

The Chimes

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Bishop Tom Breidenthal Visits Trinity Church Dec. 13

Presiding and preaching at both services on the morning of Sunday, December 13, The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, will celebrate a service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of baptismal vows. A festival coffee hour will be held following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Bishop Breidenthal brings a passion for civic involvement, strong lay leadership and ministry and Biblical preaching. A noted author, he has written about the issues of same-gender unions, what constitutes a Christian household and how to raise ethical children. His books include *Sacred Unions: A New Guide to Life-Long Commitment*, published in 2006, and *Christian Households: The Sanctification of Nearness*, published in 1997. Prior to his election as Bishop of Southern Ohio in 2006, Bishop Breidenthal served as the dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel at Princeton University. Ordained to the priesthood in 1982, Bishop Breidenthal brings a strong intellectual and academic background to the diocese. Before moving to Princeton, he served for nearly a decade as the John Henry Hobart Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was a senior chaplain at Harvard School in California and an Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow in Oxford, England. He also has served in two parishes in Oregon and assisted at a congregation in New York City. In the wider church, Bishop Breidenthal is a member of ARCUSA (Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation in the USA) and serves on the board of governors for the Anglican Centre in Rome. He has served on the General Board of Examining Chaplains of the Episcopal Church from 1997-2001 and as director for the Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations at General Theological Seminary from 1994-1997. He also was a member of the planning and facilitation team for the 1996 Conference on Third World Debt Relief sponsored by the Office of UN Anglican Observer.

He is married to Margaret Ann Garner Breidenthal, and they have two daughters, Magdalene and Lucy.



CELEBRATE EPIPHANY WITH AN ANGLICAN FLOURISH!

Join the Worship, Music and Arts Committee for a Twelfth Night musical celebration on January 10 after we have “de-greened” the church!

The Early Interval, a local “early music” group, will present **An English Twelfth Night Celebration** on January 10, 2010, 2:30 pm in the Turbius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St, Worthington.

Tickets are \$27, regular; \$22 seniors (62 and over); \$12 students. They are available at Early Music in Columbus (614) 861-4569 and at The Loft Violin Shop, 4604 N. High St. They are also available at the door prior to the concert.

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee and other volunteers will de-green the church after the 10:30 am service on January 10 beginning at noon and will go to the Twelfth Night performance afterward. All are invited to join in one or both festivities!

A pre-concert talk begins at 2:00 pm. Seats fill early and fast, so do not be late!

For those unable to attend the January 10 Twelfth Night performance, there are performances scheduled on January 8 and 9, as well. For more information on the Early Interval Twelfth Night concerts or the Early Music in Columbus series, please visit www.earlymusicincolumbus.org.

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee welcomes new members. Please let Kevin Wines know if you are interested (k-wines@trinitycolumbus.org).

CHORAL PRELUDE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 10:30 P.M.

As prelude to the Festival Eucharist on Christmas Eve, the Trinity Choir, led by Kevin N. Wines, Director of Music/Liturgist of Trinity Church, will perform Ottorino Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity*. Respighi is best known for his symphonic poems (*The Pines of Rome* and *The Fountains of Rome*, among others), works that were championed by Toscanini and Ormandy. Respighi is generally considered an Italian “nationalist” composer—writing music developed from the Romantic tradition using the melodic style of earlier Italian composers. This setting of the Christmas story for chorus, soloists and piano is a particularly beautiful example of his lesser-known vocal/choral output.

Christmas at Trinity Church Schedule of Services

Sunday, December 20

4:00 p.m.—A Service of Lessons and Carols
Reception honoring Bishop Price to follow

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

5:30 p.m.—Family Service of Holy Eucharist
10:30 p.m.—Choral Prelude
Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity*
11:00 p.m.—Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Carols

Sundays following Christmas, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Dec. 27 at 10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion)

BISHOP KENNETH L. PRICE TO BE HONORED FOLLOWING LESSONS AND CAROLS—DEC. 20

With Bishop Price recently elected Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, his duties in Southern Ohio will be extremely limited—though he does remain Suffragan Bishop of our diocese. We do not know how often Bishop and Mariann Price will be able to be with us at Trinity, their family's home parish, and are always delighted to worship with them.

We do know that next Christmas, 2010, Bishop Price will not be with us to proclaim the prologue to the Gospel of John during our service of Lessons and Carols. But he will be with us this season for our pre-Christmas celebration. Thus we will be honoring the Bishop following this year's service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

We hope that you will join us for this beautiful celebration and to say thank you to Bishop Ken for all he has done and continues to do for our Church.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Greening of the Church and to everyone who contributed to the decorations

It is not too late to donate to the memorial decorations and to have your memorial included in the Christmas Bulletins. Please find the enclosed Holiday Giving sheet and return it to the Parish Office by Monday, December 21.

More help will be needed on Sunday, December 20 at noon to change from Advent to Christmas Decorations and on Sunday, January 10 also at noon, to un-green the church and carefully store all the beautiful decorations for future use.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

- Pledging is important for the support of the missions and ministries of Trinity Church.
- Pledging is important for the support of our life together as a house of worship.
- Pledging is important for the support of our individual spiritual journeys, through the gifts of the first fruits of our labors.

The stewardship of time, talent and treasure goes beyond financial support. It means that we use the multitude of gifts that God has given us for the glory of God's kingdom.

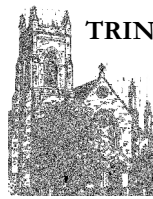
A 2010 Pledge Card is enclosed with this *Chimes*. Please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

As of December 8, we have received 65 pledges for 2010 totaling \$167,096. This includes 8 new pledging units. In comparison, for 2009 we had a total of 102 pledges for \$216,504. We are on pace with past stewardship campaigns but encourage you to make your commitment before Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**THE 192ND ANNUAL MEETING OF TRINITY CHURCH
will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

All members of Trinity Church are encouraged to attend and to make their voices heard.



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RECTOR'S REFLECTION...

—THE REV. RICHARD A. BURNETT

Dear Friends:

This is the season that Christians get basic. We who all year can spin theologies like silk from a spider set about in the weeks before Christmas to tell a single, demanding yet also irreplaceable account of God's love for the creation that brings to us a child who changes everything for the good. Our song is a mixture of delight, longing, and abundant joy as we call out for the King to come to brighten our night. This season enfleshes the Spirit and provides those who listen and watch with the presence of God in full action.

In the words of contemporary poet Scott Cairns, "the flesh is not to be excluded." Christmas and the season of Epiphany (beginning January 6th and running all the way to Ash Wednesday - when the penitential time of Lent starts) make sure we take the body, the senses, the tactile, and the tangible seriously when we think and talk about the Christian life. The point is made in Cairns' adaptation of a prayer by Irenaeus, early bishop of Lyon (c.125-c.210):

The tender flesh itself
will be found one day
- quite surprisingly -
to be capable of receiving,
and yes, full
capable of embracing
the searing energies of God.
Go figure. Fear not.
For even at its beginning
the humble clay received
God's art, whereby
one part became the eye,
another the ear, and yet
another this impetuous hand.

Therefore, the flesh
is not to be excluded
from the wisdom and the power
that now and ever animates
all things. His life-giving
agency is made perfect,
we are told, in weakness -
made perfect in the flesh.

We who share with the Christ of God "the humble clay," also are "God's art." And this is the essence of Christmas: That God's imprint is on every one of us in this world; that our flesh is the foundation of deep and lasting blessing; and that Christ - born into our lives - renews us to bear wisdom through our enfleshed presence. To God be all glory!

A blessed Advent and Christmas to you,

FROM ECSF DIRECTOR:

Shelter, restore, nourish, equip: Thank God, that's what you and fellow Episcopalians continue to do, helping thousands of people in Southern Ohio survive the recession and get back on their feet. In September, Episcopal churches submitted 47 grant requests to ECSF, your Episcopal charity in Southern Ohio, asking for a total of \$166,850. They will combine whatever we can send with their own courageous stewardship to serve over 70,000 people in need in the year ahead. You'll be re-housing homeless families in Xenia, providing prescriptions for people with no hope of getting insurance in Marietta, aiding inner-city children in Dayton to discover the power of reading, equipping scores of parents to pass the GED exam in Columbus. And that's just a sampling of the Good News!

Thanks to everyone who's pitched in so far: your gifts have raised over half the amount requested! If you haven't already and are able, please send a donation by check or through our website. Consider making it a Christmas gift in the true spirit of Christ to someone you love. We can send them a beautiful card if you give us instructions by Dec. 15. You can use Gift of the Spirit mailer which we sent out in November, mail a check payable to ECSF c/o Diocese of Southern Ohio, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, or donate via ECSF's website, www.ECSFsouthernohio.org. There you can read a few of the moving stories churches have sent us on the relief and stability they've provided to people of all ages and stations in this dark time. You are very likely to see a picture of someone you know! Donations to ECSF are fully tax-deductible.

Your gifts and the ministries they sustain make a giant witness of courage and love to the state, showing that this Church is steadfast in responding to rising human need in God's name even as many human services are being forced to cut back. Thank you, and happy Advent!

Yours in shared service.

Ariel Miller, ECSF Executive Director

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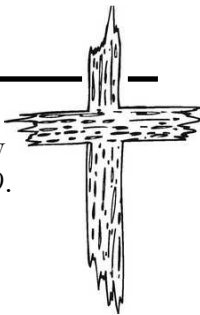
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INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Remembering the lives of homeless and formerly homeless persons who died in Columbus in 2009.

**Monday, December 21—5:30 p.m.
in Trinity Church**



CALL FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY LEADERS

Do you ever wonder how you could share your time and talent with Trinity friends and friends-to-be sitting with you in the pews on Sundays? There are many ways to do so, and right now, there are two openings for community ministry coordinators.

Coordinators are welcome, in fact, *encouraged*, to organize these ministries in their own inimitable style. We ask coordinators to commit to a one-year term.

Openings for coordinators include:

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE – The Parish Life Committee has taken many shapes over the years, but basically, working with Trinity staff, it coordinates activities for the parish such as the Annual Meeting, Welcome to Trinity Brunch, and Mass in the Grass. These are not difficult to organize because everyone at Trinity loves to help – just give people an assignment and they will come through for you. You are free to recruit a committee of both old and new members, and develop other parish life activities, such as coordinating “greeters” or ways to welcome newcomers and guests.

COFFEE HOUR HOST COORDINATOR – This is an easy one – all it involves is ensuring that people are signed up for a coffee hour each week, and letting the office know so the host can be listed in the bulletin. Tom, our sexton, makes the coffee and coffee hour hosts are free to plan as simple or elaborate coffee hour as they like.

Are either of these a match for your time and talent? If so, please contact the Rector (614) 221-5351, r-burnett@trinitycolumbus.org.

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