

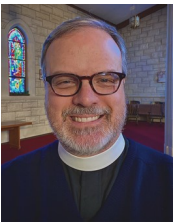


# The Cathedral chimes

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## From the Dean



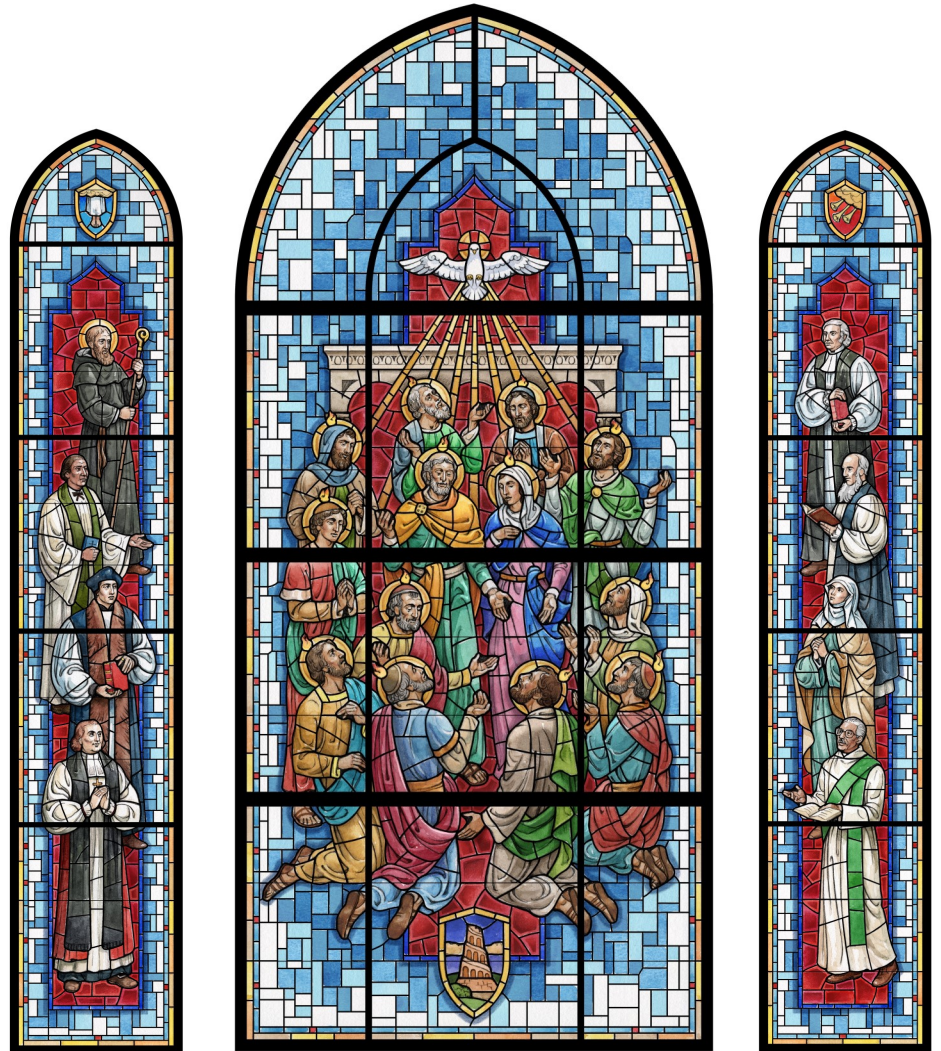
It's easy to confuse death with finality. As far as any of us can see, it's the last thing that happens to us, and eventually it comes for

everyone. Death is indiscriminate and sometimes supremely unfair in who it takes from us, but no one gets to skip out on it.

Part of the miracle of the Easter moment and season is that we have a chance to rethink our relationship with death by giving thanks to Jesus for his resurrection. It prefigures our own deaths by removing the taint of finality. Instead, it begs us to see that there is more to life than death. At most – even at its most tragic or protracted – death is like a way-station, a trailhead, a stop sign, a veil between continuous realities. One gift of Easter is the chance to be stretched beyond our imaginations as they are, into what else might be possible in God's economy of life.

In the month of April, I had the amazing privilege to be with families whose loved ones were either dying or very recently deceased. In each case, the task was the same: to bless those returning to God, and to assure their families that God was doing for them “exceedingly, abundantly more than we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians

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## New Pentecost window

By now, many have had the opportunity to see the design for the north Cathedral window and lancets. The triptych presented here is shown in its final color design. The graphic only hints at what will soon grace our Cathedral windows. The center window depicts the Pentecost event itself – the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the inspiration and astonishment of the disciples as they gather with one another and with Mary, the mother of Jesus. They are flanked by eight “witnesses” to the Pentecost who are each responsible for bringing the message across the centuries to us. The most recent, shown at lower right, is Deacon Joseph Thompson of both St. Simon’s and Grace Cathedral.

## From the Dean continued

3:20). The basis for this hope and promise, of course, is nothing less than the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because of the surety of that promise, I don't think it necessary to dwell too much on death or what comes after beyond the customary preparations. Obsession with the question can be unhealthy. God has the situation well in hand. Scriptures attest by offering certain embroidery around that same notion. Call me simple, but that's good enough for me.

I wish you a truly blessed Easter!  
—Torey+

## From the Senior Warden



Happy Easter season all! Hoping that you have been able to take some time during Lent, and now Easter, to connect with our services during this key part of the

Christian calendar year.

Since being elected by the Vestry to serve as your Senior Warden – it has been an honor and privilege to work with them, along with the dean, the staff and ALL in our congregation as we continue our journey to establish a “new normal” for life here at Grace.

Over the last few weeks, I have noticed such excitement by our parish members as they see us taking next steps to gradually bring our worship services towards a post-Covid environment with increased opportunities for interaction in our worship community. Our attendance at worship – whether in person or virtually – has been increasing with a renewed energy.

It truly is an exciting time to serve as your Senior Warden as we look to a summer that will include newly selected leaders for our music program and a new stained glass window!

Wishing you all a terrific post-Easter season and Spring.

—Rick Backlund

## Grace Cathedral welcomes new organist!



It brings me great excitement to announce the hiring of Dr. Donald Livingston as Organist of Grace Cathedral. His first Sunday with us will be June 26th.

In a statement, Dr. Livingston said, “I can hardly express my feelings about returning home and being your organist at Grace Cathedral. This church was where I first heard an organ and was captivated by its sound and mystery, and I am honored to become a part of its legacy of music and ministry. I look forward to weaving my life into the rich fabric of the Cathedral and the community.”

Donald has an infectious love of music honed over a lifetime, born right here in Kansas. He was confirmed at St. Paul's, Manhattan, and played organ there as well as at St. Luke's in Wamego. He served various parishes in Indiana, Texas, and Minnesota. While living in Austin, TX, he lectured in organ and harpsichord at the University of Texas. In Minneapolis, he has been Organist at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church as well as Creative Director for the Twin Cities Early Music Festival.

His academic credentials include bachelors degrees in both piano performance and philosophy from Kansas State University; the *Juris Doctor* from the Mitchell Hamline School of Law; the Master of Music in organ from Kansas State; and the Doctor of Music degree from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University-Bloomington.

His compositions and editions have been published by Augsburg Fortress, National Music Publishers, and Paraclete Press.

In addition to work with professional artists and dedicated volunteers to provide organ music for services, Donald will supervise and conduct the Cathedral handbell choir; assist in selecting and developing hymns, service music, anthems, and other service music for worship; and oversee the Great Spaces program.

He will succeed Dr. Sylvia Hamilton who has so capably served as Interim Organist since July of last year, and before that as Assistant Organist for many years. We will mark her formal retirement date on June 12th.

As you know, these last few years have been extraordinarily demanding on church staffs, ours included. Sylvia has risen to every challenge and I am so grateful for her ministry, her insightful questions and ideas, her collegiality, her artistry, and her good cheer.

I am indebted to the council of advice that helped steer this decision, including David Woods, Chris Shermoen, and Cynthia Sheppard as well as our Senior and Junior Wardens, Rick Backlund and Linda Ditch.

Please join me in wishing both Sylvia and Donald every success as Grace Cathedral seeks to continue an exceptional history of praise to God through our music ministry.

—Dean Lightcap

### Easter Flower Memorial

The following contribution for Easter Flowers did not make it into the Easter bulletin. *Given in memory of our mothers, Maurita Sesler and Beverly Kyle by Debbie Sesler and Konnie Kyle.*



## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to the following graduates from Grace Cathedral!



**Nathan Adams and Gabriel Lightcap** are Grace Cathedral's two graduating high school seniors this year. Nathan, (left), son of Ed Adams, Rochelle Adams and grandson of Connie Adams, will graduate from Topeka High School with plans to major in engineering at Kansas State University.

Gabriel, (right), son of Jacquie and Torey Lightcap, will graduate from

Washburn Rural High School and will enter the College of Architecture, Planning and Design at Kansas State University.

Both Nathan and Gabriel serve at acolytes at the Cathedral.

Our college graduate is Jason Gallaway (right) who will receive a degree in Construction Management with a minor in Business from Pittsburg State University. Jason will begin a job with a company, JACO, in Wichita shortly after graduation.

Jason is the son of Linda and Dale Gallaway.



## Welcome to the newly baptized!

Baptisms were held at both services on Sunday, April 24.

Dylan Bane was baptized at the 8:30 service with Debbie Sesler and Konnie Kyle as his sponsors.

At the 10:30 service, Callie Brielle Clark and her father, Evan Douglas Clark, were baptized, (pictured with Callie's mom, Kinsley Kebert). Callie is the granddaughter of Cathedral members Brenda and Jeremy Kebert.



## May birthdays

- 1 Collette Coolidge
- 2 Konnie Kyle
- 3 Clyde Kensinger  
Tom Lewis
- 5 Dick Roach
- 6 Nancy Horton
- 10 Becky Stottlemire
- 11 Jim Brewer  
Marilyn Starr
- 14 Allen Jeffus
- 15 Lee Glaze
- 16 Jack Dicus
- 17 Nathan Adams  
Sue Wilch
- 18 Sera Todwong
- 19 Bess Mannoni  
Allie Wilson
- 20 Chloe Wolgast
- 21 Debbie Benson
- 24 Suzanne DeWeese  
Aaron Gallaway  
Ken Perry
- 25 Kevin Cassidy  
Sylvia Hamilton
- 26 Julie McKibben  
Mike Miller
- 27 Mark Quintana
- 29 Wanda Stephens
- 30 Sharon Highberger
- 31 Gabriel Lightcap

*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.)

YOU'RE INVITED

## NEHEMIAH ACTION 2022

May 9, 7PM @ Lee Arena  
(1901 SW Mulvane, Topeka KS)

JOIN OUR CONGREGATION AND OTHERS SO THAT WE HAVE THE  
POWER TO CHALLENGE OUR OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS SERIOUS  
COMMUNITY PROBLEMS.

WE'LL CALL FOR ACTION ON:  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.

Join us May 9, 7 p.m., as we stand up for justice! Registration begins: 5:45 p.m. Topeka Mayor Mike Padilla will attend the NEHEMIAH to answer questions about funding for the City's Housing Trust Fund. A Board Member from Valeo Behavioral Health will attend to answer questions about services needed for people experiencing a mental health crisis.



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## May 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 optional  
for all services and events at  
Grace Cathedral.**

### **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 (Senior Warden), Brenda Kebert, Susan Weber ,  
Linda Ditch (Junior Warden), Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel,  
John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson  
Lance Royer, *Treasurer*;  
Cynthia Sheppeard Langston, *Chancellor*

### **About the window...**

The stained glass window on the cover of The Chimes depicts the parable of the lost sheep. (Luke 15:3-7) This window is part of the west center clerestory windows in the Cathedral nave.