



October 12, 2020

The Good News from Trinity PC

Onsite Trinity Worship Services

Trinity is now worshipping on Sundays in the sanctuary.

Session understands that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building for worship. Therefore, we continue to offer recordings of the worship services.

We also have the capability to provide a video recording of the worship service, that will be live streamed at 10:15 AM or played later at your convenience. (see page 3 for details)

Celebrating our Children

On October 18, we will remember and celebrate our children. "It is said when you educate a child, you transform the world."

Prayer for our Children:

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classrooms in school and on-line, and as they participate in activities outside them. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to:
office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org**



Children's Sabbath October 18

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Prepare for Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 4:1-9

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Reflection

Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down? What would it take for that trust to be restored? When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes understanding?

Morning Prayer

Holy God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. Shift my focus today from whatever is false to that which is true; from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable; from whatever is corrupt to that which is just; from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure; from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing; from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable; that I may live in the light. Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

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



October Celebrations

Birthdays

Penny Fraley	Oct. 4
Ed Dyer	Oct. 12
Sarah Briggs	Oct. 15
Carmel Tenga	Oct. 17

Anniversaries

Gary and Gina Anaple	Oct. 2
Marty and Jennifer Reese	Oct. 9
Ed and Eileen Dyer	Oct. 19

Early November

Valerie Nyamusa	Nov. 2
Hans Ajaga	Nov. 7
Junior Nyamusa	Nov. 11
John Love	Nov. 16
Brandon Reese	Nov. 18

Sermons Online and on YouTube

For those that do not attend in person, Trinity will be offering on-line services live streaming at 10:15 on YouTube. To watch the video live, click on the link below which will direct you to the Trinity YouTube channel, and then click on the video in the displayed list with the LIVE box illuminated. We strongly encourage you to click the "subscribe" link on that page.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrXObnly6g>

On Sunday afternoon, the recorded live service will also be available via link through the Trinity website at the link below:

<https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/sermons/>



Community Meal Center—October 29

Trinity provides desserts for the Community Meal Center for the Fifth Friday of the month. The center is not fully operating at this time. Bagged meals are handed out. They now need individually wrapped cookies and brownies to add to the bags. Please drop off your wrapped cookies and brownies at Trinity by **11:30 on Thursday, October 29**. George Fraley will deliver them on Friday. We appreciate your help and thank all who bake special treats for those in need in our community.

Book Club

The Book Club is reading, *The Story Keeper* by Lisa Wingate for October. For those coming for lunch, please bring your lunch at 12:30 PM on Monday, October 19. The book discussion will follow at 1:00 PM. "This novel leads a successful New York editor on a journey to the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains that may change her forever." Please remember your mask.

Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at noon for those who are bringing their lunch. The meeting will follow the lunch gathering.

New Bell Choir at Trinity

Are you interested in joining a "Trinity Bell Choir" for at least through the Advent season? There will be a 37-chime set arriving some time in the next week or two. We'd presume to start practices on a Tuesday or Thursday evening (maybe 7:00 or 7:30) later this month and into November/December. This would be a great way to commune safely while the choir is on hiatus. While singing is currently problematic, we'd still be able to make music together! Please contact Davis McKinney at: trumpianist@yahoo.com if you are interested.



Christmas Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Collection has begun. The Christmas shoeboxes are in the narthex each Sunday. Every filled shoebox brings joy and an opportunity to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ with a hurting child who is in need of hope. Please pick up your empty boxes in the narthex and return them filled by **November 1**.

New this year: With the COVID restrictions you can order them on line. You can shop for the items or have someone shop for you. Just give a dollar amount you wish to spend and pay on line, <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

For those shopping for the items *Suggested items Include:* A WOW item (doll, backpack, ball include device to inflate, outfit to wear), personal care items (comb, brush, hair ties, bar of soap & container, towel, wash cloth, reusable dishes & eating utensils, blanket), school supplies (paper, pencils - colored or black, pencil sharpener, coloring books/pads, stickers, jump rope), clothing, crafts, toys, and MOST of all a personal note and/or picture.

Do not Include: gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or aerosol cans.

THE GOOD NEWS

As of October 11

Keep in your Prayers

Family/Friends of Emma Kraus, Harring request	Bereavement/sudden loss of Emma, 14 yr. old
Bob Miller, Donna Schuler's brother	Healing/hospitalized infection/recovery surgery
Diane Rayer	Healing/accurate diagnosis/back problem
*Michael, Joleen Goens' nephew	God's Guidance/stay on the right path
*Bev and Dave McManus, K. Evert request	God's Provision/Dave is bedridden/Bev, his care giver
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing/Chesterwood Village rehab
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 as of 10/11	TBD
Peacemaking Offering	\$175
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$825
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$4,400
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

Worship Schedule

Oct. 18	Elder George Fraley
Oct. 25	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Nov. 1	Rev. Tom Dunlap

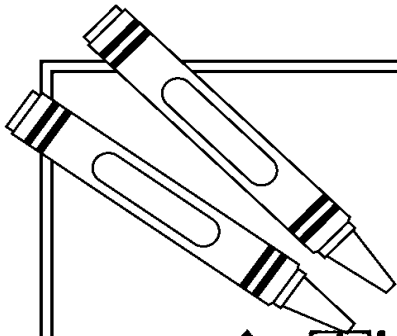
Notice from the Treasurer:

We would like to thank all of you who continue to mail in your pledges and donations.

However, we have noticed that not all pledges are coming in as planned. This money is extremely important as we try to cover our budget for this year. So thank you for continuing your support!

September Session Summary

Session met with Dan Johnson of the Committee on Ministry from Cincinnati Presbytery. Contracts were approved for the coming year with approximately 3% increases for Rev. Tom Dunlap, Davis McKinney, and Diane Kosey. We approved the building being used by El Buen Pastor for a week in August. Communion was approved for 2021: first Sundays, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. November 1, 2020 was set as Stewardship Sunday.



Just for KIDS

A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
peace	refrain	speak	throw away		uproot

There is a time for _____,

and a season for every activity under _____:

a time to be born and a time to _____,

a time to plant and a time to _____,

a to kill and a time to _____,

a time to tear down and a time to _____,

a time to weep and a time to _____,

a time to mourn and a time to _____,

a time to scatter stones and a time to _____,

a time to embrace and a time to _____,

a time to search and a time to _____,

a time to keep and a time to _____,

a time to tear and a time to _____,

a time to be silent and a time to _____,

a time to love and a time to _____,

a time for war and a time for _____,


Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, laugh, build, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.








A promise to the earth


After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).


Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



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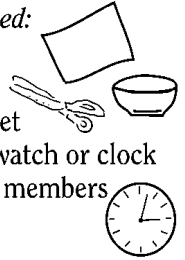
GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

Play Ecclesiastes Charades

Here is what you need:

- Sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Hat, bowl or basket
- Stopwatch, wristwatch or clock
- Friends or family members

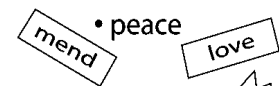


Here is how to play:

1. Divide the players into two even groups.
2. Write the following words from Ecclesiastes 3 on your sheet of paper:

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| • everything | • scatter |
| • season | • gather |
| • heaven | • embrace |
| • born | • refrain |
| • die | • search |
| • plant | • give up |
| • uproot | • keep |
| • kill | • throw away |
| • heal | • mend |
| • tear | • silent |
| • build | • speak |
| • weep | • love |
| • laugh | • hate |
| • mourn | • war |
| • dance | • peace |

3. Cut the words into strips. Fold them in half and put them in a hat, bowl or basket.
4. Each team chooses one person at a time to pick a word and act it out without speaking. That team has to guess the word.
5. Decide on a time limit. If the word hasn't been guessed when the time is up, the other team gets to guess.
6. Keep score. The team with the most correct guesses wins.
7. When all the words have been guessed. Have someone read Ecclesiastes 3 out loud. Listen for the words you acted out. What do they mean in God's plan?



Onsite Worship Protocols

Trinity has begun Onsite Worship. Below are the preparations and changes to the worship service that have been made:

Preparations for the Trinity building include:

- Thoroughly cleaning on a regular basis, with frequently touched surfaces being sanitized.
- Church front entry doors, as well as the middle and side entry doors to the sanctuary, are propped open and will remain open for the entire worship service. (minimizes contact with the door handles and increases ventilation within the church building.
- Bottles of liquid hand sanitizer will be available for use in the narthex, and you are encouraged as well to bring your own personal hand sanitizer. The water fountains outside the restrooms will be unplugged and covered on Sunday morning. Please bring your own personal water containers or bottles. No food or beverages will be offered. The sacristy room will be closed.
- When utilizing the restroom on Sunday morning, note whether another person is already using the room, and wait outside until that person exits the restroom before entering. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water prior to exiting the restroom.
- While inside the church building, **we are strongly encouraging that each person wear a face covering or mask.** A limited number of surgical masks will be available if you forget your own personal face covering.
- If on Sunday morning you are experiencing a fever (in excess of 100.4° F), coughing, shortness of breath or other symptoms potentially indicating COVID-19 infection, please refrain from attending worship on that morning and seek medical assistance.

The worship service itself will, not surprisingly, be a little different than what we are accustomed to. Some of the worship service modifications will be:

- We anticipate that attendance at the initial services will be quite modest, so the ushers should easily be able to assist individuals and family groups to find seating in the pews with appropriate social distancing.
- No printed bulletins will be distributed by the ushers. Everyone will receive an electronic version of each week's bulletin by email, and you are encouraged to print out the bulletin at home and bring it with you on Sunday morning. A limited number of printed bulletins will be available in the narthex. The bulletin will include the hymn lyrics.
- Hymnbooks, Bibles, pencils and attendance pads will be removed. Prayer request forms will be displayed on a table in the narthex, that can be filled out prior to the service, which can then be deposited in offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors.
- There will be no choir performances, and congregational singing of the hymns will be discouraged. Singing of the hymns in our minds, or possibly light humming, will be our means of expressing our musical worship.
- There will be no children's sermon or children's Sunday school classes, so children will remain with their families during worship. **No nursery attendants will be provided**, so use of the nursery room will be limited to parents and their children, if necessary.
- There will be no collection of offering during the service. Offerings will be deposited in the offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors when departing the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.
- On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month) servers will not be distributing the communion elements. Trinity has purchased a supply of prepackaged communion "sets", each with a wafer and sealed juice cup, which will be placed on a table at the front of the sanctuary, to be picked up by individual worshippers at the appointed time during the communion service.
- Following Rev. Dunlap's benediction, he, or the preacher of the day, will immediately proceed outside the church building, to greet and chat with the worshippers in the safer, fresher outdoor environ (no rain please!). All of the attendees will be encouraged to proceed to the outside as quickly as possible. It's outside, in the fresh air, that we can really practice being the Trinity community of faith - socially distanced hugs, catching up on all our quarantine stories, etc.!