

**November 16, 2020** 

# The Good News from Trinity PC

# **Onsite Trinity Worship Services**

Trinity is now worshiping 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)

# **All-encompassing Savior**

Christ be with me, Christ within me. Christ behind me, Christ before me. Christ beside me, Christ to win me. Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me. Christ in quiet, Christ in danger. Christ in hearts of all that love me. Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

-Hymn attributed to St. Patrick



Office Open 9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday Prayer Requests can be emailed to: office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org



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# Prepare for Worship Christ the King Sunday

#### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

#### Reflection

What sort of power is manifest in the reign of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to claim that Christ is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion" or that God has "put all things under his feet" (Eph. 1:21, 22)?

Morning Prayer

Almighty God, reveal to me the greatness of your power, that I may see your presence among the lowly and the lost and know the authority and sovereignty of your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is also our humble brother. Amen.

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



#### **Our True Power Source**

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.

"I pray that God, the Source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit". Romans 15:13

#### 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/

**Book Club—Today** 

The Book Club will be reading, A Life Without Water by Marcie Bolden for November meeting on Monday, November 16. For those bringing a sack lunch they will meet at noon; the discussion will follow at 12:30 PM. Please remember to bring your mask. There will be not meeting in December.



#### **Advent Devotionals**

The Worship Committee is offering an Advent devotional booklet, "Those Who Dream" by Sanctified Art team, to all of our Trinity families in a digital file to be emailed during the week of November 22. If you would prefer a printed copy of the booklet rather than the digital file, please call the office at 860-4114 or email: office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org.

Because of the license limitations to the materials, if you like the devotional and want to forward the digital file to a relative or friend, please let the office know so that we manage the correct count of the number of booklets we send out.

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The "Those Who Dream" devotional booklet material will also be tied to each week's worship service theme and sermons" during the Advent and Christmas season.

#### **Bell Choir Practices**

Practice for the Bell Choir is on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM except on November 17 when the Bell Choir will meet at 7:30 PM. The Bell Choir is preparing for the upcoming Advent season. There is still time for those who may be interested in joining. We have a three-octave/37-chime set at church, with simple Christmas music also on its way! 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: <a href="mailto:trumpianist@yahoo.com">trumpianist@yahoo.com</a> if you are interested.



#### Shut In Gifts

The Women's Group has started to make gift bags for our Shut In's. (There are six that we know about.) If you want to get items to add to bags, suggestions are: puzzle books, note cards, slipper socks, calendars, candies, baked goods etc. If you are purchasing items, please let Ginny Kramer know what you are getting so that we do not have too many duplications! Items are due by **November 24.** 

# **Directory Update**

Gladys Bebefe's address is: 5305 Camelot Dr., Apt. F, Fairfield, OH 45014. Please update your directory.

#### 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 by Matt Williams. Seating will be limited to 24. The please have your \$20 (cost of the meal) in by November 24 to Connie Williams. If you write a check, make it out to Trinity Presbyterian Church with the notation: Women's Dinner. (People will be social distanced seated around the church; then they will gather in the Sanctuary after the meal for games.)

#### As of November 15

#### Keep in your Prayers

Judy Miller, Donna Schuler's sister Ellen Lewis, Diane Rayer's sister Kathy Kessler Sandra Edmunds, Nadine Jones' Neighbor Pam Harring Bob Miller, D. Schuler's brother Nancy Miracle, D. Schuler's sister Family & Friends of Dan Birch, Harring request Rev. Trevor Phillips, Harring request Joe Schruefer, Debbie Johnson's father Bill Tope 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/on ventilator in COVID ICU Healing/hospitalized with COVID Thanksgiving/birth of granddaughter, Katie Kessler God's Peace and Comfort/latter stages of lung cancer Healing/strength and courage/new treatment plan Healing/foot infection/uncontrolled heart rate God's Comfort/latter stages of ASL Bereavement/loss of Dan Bereavement/loss of his brother Healing/patience/fractured femur Continued healing Healing/back problems
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

Donations Received as of 11/15 \$1,474
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!

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Nov. 22 Rev. Tom Dunlap
Nov. 29 Rev. Tom Dunlap
Dec. 6 Rev. Tom Dunlap
Dec. 13 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.

# O God, thank you that by your power, small things like seeds — and faith — can grow big and strong. Nurture our growth in you always.



Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)



shall you be when you come in, and slessed shall you be when you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6

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http://www.facebook.com/trinitypcfairfield

# Worship with us:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrxObnly6g

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



# Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

#### **WORD KEY**

22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to 12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

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$$5 \times 2 \text{ or } 5 + 5$$
  $12 \times 1 \text{ or } 7 + 5$   $2 \times 2 \text{ or } 3 + 1$ 

 $6 \times 1 \text{ or } 5 + 1$   $3 \times 5 \text{ or } 5 + 5 + 5$   $4 \times 2 \text{ or } 6 + 2$ 

 $6 \times 2 \text{ or } 6 + 6$   $8 \times 2 \text{ or } 8 + 8$   $3 \times 2 \text{ or } 3 + 3$ 

 $3 \times 3 \text{ or } 3 + 3 + 3$   $9 \times 2 \text{ or } 9 + 9$   $10 \times 2 \text{ or } 10 + 10$ 

1 x 2 or 1 + 1 11 x 2 or 16 + 6 8 x 1 or 3 + 5

9 x 1 or 5 + 4 3 x 4 or 4 + 4 + 4 8 x 3 or 8 + 8 + 8

Answer: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



#### What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

#### What you do:

- 1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
- 2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
- 3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
- 4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

# **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.!