

# The Good News from Trinity Presbyterian Church

January 20, 2020

Monday—Book Club 7:00 PM

Tuesday—Session 7:00 PM

Thursday—Choir 7:30 PM

Sunday—Worship Service 10:15 AM

## A Look at Beauty

Remember kaleidoscopes – those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an “object cell” shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns....

Various materials can be placed in the cell – tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid – but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word *kalos*, for “beauty.”

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God’s perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love – delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.



*For God,  
who said,*

**"LET  
light  
shine**

**OUT OF DARKNESS,"**

MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE  
US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S  
GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6, NIV

## Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Book Group
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Session
Jan. 26	after worship	Mission Comte.
Jan. 30	before 11:30 AM	Desserts for Community Meal Center

## We thank, Worship Leaders for:

**Jan. 26** Liturgist: Allison Schuler  
 Ushers: Glenn and Marta Mojzer,  
 Allison Schuler, Kathy Kessler  
 Sound: Gary Anaple  
 Child Care: Ginny Kramer  
 Tellers: Diane Rayer, Bill Tope



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## Prepare for Worship 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

### Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

### Reflection

How do you let the light of Christ shine by being a faithful disciple of Jesus? When trying to be to be the “light of Christ” is difficult, to whom do you turn?

### Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. Amen.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press



### Love in Action

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this week, spoke often about the power of love.

In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught – and showed – that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”

***We should work for a world not simply that hates hatred, but that loves love.***

—Fr. James Martin, S.J.

## Missions at Work

Fairfield Food Pantry needs: Canned soup for “Souper Bowl”

Non-Food Pantry needs: tissues, paper towels, soap. Volunteer day: January 18.

No Red Hats this year. The Heart Association is no longer collecting infant red hats.

## Meetings

Session meets on January 21 at 7:00 PM

Mission Committee will meet on January 26 after worship.

## Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December, but will resume meeting in January. The January book selection is *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. This novel is set in Depression—era America. It is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Please join our discussion of this book on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM.



## Community Meal Center

Trinity provides desserts for the Community Meal Center for the Fifth Friday of the month. Please drop desserts off at Trinity by 11:30 on Thursday, January 30. George Fraley will deliver the desserts on Friday. We appreciate your help and thank all those who baked in December.

## Directory Changes

Please note: the new email address for Ed and Laura E. Dyer: krollo.dyer@outlook.com.

Valentine and Valerie Nyamusa’s new address is: 3232 Mack Road, Fairfield, OH 45014.

## What is Per Capita?

The Per Capita assessment for 2020 is \$33 per person. Per capita is a fundamental way for all congregations and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be connected and participate in the work of the wider church. This funding is how Presbyterians, through the Presbytery of

Cincinnati, mutually share the cost of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. The Westminster Confession states, “all believers are therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world.”

The session pays per capita every six months to the Presbytery. Without this purposeful giving these funds come out of Trinity’s yearly budget, which makes it difficult for Trinity to meet specific needs of our church. Please contribute this purposeful giving of \$33 per person and make checks out to *Trinity Presbyterian Church* and, in the notation line, put *Per Capita*.



## Pray for Christian Unity

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## Keep in your Prayers

Elaine Dyer	Healing/cold related ear condition
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/recovery surgery on legs
Nissi, V. Nyamusa's daughter	Thanksgiving for her fourth birthday
Jean Parsley	Thanksgiving/improvement in lungs
Jack Kraft, K. Kessler request	Healing/recovery leg surgery
Doug Erbeck, J. Luebbe request	Healing/severe back pain
Jana, L. North request	Bereavement/loss of her mother
Arlene Dulley, D. Schuler request	Healing/cancer
*Michelle Amuson, R. Campbell's daughter	Healing/possible stroke
*Kurtis Larson, D. Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Healing/sciatic nerve pain
Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request	Continued healing/several health concerns
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B. )	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

*Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (\*).  
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

### Financial Information

Donations                    \$1,487  
Per Capita 202                \$33  
Property Fund Giving 2020

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

### Preaching Schedule

Jan. 26	Elder Kurt Schuler
Feb. 2	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 9	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 16	Rev. Tom Dunlap