

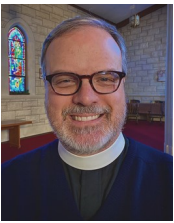


# The Cathedral chimes

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## From the Dean



Our daughter Annie's godparents are Frank and Cristi. They have been wonderful friends for many years. Jacquie and I

met them at church (of course). We shared a lot of ministry and good times together before we moved in 2001 for me to attend seminary.

Once I thought to ask Frank how they had come to attend that particular church. His eyebrows flew up a few inches and he got an impish look on his face. He leaned forward and told me the following story.

"There was a service on Valentine's Day a few years before you all came to town. It was like 'speed-dating,' where you could sit and listen to different speakers and learn about the different churches. When it came time for Father Rick [the priest at our church] to speak, he was sort of wonderful and goofy – so different from all the others. He had this pink paper heart with lace around it and he kept talking about how you get to have a heart-to-heart connection with God, be in love with the divine. He was actually pretty deep. We thought his energy was so great. After the service, we just knew we wanted to check it out. We did, and we never left."

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"And now these  
three remain:  
FAITH, HOPE,  
and LOVE.  
But the greatest  
of these is  
LOVE."

1 Corinthians 13:13

## From the Dean continued

I think about that story almost every time February rolls around. On the one hand, it's pretty simple, right? A church service on Valentine's Day, a pink heart with lace, and a priest who was willing to step off the beat in order to do his job. But it's also a beautiful story, because it's about someone who got to present a testimony of faith to people who were hungry to hear about any kind of relationship they could have with God – and it clearly worked!

We have been through so much over the past few years. In the wake of all we've experienced, people are hungrily looking in every direction possible for meaningful spiritual contact, healing, and connection. There is a prime opportunity to engage people in substantial and life-changing conversations. That includes pointing them to safe harbors such as our own Grace Cathedral, where they can find the space and time they need to attend to these important matters.

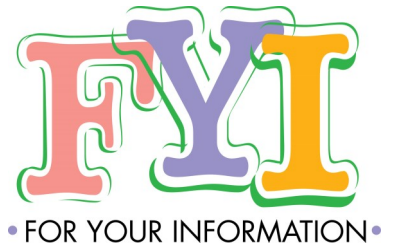
The soul, though, is easily frightened. There must be genuine, individualized, and caring invitation. We might all recognize that we are in different places in our spiritual journey.

Ask God to show you those to whom a gentle invitation to church would be welcome after taking the time to get to know them. Seize the opportunities when they come. Listen well. And know that the effort is blessed. God's word never returns empty.

Torey+

### ♦ Adult Forum in February

- February 6: No class
- February 13: Stained glass windows in Grace Cathedral, led by Dean Torey Lightcap
- February 20 & 27: Walkthrough on the Daily Office, lead by Dean Torey Lightcap



- ♦ **Cathedral earns money from rewards program:** During the last quarter of 2021, Grace Cathedral earned \$330 from 77 participating households in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. (Kroger operates the local Dillons grocery stores.) We encourage you to link your Dillons rewards card to Grace Cathedral. Simply create a digital account with Dillons and choose Grace Cathedral Topeka as the organization you wish to support. Each time you shop with your rewards card, Kroger Company will donate a portion of the money you spend to Grace Cathedral. Thank you!
- ♦ **New pew reserved signs:** Grace Cathedral received a gift of six new “pew reserved” signs from Donna Mathena-Menke of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. This recent gift was arranged by Norm Nellis, our usher team captain for January & July, and Building & Grounds committee chair. Thanks to Donna for her generosity and thoughtfulness.

## GREAT SPACES

### Music & Arts Series

#### David Briggs, organist

Sunday, February 13, 3 p.m.

Great Spaces and The Greater Kansas City Chapter of The American Guild of Organists is pleased to present organist David Briggs in concert at Grace Cathedral on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m.

David's program will include music by Franz Schmidt, J S Bach, César Franck, Gustav Mahler, Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakoff, Alexandre Guilmant and an improvisation on submitted themes.

Known for his unbridled virtuosity and passion for making organ music vibrant and accessible to a wide and diverse audience, David is one of the most sought after concert organists of his generation.

Admission is free, both in person (masks required) and through livestream. Go to [www.GreatSpaces.org](http://www.GreatSpaces.org) to register for the live stream option.





## Te Deum Altar Guild Director Retires

A long-serving ministry leader is retiring from her position after 12 years. Bev Tilley has served with distinction as Director of the Altar Guild since 2010, and has decided to step down this year. We are fortunate in that she plans to continue as one of four Altar Guild group leaders. (Teams normally consist of four members apiece, plus those who polish silver and brass or perform necessary linen care.)

Many adjustments have been made during her time as Director, most notably in the past few years as we dealt with the COVID-19 crisis. With trademark insight, patience, and humor, Bev went about the work even as she led it. She produced annual duty lists and schedules, and filled in whenever extra responsibilities were added, including diocesan services, weddings, funerals, and all the busy times at Christmas and Holy Week / Easter.

In consultation with Dean Lightcap, Altar Guild member Linda Gallaway is set to take over as Director from Bev. They will work together for a smooth transition over the coming weeks.

The formal *Te Deum* group name is Latin for “God, We Praise You..” Bev certainly exhibited this during her many years of service, and we thank her for her ministry!



## February Birthdays

- 5 Jeanette Collier
- 7 Jim Bertram  
Ruthellen Saiya
- 8 Brent Hoyt  
Amanda Weikel
- 9 Phil Dittmer  
Patrick Early
- 12 Dale Gallaway  
Barbara Salyer
- 14 Kathy Lambert
- 15 Marianna Nothern
- 17 Dennis Nelson  
Nancy Perry
- 18 Larry Brock
- 19 Larry Kampschroeder  
Stan Wilch
- 21 Sam Todwong
- 23 Carol Bertram  
Lynne Dillon  
Marilyn Trubey
- 24 Kathy Slawson
- 25 Frank Smith
- 26 Kathy Hood
- 27 Michael Wilson

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —Book of Common Prayer*

(Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)

## New vestry members approved at Annual Meeting



Clockwise from top left: John Finch, Vanessa Hill and Alan Johnson were elected to 3-year terms on the Vestry, and Marilyn Trubey was elected to fulfil a 2-year term.

Also elected at the Annual Meeting were Endowment Trustees Barry Bray and Dennis Nelson (*not pictured*) for 3-year terms.

## 2022 budget approved at Annual Meeting

A hybrid version of the 2022 Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 23 with Dean Lightcap leading the meeting in All Saints Hall and on Zoom.

Kevin Cassidy, Finance Committee Chairman, presented a balanced budget for 2022 of \$858,458. This includes pledged income of \$625,446 from 173 pledge cards, an increase of \$25,144 from 2021 pledges. The budget was approved.

The Cathedral ended last year in the black. Total income was \$863,294.54 in 2021 and total expenditures were \$858,779.13 for a net positive balance of \$4,515.41.



## THE PROPER LITURGY for ASH WEDNESDAY and IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, March 2  
12:10 and 7 p.m.



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### About the window...

Each month, we feature a small portion of a Cathedral stained glass window on the front cover of *The Chimes*. In this window, on the west aisle of the Nave, Jesus calls his first Disciples to leave their nets and follow him to become fishers of men.  
(Luke 5:4-11—Gospel reading for Feb. 6)

## February 2022

### Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,  
Rite I \*  
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
(Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,  
Rite II \*

**Masks are currently required  
for all services and events at  
Grace Cathedral.**

*\*Until Covid numbers go down in  
Shawnee County, we will be offer-  
ing Spiritual Communion on Sun-  
days.*

### GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas*  
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*  
The Reverend John Bullock, *Assistant Priest*  
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*  
The Venerable Anne Flynn, *Archdeacon*

### CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance & Facilities Manager*  
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*  
Sylvia Hamilton, *Interim Organist*  
Zachary Cope, *Interim Choirmaster*  
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*  
*And Interim Music Administrator*  
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

### VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Rick Backlund, Brenda Kebert, Susan Weber ,  
Linda Ditch, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel,  
John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson  
*Senior and Junior Wardens will be elected at the Feb. vestry meeting.*  
Lance Royer, *Treasurer;*  
Cynthia Sheppard Langston, *Chancellor*