Clegg

VESTRY

Thomas Eckert - Sr. Warden
Christopher Elston - Junior Warden
Susan Goslee, Clerk
Diane Bilyeu
Joe Crupper
Susanne Forrest
Beth Johnston
Miffy Lane

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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