



October 26, 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)

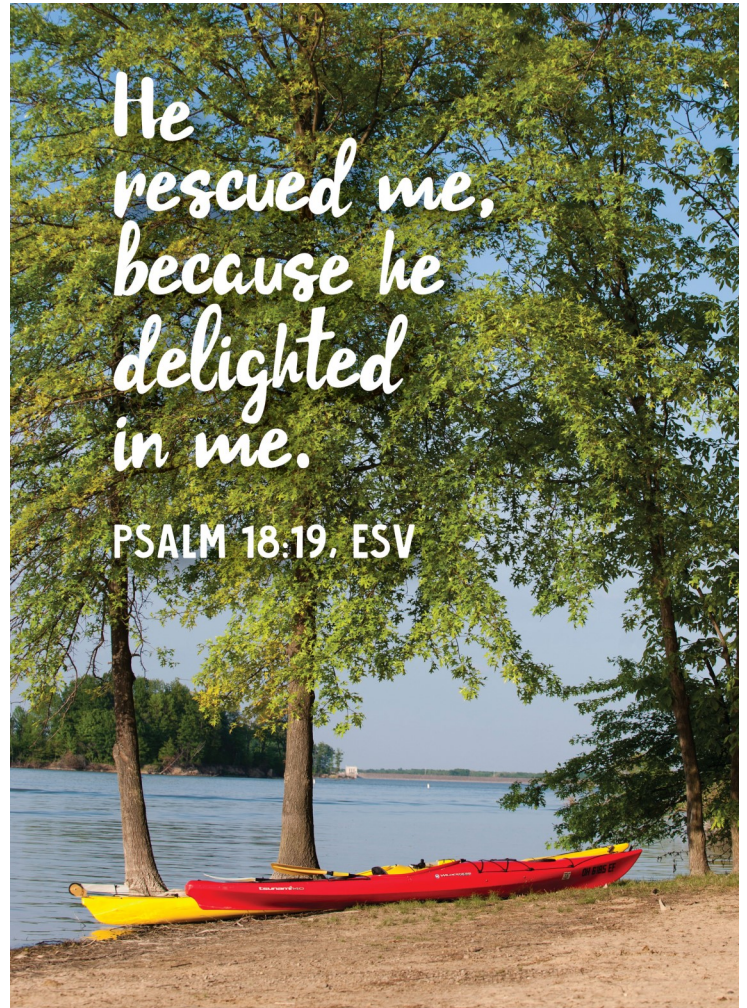
New Bell Choir at Trinity

Hear ye, hear ye! We are calling on all those who may be interested in joining a "Trinity Bell Choir" for our upcoming Advent season. We now have a three-octave/37-chime set at church, with simple Christmas music also on its way! Our practices will begin on Tuesdays at 7:00 next month. However, due to the election, Davis would like to invite all curious parties to come by on Thursday, November 5th at 7:30 PM for an informal gathering in the sanctuary to try the new instruments. We'll also have them available after service on November 1st to play. This will be a great way to commune safely while the choir is on hiatus. Even if you have no experience reading music, playing in ensemble or "can't carry a tune", feel free to check this out! Please contact Davis McKinney at:

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

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



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Prepare for Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

“Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.’”

Reflection

Each day this week, look for one example of exquisite humility exercised by someone (a family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, yourself) and meditate on what it means that the one who is humble is the greatest among us.

Morning Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. The light of day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us—such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all that I say and do; for the sake of your son, Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

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



Building Character

David Brooks, author of *The Road to Character* (Random House), created a moral bucket list in an effort to develop “eulogy virtues” — the traits praised at people’s funerals. Qualities such as humility, dependence and energizing love offer more joy than any “résumé virtues” ever will, he writes.

“There’s joy in freely chosen obedience to organizations, ideas and people. There’s joy in mutual stumbling. There’s an aesthetic joy we feel when we see morally good action, when we run across someone who is quiet and humble and good, when we see that however old we are, there’s lots to do ahead.”

**Look forward and be hopeful,
look backward and be thankful,
look down and be helpful,
look up and be humble.**

—Unknown

Sermons Online and on YouTube

For those that do not attend in person, Trinity is 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 is also available via link through the Trinity website at the link below:

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

Community Meal Center—This Thursday

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.

Save the Date—Women's Christmas Dinner

Please save the date for the Women's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 9 at Trinity. The dinner will be catered. Seating will be limited to 24.



Telephone Directory Change

Dee Burkhardt has moved to an assisted living section at Chesterwood Village, 8073 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069. Please address cards to Edith Burkhardt. At this time, we do not have her room number. Her cell phone is 513-668-5451 if you would like to give her a call.

FILL THEM WITH



Christmas Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Collection has begun. The Christmas shoeboxes are in the narthex.

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 8**.

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.samaritanspurse.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.

Sandwich Making—November 5

We will be making sandwiches for *Our Daily Bread Pantry* on **Thursday, November 5**. For those making the sandwiches at Trinity, we will begin at 9:30 AM. For those dropping off sandwiches, please deliver them at Trinity by **11:00 AM**. Your homemade sandwiches of: baloney and cheese or peanut butter and jelly should be individually wrap or put the sandwiches in individual baggies and mark or add a tag that notes the kind of sandwich inside. Please **do not add any condiments**. We appreciate your help with this Mission Outreach Project.

Please Save the Date also for December 3 for the next sandwich making.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

Poinsettias this year will be ordered from Bern's Greenhouse. You may order red, pink, or white flowers. There is also two different sizes to choose from (4 1/2" pot or 6 1/2 " pot). Your flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Please place your orders by November 1, 2020. You may mail your checks to Trinity or place them in the offering basket on Sunday. Please make your check out to *Trinity Presbyterian Church* and in the notation put *poinsettia order*. Please be sure to include your order form.

Costs: 4 1/2 Inch plant: \$10

6 1/2 inch plant: \$12

Berns Gift Card: \$25

Number of plants _____

Color of poinsettia (circle) Red Pink White

Size of pot (circle) 4 1/2" 6 1/2"

Number of Gift Cards _____

TOTAL AMOUNT Enclosed \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

In HONOR OF

In MEMORY OF

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after the WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE GOOD NEWS

As of October 25

Keep in your Prayers

Pam Harring
Jerry Wiesner, Kathy Kessler request
Debbie Johnson's new grand nephew
Family/Friends of Emma Kraus, Harring request
Bob Miller, Donna Schuler's brother
Diane Rayer
George Liles
Dee Burkhardt
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister
All peoples in the Middle East
All Elected Government leaders
Support for all our military
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B.)

Healing/strength/beginning clinical trial
Healing/brain surgery for cancer
Thanksgiving/birth of Bryce Michael Roth
Bereavement/sudden loss of Emma, 14 yr. old
Healing/hospitalized infection/recovery surgery
Healing/accurate diagnosis/back problem
Continued healing/home recovering
Continued healing/Chesterwood Village
Continued healing/swallowing problems
God's peace and comfort
Peace and reconciliation
Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Strength/discernment/God's protection
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

Donation Received 10/25	\$1,750
Donations Received 10/18	\$3,310
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$858
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$4,400
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

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!

Worship Schedule

Nov. 1	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Nov. 8	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Nov. 15	Elder Kurt Schuler
Nov. 29	Rev. Tom Dunlap

The Presbytery of Cincinnati publishes a weekly newsletter called "The Cincinnati Sampler." To subscribe to The Sampler go to: <https://www.presbteryofcincinnati.org> and click on "Sign Up For The Sampler" at the bottom right corner of the page.

A Life OF Stewardship

*Stewardship is a little bit of you,
a forward path, a privilege, a way,
a choice, a pleasure, a helping
hand, a promise, a connection,
a right, a responsibility, a thank you,
an awareness, a commitment,
a gift, a crossroad decision,
a connection to each other,
a little bit of you for God.*

Anonymous

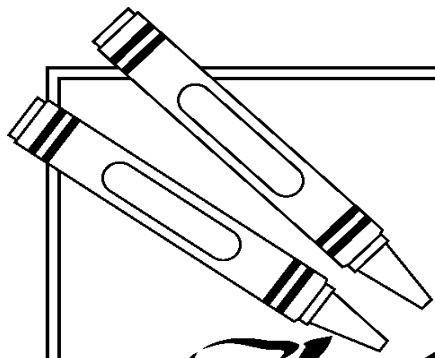
Set your
Clocks back
One hour
on October 31.

Daylight Savings ends
November 1.



Stewardship Sunday

November 1, 2020



Just for

KIDS

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

“But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.”

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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.!