



# The Cathedral chimes

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## From the Dean



You may have heard a sermon on December 4<sup>th</sup> about my desires for the future and what I see as good and possible goals

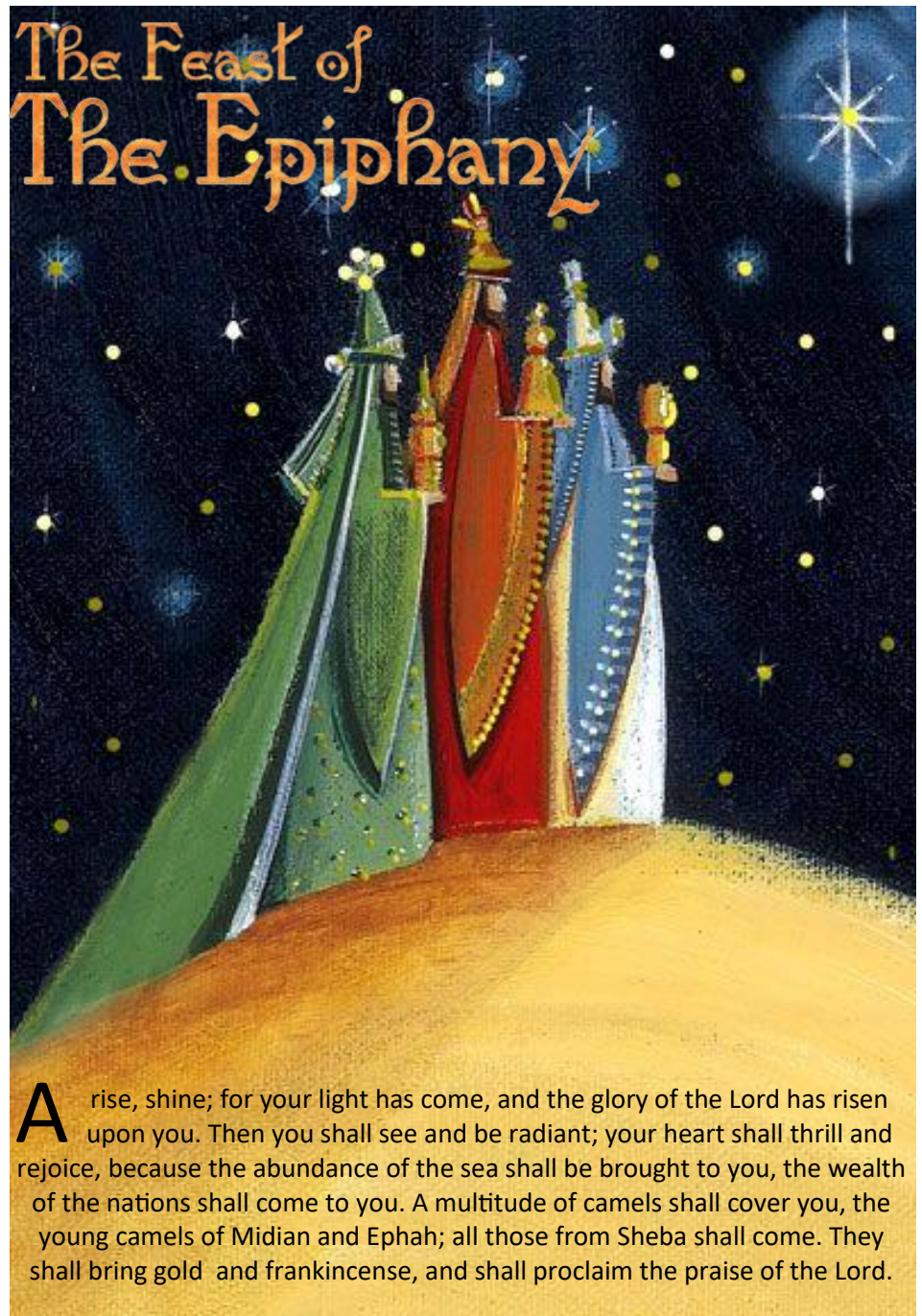
to pursue for growth in the future. I hope you know how truly rare that makes our congregation coming into this time, that it seems we are now ready to start having this kind of conversation and visioning with God!

Here's some more fodder.

For many, a church is a place of refuge where they get to see people who are precious to them. The church can represent places and times for warmth and intimacy among friends and family, where those familiar to us are regularly welcomed and brought close. These nice thoughts are often accompanied by idea that "Surely others would see this and want to participate."

In the abstract, these thoughts seem to perfectly align with the vision of Grace Cathedral to be "A house of prayer for all people." That vision statement includes the idea of growing as a church by warmly embracing visitors, many of whom, I can guarantee you, are curious (if not downright intent) about membership and incorporation into this community of faith.

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**A**rise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## From the Dean continued

Sometimes, though, the need for intimacy can conflict with the desire for growth. In our social imagination, there might only be so much “room around the fire” for more people, or we might rankle if things change too much. We might end up unconsciously undermining our outward and publicly-stated goals for growth by exercising our inward and privately-held desire to keep things as they are.

That’s a fancy way of saying that sometimes, churches find it hard to grow because as social creatures, we are hardwired to resist the kind of discomfort that often attends growth – even if we have explicitly stated that we desire to grow. It seems odd to imagine that we would deliberately do this – but most of the time, it’s not deliberate, not overt. It’s subtle and small. “If we already have something good, why would we want to change it?”

I want to thank you in advance for your willingness to engage in this developing dialogue. It means a lot for the future of this congregation. I hope you can tell how excited I am about it.

—Torey+



*St. Nicholas visit  
December 4*


## Adult Forum in January: focusing on Body, Mind and Spirit

Jan. 8: Mental Wellness (leader TBD); Jan. 15: Physical Wellness with Rick Backlund; Jan. 22: Spiritual Wellness with Dean Lightcap

The Adult Forum is held on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall. *Classes will not be held on January 29 due to the Annual Meeting.*

**Stewardship update:** As of the printing of this month’s *Chimes*, our 2023 Annual Stewardship Campaign stands at 178 pledges for \$609,230. We will have a final update at the Annual Meeting in January.

If you would like a pledge card for 2023, please call the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457. THANK YOU!



# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Sunday, January 29**  
9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall

Election of new vestry members, Endowment Trustees and Convention Delegates

Presentation of the 2023 budget

Report on the state of the parish by Dean Lightcap

Continental breakfast to be served



Thank you to everyone who participated in our St. Nicholas Tree project. Because of your generosity, the Cathedral Youth Group delivered gifts to 10 households (25 individuals) adopted through the Topeka Christmas Bureau.

## Endowment gift to leave lasting legacy



We are most grateful for a donation from the estate of Phyllis Evans, who died in November of 2021. Phyllis'

remains rest in the Chapel of the Resurrection (the Grace Cathedral columbarium).

She was a former Vestry member at Grace Cathedral and was active in Altar Guild and Daughters of the King.

She generously remembered the Cathedral in her estate plans and entrusted the gift with the Topeka Community Foundation. A portion of the interest from her gift will make a lasting annual impression of her life.

## January Birthdays

- 1 David Porterfield
- 5 Steve Roth
- 9 Neta Jeffus
- 11 Marilyn Atchley
- 15 Jeanne Tucker
- 16 Dominique Shannon
- 21 Nancy Nellis  
Anita Wolgast
- 23 Nancy Manning  
Claire McCurdy
- 25 Dan Rice
- 26 Zachary Cope
- 27 Tammy King
- 30 Kevin McGillivary

*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*

## GREAT SPACES

## Music & Arts Series

**Tuesday, January 3, 7 pm.**



Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir presents "How Can We Keep From Singing?" Expressing both great joy and deep sorrow, both fervent hope and honest fear, this powerful, soulful program is sure to inspire. Offering an array of music by Pavel Chesnokov, Gwynneth Walker, Jake Runestad, Rosephanye Powell, Felix Mendelssohn, Moses Hogan, and Alessandro Scarlatti. Under the direction of Tom Trenney.

*Tickets: \$10/general; \$5/students; 12 and younger, free available at [www.GreatSpaces.org](http://www.GreatSpaces.org) (credit card) or at the Cathedral office (cash/check only)*

**Sunday, January 23, 3 p.m.**

### Te Deum Ensemble

A Glimpse of Heaven: Sacred Treasures of the Renaissance (Antiqua Series)

The highest aim for the Renaissance sacred composer was to give the listener a reprieve from daily strife, and offer a peace-filled glimpse of heavenly serenity. The profound spirituality and compositional genius of the 16th century's treasures will be celebrated in works by Tallis, Byrd, Palestrina, Lassus, Josquin, and more.

*Tickets: \$20/general; \$5/students; 12 and younger, free available at [www.GreatSpaces.org](http://www.GreatSpaces.org) (credit card) or at the door (cash/check only)*





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### **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

### **GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY**

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas*  
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*  
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*

### **CATHEDRAL STAFF**

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance & Facilities Manager*  
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