



# THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

## *From the Dean's Desk*

by *The Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer*

Dear Cathedral Family,

The collect for the First Sunday in Advent beautifully starts the season of waiting and preparation:

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light...*

Now in this time when our days are literally darker (hello sunset at 4:00 pm in the Inland Northwest!) and the daytime can have the bleakness of winter gray skies. Now in this time, just as 2000 years ago, when there are wars and rumors of wars around the world. Now in this time when we are surrounded by so many images of seemingly perfect family and friends gatherings and when we have our own wonderful, but not made-for-TV-perfection, encounters with real people in real life. Now in this time when we live in the here and not yet here, of God's reign having already started and also the world still being transformed into ways that are those of heaven.

Now in this time, in our daily lives, we are invited to push back against the powers and principalities of the world which drag people into spaces of fear and hopelessness. Now in this time, in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools, we are asked to stay alert to Emmanuel, God-with-us, present in every space.

Now in this time, in our world, we put on the armor of light, love, and hope, proclaiming that the whole world is transformed by the Babe in the manger. Now in this time, our hearts prepare a room wherein Christ may dwell.

Across the 3 weeks and (roughly) 14 hours of this shortest Advent season, we journey to Bethlehem, to the manger, to seek the Christ Child again. We weave the Nativity tapestry as we tell and re-member the Christmas story, giving thanks for the Incarnation, God's amazing trust in humankind to be born as a baby into a hard world. Whether at the Pageant, on Christmas Eve, or at the feast of the Epiphany, we imagine ourselves as shepherds, innkeepers, neighbors, and seekers after Truth, being drawn to the humble birthplace of the King of all Creation.

And once the wreaths and tree are crunchy, and the Christmas cookies all consumed, we still follow the star, knowing that the light of Epiphany is the light our armor reflects. The light of Christ leads us to the Jordan river as we see the heavens torn open and hear the Voice of God. Disciples are called to follow Jesus and we follow too, because now in this time Jesus seeks those who will follow and walk in the Way of Love.

Now in this time, as we journey through the expectant waiting of Advent, to the joy of Christmas and the mystery & wonder of the Incarnation, and come to the showing forth of God's Love and Light in the world, may we hold fast to the hope and prayer as captured in Hymn 91:

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, greet that glorious sight, our Lord a crib adorning.  
This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,  
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

(Johann Rist, 1607-1667; *Hymnal* 1982 translation)

Put on your armor of light and shine with God's Love.

In Christ's Peace and Expectant Waiting,

Dean Heather



## *From the Priest Associate*

*by the Rev. Arlen Farley*

With my column this month I want to share some exciting developments in Communications. On the first Sunday of Advent you will notice some very significant changes in the design of Cathedral communications, from the bulletins and the e-blasts to new pew info cards. Most significantly, perhaps, is a change from our logo of the Cathedral Tower to a logo resembling our Rose Window. This shift is from the prominent and recognizable exterior symbol of our building as seen by the city to something more iconic and representative of our congregation's experience of worship. We hope and pray the new logo invites people to encounter God and one another. In addition to the new logo, you'll notice new fonts, new templates, a new color palette drawing from hues in and outside our space and corresponding to our liturgical seasons. We hope, over all, that our new communication design is more consistent across our platforms, more beautiful, and more accessible. We cannot wait for you to see these changes and share your thoughts! Stop by the cathedral office to pick up stickers with our new logo on it in celebration.

In this issue of the Chimes you might notice a gentle introduction of some of the new design elements. Stay tuned in upcoming seasons for a new lawn sign in the works, updating of the website in design and content, and a refreshed Chimes. Many thanks to our devoted communications task force team: Andrea Matters, Jayne Touchstone, Linda Finney, Elizabeth Rosenzweig, Amanda Glover, with clergy support from Dean Heather and I (Arlen). Special thanks to Meredith Shimizu for her admirable work in chairing the task force. Thanks also to partners at the Whitworth Office of Church Engagement who supported this work financially

with a grant from the Resilient Church Project, and to the design team at Averson Creative who did a fantastic job listening to our team and developing our brand.

### *Reflections on Children & Youth Sunday*

*by Sarah Robertson*

October 28th was a very special day for everyone at the Cathedral. Since the start of the program year, the Sunday school kids had been learning about the different parts of the liturgy and preparing to take major roles in the 10:30am service.

Lessons focused on what it means to be part of the Christian family, and particularly, how we celebrate when we come together on Sundays. Dean Heather led tours of the sacristy to highlight how the table comes together for communion, Father Arlen helped craft the prayers of the people, and everyone worked hard on preparing for their special roles.

The kids enjoyed making the bread for communion before the service (and going to church a bit flour-y) as well as acting out the Bible readings for the congregation. The children that read the prayers of the people were so excited and nervous, and they did a great job. It can be scary to read in front of so many people!

Dr. Andrea Olsen was kind enough to teach all the kids (not just junior choir!) the songs for the day, and our regular ushers showed a lot of patience in helping the kids learn their roles.

Thanks to everyone for their kindness and enthusiasm for this youth-led Sunday. It was lovely experience, and we cannot wait for it to happen again soon!

Right: photos from Children & Youth Sunday.





## Organ Renovation Progress Report

By now many of you have seen the large empty space within the choir where the organ console normally resides. With the console away for its repairs and rewiring, it is a time when we can have other major organ maintenance work done. This includes cleaning the organ pipes. Over time, organ pipes accumulate dust simply because they do have air forced through them and are partially open to the Cathedral air-space. Smoke residue from wild-fires can also be part of the mix within the pipes.

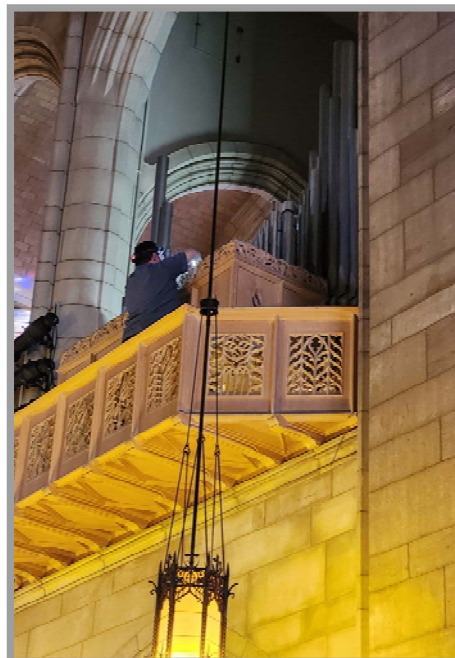
In the last week of November, the team from Marceau Organ Builders came to the Cathedral to remove the smaller organ pipes for cleaning. These pipes were taken from the Great, Swell, Choir, and Pedal divisions, which are in the lofts above and just towards the high altar from the pulpit and lectern. Larger pipes will be cleaned in place, simply due to their size.

We expect the return of the pipes and rewired console in early spring.

This major organ maintenance work is funded through a generous bequest from Martha True (1922-2017).



Above: Sean from Marceau waves hello from the loft. Below: careful work removing pipes.



Above: several pipes prepared for transit.

## Music Notes by Dr. Andrea Olsen

It has been an exciting and busy couple of months for the Music Ministry. All three music ensembles—Junior Choir, Cathedral Ringers and Cathedral Choir—diligently prepared for the season of Advent and enjoyed sharing the music-making for our traditional Advent Lessons and Carols service. Attention then shifted to practicing special music and favorite carols for the Christmas Eve services.

I am delighted to report that we have experienced growth in membership for both the Cathedral Choir and Ringers, and I hope that, with our recent Youth Sunday service and the Caroling at the MAC outreach project, our Junior Choir may add some new voices after the New Year.

In this most recent season of Thanksgiving, I would be remiss if I didn't mention how incredibly grateful I am to our Music Ministry team for their hard work, dedication, and for the various gifts each brings to fulfill their respective responsibilities: from set-up to tear-down (and everything in between) our Music Ministry team covers the 'behind the scenes' details with joy, and I couldn't possibly do it without them.

To Hsia-Jung, Byrl, Amanda, Ruby, Emily, Elaine, Jane, Nelson, Nathan, and Brendan... THANK YOU!



Above: the Cathedral Choir sings at this year's service of Lessons and Carols.

## *Updates from Cathedral Life*

*by Karen Byrne*

We are waiting in this season of Advent. Our committee would like to take time to reflect on the wonderful parish activity of our Thanksgiving dinner. We were able to host our neighbors at Canterbury Court, and so many St. John's members. Over 40 of you pitched in to plan, cook, decorate, clean, serve, and host our guests. It was a special time, and yummy food. A shout out to Cindy Duncan and the CL committee, Nina Beegle and her group for decorating, Rick for setup and take down, and so many more! We would also like to welcome two new members of the Cathedral Life Committee: Sally Ray and Pam Watts. We are so thankful for their hearts for service and welcome.

Hospitality is a part of the Advent season, and we welcome back some of our favorite traditions. The annual Advent Wreath-Making Party was a joyful occasion with treats and wreath-making for all ages. On December 17 we welcomed the much-beloved Christmas Pageant, with St. Nicolas Guild and the Sunday School serving an elegant celebration afterwards at coffee hour.

We are looking toward 2024 on New Year's Eve, with an all-ages family friendly worship at 7pm. We will be worshipping at the Cathedral with folks from West Central Abby, including Katy Shedlock who will be sharing the homily. The service will begin outside on the labyrinth, move to the Cathedral for worship, and then into the Guild Rooms for our party and viewing of fireworks at 9 pm. Please come and join us for sharing of faith, fellowship, and festive food and drink!

## *Environmental Stewardship*

*by John Wallingford*

I was invited to speak at a half day symposium held by the Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance on the care of public lands, tasked to share an interfaith perspective. It was a challenge for me to put the learnings from these last few years' activity with Hope for Creation into seven minutes. Elevator pitch time: I wonder, how many parishioners have a short statement of their views on environmental stewardship to share? I was the only non Mormon, and I didn't have a good read on what others would say or what they believed. Looking in from the outside helped me to double check, to have my ducks in a row.

There was much held in common, and some areas flagged for further discussion like the rights of private land ownership, and the federal interest to allow leases of public land for conservation and restoration 'uses'.

One reason I joined the symposium was in hopes to have a MESA representative reciprocally participate in the EXPO +50 interfaith event next spring, and they committed to do that. Opening a diagonal with our local Mormon community strengthens our collective faith-based voice for Creation care in a timely way.

I'm also conflicted by having taken an international flight to Japan, considering its large carbon footprint. Sure, I rationalized, it's the first such trip in many years, and it was to see family. But it shows that the choices to make are not always easy on the climate. Meanwhile we are touring by train to see temples and shrines and castles and parks. There is no litter anywhere; my portion sizes at meals are small (the sushi is amazing) the cities are confined to valley floor, preserving the tree-covered mountains; and pervasive politeness is refreshing.



## *An Update from The Windfall*

*by Linda Finney*

I may have written about Fred, before. He is young boy about 12 years old, who is a student at Grant Elementary. Something rather special happened a couple weeks ago. Fred is Marshallese; English is his second language, and he is blind, so uses a cane. His teachers at Grant bring him over to the Windfall on Friday afternoons, to practice navigating the street and to practice social skills: how to shop, how to interact with a clerk, how to count out your money, and pay. Fred goes directly to the toys. He always chooses something that makes a racket. He is a charmer; he remembers my name. So, on this particular day, he walked into the store with his teachers, and they were grinning to beat the band. I asked them why they were so happy, and they said that that day was the first time Fred found his way to Windfall on his own. The Windfall draws so many people: treasure hunters, folks who can't afford to pay more than \$3 for a coat for their Littles, lonely people who want to talk, and a young boy named Fred.



## *Landscape & Grounds Update*

by Linda Finney

Landscape & Grounds is a subcommittee of Property. Our goal is to balance budget needs for care of the Cathedral Grounds with volunteer support. There is a small crew of regular volunteers and several more people who help with the twice-annual cleanup. If you have a couple hours to spend working in the Cathedral grounds May to October, you would be so welcome! Please let either me or Nina Beegle or Jennifer Ogden know.

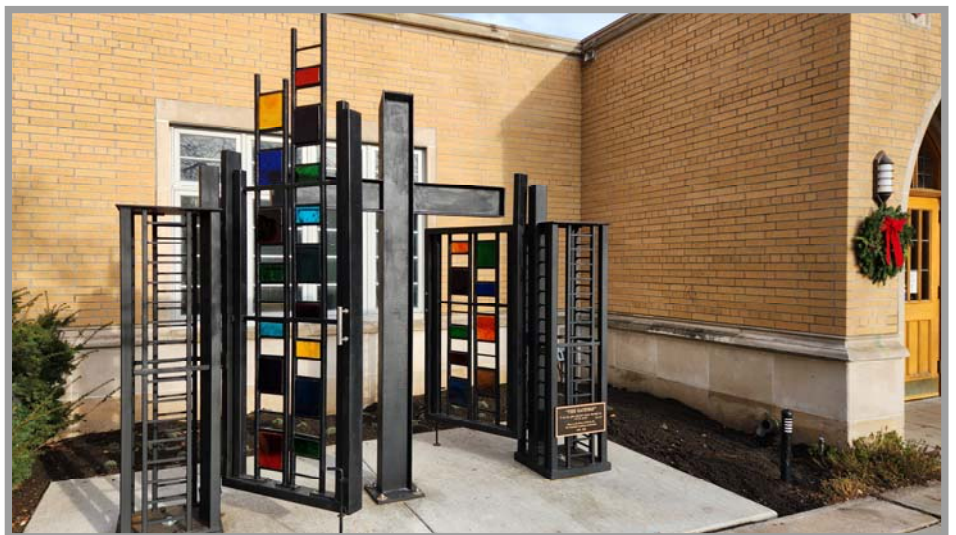
Also, as winter ends (and it will) and you are starting to clean out your garage, please consider donating surplus tools to the Landscape & Grounds cause. You can leave them with Amanda Glover in the office or let me know.

Property is looking at doing a survey of the trees on the campus. I walked around with one arborist this November. Did you know that we are the stewards of the biggest, healthiest English Oak in Spokane? Go say hello—it is on the northwest corner of the grounds and best seen from the Columbarium. Dirty hands. Clean living. Good life.

In mid-December, the Landscape Association Legacy Art Project, titled *The Gateway*, was installed. Designed to be interactive and to draw the viewer to walk through the open gates, artist Steffan Wachholtz' hope is to draw one's attention into the cathedral and then to be directed outward to heaven and to God. An official dedication of the sculpture will take place in the spring.



Above: the Gateway in progress this July. Below: the finished Gateway in place on the Welcome Center patio.



## *What's Going On at the Cathedral?*

### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

Saturday, December 23—Advent 4

5:30pm—Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24—Advent 4

10:30am—Holy Eucharist (no 8am service on this day)

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4pm—Festive Christmas Eve Worship with Carillon Prelude (3:30pm)  
featuring the Junior Choir

7pm—Festive Christmas Eve Worship with Carillon Prelude (6:30pm)  
featuring the Cathedral Ringers

10:30pm—Festive Christmas Eve Worship with Carillon Prelude (10pm)  
featuring the Cathedral Choir (incense will be used)

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day 10am—Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 30—No Saturday Eucharist

Sunday, December 31—First Sunday after Christmas

8am—Holy Eucharist

10:30am—Holy Eucharist

7pm—New Years Eve Worship & Celebration

Sunday, January 7—First Sunday after Epiphany

During Coffee Hour—Epiphany Celebration in the Great Hall



***Come to the Epiphany Celebration!***  
***Sunday, January 7 after 10:30am Worship***

Even though the Feast of the Epiphany doesn't fall on a Sunday this year, we will have an Epiphany party on January 7. Come celebrate the growth of the light with Mexican food, King Cake, and music.



Photos in this edition of the Chimes skillfully captured by Sarah Robertson, Linda Finney, and Dean Heather VanDeventer.



# December & January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>10</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Forum 10:30a Worship 2p Yoga in the Cathedral	<b>11</b> 4p Service League 6:30p Youth Symphony	<b>12</b> 9a PEO Christmas Luncheon 9:30a Staff 4p Connoisseur Concerts 4:30p Finance	<b>13</b> 11a Bible Study 12p Worship 3:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p AI Anon 7p Young Adult Group	<b>14</b> 2:30p Stewardship 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbells 7p Cathedral Choir	<b>15</b> 10a Knitters 6p AI Anon	<b>16</b> 5:30p Worship
<b>17</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Forum 10:30a Annual Christmas Pageant	<b>18</b> 5:30p St. Monica's Guild 6:30p Youth Symphony	<b>19</b> 9:30a Staff 11:30a St. Nicholas Guild 5:30p Contemplative Prayer 6p M.A. 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 11a Bible Study 12p Worship 6:30p AI Anon 7p Young Adult Group	<b>21</b> 2:30p Stewardship 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbells 7p Cathedral Choir	<b>22</b> 10a Knitters 6p AI Anon	<b>23</b> 5:30p Worship
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 10:30a Worship 4p Christmas Eve Worship 7p Christmas Eve Worship 10:30p Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25 Christmas</b> 10a Christmas Day Worship  <b>Cathedral &amp; Offices Closed for remainder of day.</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Cathedral &amp; Offices Closed</b>  6p M.A.	<b>27</b> 12p Worship 6:30p AI Anon	<b>28</b> <b>No Music Ensemble Rehearsals</b>	<b>29</b> 10a Knitters 6p AI Anon	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 7p New Year's Eve Worship & Celebration	<b>January 1</b> <b>Cathedral &amp; Offices Closed; Happy New Year!</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30a Staff 6p M.A.	<b>3</b> 11a Bible Study 12p Worship 6:30p AI Anon	<b>4</b> 9:30a Tapestry 1p Aging Group 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbells 7p Cathedral Choir	<b>5</b> 10a Knitters 6p AI Anon	<b>6</b> 5:30p Worship
<b>7</b> 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 12p Epiphany Party	<b>8</b> 4p Service League 6:30 Youth Symphony	<b>9</b> 9:30a Staff 4:30p Finance 6p M.A. 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 11a Bible Study 12p Worship 6p AI Anon	<b>11</b> 9:30a Tapestry 2:30p Stewardship 5p Property Committee 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbells 7p Cathedral Choir	<b>12</b> 10a Knitters 6p AI Anon	<b>13</b> 8:30a DAR 5:30p Worship



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we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

### Worship Services

#### Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion  
(Welcome center patio)

#### Wednesday

Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(North Transept)

#### Saturday

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
Modified Rite II  
(North Transept)

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Friday, and Saturday with  
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#### Rest in Peace

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10/18/1937—11/30/2023

Rev. Kerry Kirking  
7/23/1946—12/8/2023

Deborah Green

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The deadline for the Epiphany  
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