

The Good News from Trinity Presbyterian Church

February 3, 2020

Monday—Deacons 7:00 PM

Thursday—Building and Grounds Committee
6:30 PM

Choir 7:30 PM

Sunday—Worship Service 10:15 AM

Treasures in the Bible

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and re-discovering!) Scripture: “Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life.”

We thank, Worship Leaders for:

Feb. 9

Liturgist: Debbie Johnson
Ushers: Ginny Kramer, Allison Schuler,
Joleen Goens, Linda North
Sound: Barb Pratt
Child Care: Gina Anaple, Jennifer
Tellers: Linda North, Joleen Goens



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Feb. 3	7:00 PM	Deacons
Feb. 6	6:30 PM	Building & Grds. Comte.
Feb. 16	after worship	Soup Luncheon
Feb. 17		Office Closed
	7:00 PM	Book Club
Feb. 18	7:00 PM	Session
Feb. 26	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service



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Prepare for Worship 5th Sunday after Epiphany

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

“When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.”

Reflection

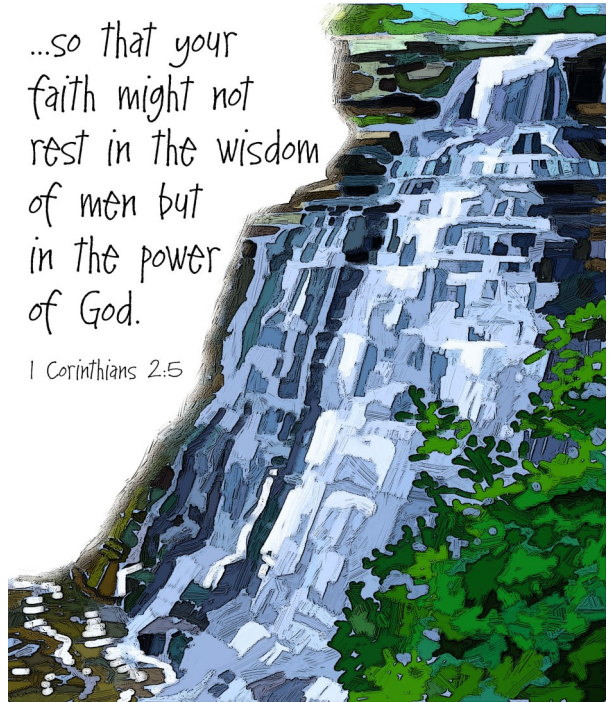
What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in my daily activities? What do others see in me? Do others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God?

Morning Prayer

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

...so that your
faith might not
rest in the wisdom
of men but
in the power
of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5



The Source of True Power

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn’t understand why the system wouldn’t turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to “power” our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn’t teach us to find life within ourselves – or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, “I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

We don’t access that abundant life by “plugging into” ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power – and joy, peace, hope, truth – through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God’s world.

Tax Season is Here

The tax season has arrived. If you need a Trinity giving statement, please contact Diane Rayer at 513-829-2924 or Email her at: radrayer@zoomtown.com.

Ash Wednesday—February 26

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Please mark your calendars for the worship service on February 26 at 7:00 PM.

New Link on Trinity's Web Page

Please check out Trinity's web page at www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org. On the web page under Ministry Links there is a new link to *Senior Living in our Community (caring.com)*. You will find detailed information about assisted living and care facilities all in one place. If you explore the link you will find costs, state requirements for care facilities and comparisons of area facilities. Trinity's web page is bright and inviting. Please visit it often as the information is frequently updated. Thanks, Marty Reese, for your many contributions in design and improving our communications.

Missions at Work

Fairfield Food Pantry needs: Canned soup for "Souper Bowl Sunday", February 2.

Non-Food Pantry needs: tissues, paper towels, soap. Volunteer day: February 15.

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

"Souper Bowl Sunday" Thank You!

We than everyone who brought in a can of soup next Sunday for the Fairfield Food Pantry. This mission project is another way Trinity reaches out to our community.

Please mark your calendars for our "Soup Luncheon" on Sunday, February 16 after worship.

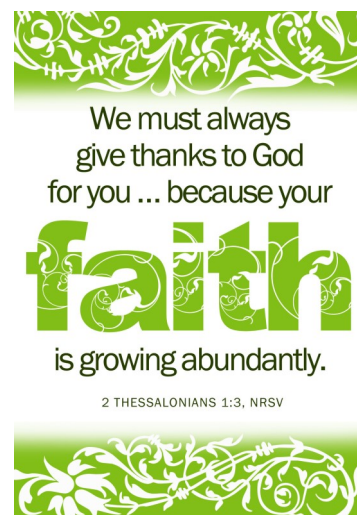
Living Our Faith

In early February, some churches recall how Baby Jesus' parents brought him to Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice. Two "church elders" met them:

Simeon, who we assume was elderly because he was ready to die, but for his longing to see the Messiah; and Anna, who was 84 — a "senior citizen" by any account (Luke 2:22-40).

Their years didn't make them elders, though, as much as their wisdom and faith. Simeon was "righteous and devout." He came to the temple as the Holy Family did because when the Spirit guided him to go, he knew the divine voice. Then, despite the Messiah's improbably young age, Simeon recognized Jesus and spoke God-given words about him. Anna was a "prophet" who had spent countless hours in the temple, fasting and praying. Upon meeting the Christ-Child, she promptly began praising God and speaking about Jesus to all who would listen.

Who are your elders in the faith? Whatever their age, doubtless they live out their faith by waiting on and listening for the Spirit, praising God regularly and speaking of Jesus to others.



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Keep in your Prayers

Fran Thomas	Healing/pain relief
Christi Johnson, D. Johnson request	God's protection/Guatemala mission trip
Evan, Cindie Postell request	Healing/infection & second surgery
Phil Wilcox, D. Rayer's brother	Healing/hospitalized severe blood clots
Linda, K. Kessler's daughter-in-law	Healing/recovery knee replacement
Johnna, J. Goen's niece	Thanksgiving/successful surgery
*Elaine Dyer	Healing/cold related ear condition
*Jack Kraft, K. Kessler request	Healing/recovery leg surgery
*Doug Erbeck, J. Luebbe request	Healing/severe back pain
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/recovery surgery on legs
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing
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 Received \$2,096
 Per Capita 2020 Donations \$165
 Property Fund Giving 2020

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

Preaching Schedule	
Feb. 9	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 16	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 23	Elder Cindie Postell
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
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