

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

We have prepared ourselves for the arrival of the Christ child and the coming again of Jesus. We have worshiped God in beauty and holiness while remembering that this Good News of God Incarnate is not just for us but that we are to share it with the world in our own special way.

On Saturday, January 6 at 10:00am we will celebrate Epiphany. The Greek word means ‘manifestation’ and is when we remember the time God became manifest in the humanity of Jesus. The two ways Jesus was made known to all was in the message to and arrival of the wise men to the Holy Family and at Jesus’ baptism.

The astronomers we know as Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. These were not men of Jewish faith but men who read the stars. It was to these gentiles that God revealed this manifestation of Godself. According to Matthew 2:11, “they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh”. Rozina Sabur writes that “the gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus’ birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality”.¹

The second way Jesus was made known as God Incarnate to all of humanity is found in Mark 1:9-11 when Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. As he was coming out of the water a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” These two experiences contain the Epiphanies to the world that God came to earth in human form.

It is worth noting that the revealing occurred in the presence of those who were not of the Jewish faith. That this happened in Jesus’ lifetime in the presence and representation of all people is what makes these two Epiphanies have a capital “E”.

God didn’t just save revelation of Godself for the time of Jesus. In God’s gracious and abundant manner God is still being revealed to humanity, individually, corporately, within Jewish, Christian, Muslim, other faiths, and to those of no faith every day. These are epiphanies with a lower case “e”.

We are a part of this long-time revelation of God in Jesus throughout the world and time. God’s generosity includes the ways that God is “made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be [God’s] people; in [God’s] Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, [God’s] Son” to quote the Book of Common Prayer (page 368). God in Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of bread at communion and around tables everywhere.

There are countless ways to encounter God incarnate in others: in the face of – a child, a friend, a person of years, a person who is homeless, a person of color, a person whose sexual orientation one doesn’t understand, a person with differing theological and political views, a person whose love for others shines with joy, and the list is endless.

As we have been awaiting and celebrating the coming of Jesus let us now actively seek him in the faces of those God created in God’s image. That equals everyone!

In Christ’s love,

Rev. Sue

¹Rozina Sabur, *The Telegraph*, <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/music/music-festivals/12082544/What-is-Epiphany-Here-are-10-facts-about-the-history-and-meaning-of-Three-Kings-Day.html> (accessed December 18, 2018).

BISHOP CATE TO VISIT THIS SUNDAY

Our new provisional bishop will be joining us for worship and coffee hour this Sunday, January 7, as we celebrate two baptisms! Team Trinity is planning a lovely coffee hour. Please come!!

ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting **Sunday, January 28**. It will be held in the nave of the church after our closing hymn and followed by a potluck meal. This is the time when we elect new vestry members and convention delegates, receive reports of the ministries for 2017, hear Rev. Sue's annual address, receive the financial report for 2017 and receive the 2018 budget.

We will honor Steve Beckert for his many years of service as Treasurer. At the Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting new officers will be elected.

THANK YOU

Taylor Langstaff, Bruce Sherbeck, Bruce and Yvonne Eckhart, Pat Trahan, Mary K and Don Freel, Diane Rapson-Gabil, Shelley Anderson, Dave Maxim, Jett Whitehead, Ed Benisz, and Terry Oliver for putting up the Christmas Trees and Lights in the nave on November 28, 2017.

members of the Altar Guild for all of their work during the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

the Trinity Choristers and Senior Choir for the beautiful music sung during Advent and Christmas. The Choristers learned 14 carols, three anthems and four mass movements for December worship. They also had perfect attendance on December 1.

Monica Borrello for the special guitar music during Advent and Christmas.

Jan Waldman for her dedication to the Food Pantry and the holiday work for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Pat Maxim for her work with our Power Church data base updating our membership information.

everyone who donated to Friends of Music in December.

Team Trinity for hosting coffee hour in December.

Mickie Leibrand for the beautiful Christmas trees.

everyone who has turned in a pledge card for 2018.

Bob Hayhurst for the new batch of crosses for the Trinity Choir. They are beautiful and very meaningful to our singers.

Mary K Freel, Shelley Anderson and Mickie Leibrand for putting up the Christmas decorations on December 20, 2017 with the help of Terry Oliver.

Mary K Freel for sharing some of her beautiful manger scenes with us.

Bob Sabourin for helping the wise men travel from afar (chapel) to the manger (church piano).

CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew Smith who sang with the Senior Choir on December 17, 2017. Matthew rehearses on Saturday morning every week. He learned the mass sections, hymns and anthem on sight singing syllables. He sang bass this time and will learn the tenor parts for his Sunday in January. We would sure like to have other young men join us on Saturday morning. Matthew is the first of our original Choristers to be able to sing in the Trinity Choir.

Colton Causey, Joseph Wilson and Lorelai Krzysik for receiving the white cottas on Christmas Eve. They are faithful and hardworking choristers.

Trinity choir members Allison Dakos, Barb Meisel, Patrick Gray and Jan Zuehlsdorff on receiving their choir crosses on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

SYMPATHIES

Joseph Doyle in the death of his father,
Thomas J. Doyle on December 17, 2017.

NOISY OFFERING

The January 14 Noisy Offering is going to
Brian's House in Essexville. Please bring your
change!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Come one! Come all! On Friday, January 16
at 6:30pm we will be having a movie night for all
ages in the Guild Room. Snacks and beverages will
be provided!

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD will meet at the Roma
Family Restaurant at 1209 Broadway on January 9th
at 12:30pm. We hope you will all be able to attend.

There is one Sunday that is open for donating for
the **ALTAR FLOWERS**, January 28. Please call the
office if you are interested in this date.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany
with a special Service of Holy Communion on
Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Come
celebrate this special Feast Day and enjoy an English
Tea after the service provided by Friends of Music.

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21,
2018, for Contemplative Evensong sung by Rayechel
Berger and several members of our soprano section.
We will have Icons, extra candles and incense to
create a special atmosphere for the sung service.

We are looking for additional Icons to use for
this service and the service in February. Please call
Bob Sabourin if you can loan us one.

Contemplative Evensong in February will be
sung by the men of the choir using the Gregorian
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from the 1940 Hymnal.
It is at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

JANUARY CHORAL MUSIC

- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany
A Child if born in Bethlehem, J. S. Bach
Now There Lightens Upon Us, Leo Sowerby
Arise Shine, Healey Willan
- 7 The Baptism of Christ
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day,
Stephen King
Christ, When You Came to Jordan,
Hal Hopson
- 14 Epiphany 2 B
Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets,
Henry Purcell
Ye Servants of God, Henry Coleman
- 21 Epiphany 3 B
Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee,
Eric Thiman
Evensong
The God of Love, Eric Thiman
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis,
Philip Moore
- 28 Epiphany 4 B
Teach Me, O Lord, Philip Stopford

TRINITY CHURCH WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE

- Monday at 10:00 a.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Treble Choristers
- Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. Soprano Choristers
- Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Schola - theory work and
sight singing or by appointment
- Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Tenor and Bass Choristers

The Tower Chimes

The article below is reprinted from the Sunday, September 5, 1926 Bay City Times Tribune.

“Public Invited to Hear Chimes Will be Dedicated at Trinity Church This Afternoon

Of interest to music lovers will be the special service to be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at which the tower chimes, a gift to the church by Frank H. Shearer and his children, Lottie Shearer Crawford and Charles E. Shearer, as a memorial to their late wife and mother, Lottie Eddy Shearer, will be dedicated. The service will include many selections played upon the chimes and special organ music with the vested choir, all under the direction of C.H. White, organist and choirmaster.

Order of service:

Processional Hymn

The Shortened form of Evening Prayer

Hymn

The Service of Dedication

Hymn

Address

Selections on Chimes and Organ

Recessional Hymn

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The chimes as now installed are of the most modern construction. Great forward strides have been made in tower chime construction in recent years. The antiquated rope-and-lever method of chimes playing is everywhere being highly supplanted by a highly efficient electric mechanism. These chimes in the Trinity Episcopal Church are played by the organist from a small electronic keyboard placed beside the organ console. The mere pressure of a finger upon any key of the electric keyboard immediately actuates the corresponding action and a heavy plunger is propelled forward, delivering a blow against the chime and returning to place, ready for the next blow. With the present equipment of the chimes it is possible to play almost every well-known melody. By using all of the possible combinations of these chimes the enormous total of 3 1-2 million changes can be played. The most

effective are the standard peals of 6, 8 and 10 chimes, and these will be played at specified times. The chimes will be heard at noon each week day, also preceding the church school and regular church services on Sunday.

Supplementary to the usual open air programs, melodies are to be played on the chimes and accompanied with the organ during the services. As the majestic tones of the chimes filter down through the edifice into the auditorium, blending the subdued strains from the organ, the listener experiences a keener realization of the possibilities of modern tone production.

For a short time after the service, various hymn tunes will be played on the chimes and their melodious tones will escort the people to their homes.”

Today, the chimes are played by volunteers before Sunday worship and often by the organist when the years of a person's earthly life are tolled at their “home coming.”

Faithfully gleaned from the archives in the Historical Guild room and where the newspaper article was partly missing, the help of the Bay County Library System saved articles on microfiche and their wonderful staff.



Birthdays

Diane Rapson Gabil
Paulette Royer
Noel Hart
Rob Salazar
Jeannie Traxler
Nancy Mayhew
Jack Esseltine
Gregory Marciniak
Lauren McCullen
Gregory Scharich
Sharon Scharich
Peter Frantz
Shirley Strange
Susan Harris
Faith Culler

Anniversaries

Bob & Jeannie Traxler
George & Pat Middleton
Gregory & Heidi Marciniak
Mike & Paulette Royer
Nate & Rayechel Berger
Robert & Emilee Sabourin

CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER STAFF

Faith Culler
Dawn Moulthrop-Brady
Sean Brady
Bruce Sherbeck
Pat Trahan

Dee Mulholland Chimes Editor
Pat Maxim Chimes Editor

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music

FOOD OF FAITH 2:30 P.M. on Sundays

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00AM– 4:45 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 – 1:15 PM
Friday - Closed

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