



November 2, 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: trumpianist@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

Prayer Requests can be emailed to:
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Prepare for Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 70

“Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!”
turn back because of their shame.⁴ Let all who
seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, “God is great!”
But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!”



Reflection

In our fast-paced world, daily encounters with delay are sometimes difficult to accept. How can we be intentional in practicing the presence of God, cultivating steadiness and peace in our lives and the world while extending God’s hospitality and love?

Morning Prayer

I give thanks for the gift of life this day and for the privilege of loving you by serving others. Give me an opportunity to grow in right relationship with you by promoting justice in the world today through my life, my choices, and my witness. Amen.

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

Always Within Reach

As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn’t depend on myself.

Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, “O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.” Too often I haven’t waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for — and accepting — God’s guidance isn’t always easy, but he always comes through, and we’re never out of his reach.

I’m so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me “unstuck” and keep me from trouble.
—MaryAnn Sundby

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/>

Sandwich Making—This Thursday

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 home-made 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.

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



Appalachian Outreach

The Mission Committee's southern outreach project is to sew dresses for children in Appalachia. Dresses are sewn the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next sewing date is November 10. If you don't sew, there are dresses to be cut, patterns pinned, fabric ironed—something for everyone.

Book Club

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 no meeting in December.

Community Meal Center Thank You

Trinity thanks all who baked and prepared wrapped cookies and brownies for the Community Meal Center. We appreciate your support for our neighbors who visit the Meal Center. Thank You!

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.

Poinsettia Orders—November 8

The deadline for ordering poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary has been extended to November 8. Please see the order form on page 4.



Last Call for
Shoebboxes

Christmas Shoebboxes—Sunday, November 8

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/>. (Please do not send any funds directly to Trinity.)



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 8, 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 November 1

Keep in your Prayers

Pam Harring	Healing/strength and courage/leukemia returned
Bill Tope	Continued healing
Bill Tope's son-in-law	Healing/heart concerns
Diane Rayer	Healing/accurate diagnosis/back problem
*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
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing/Chesterwood Village
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 11/1	\$1,368
Worker's Comp. Refund	\$126
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. 8	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Nov. 15	Elder Kurt Schuler
Nov. 29	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Dec. 6	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.

Session Summary

Session Notes...



Session agreed to hire a Bookkeeper to work on Fridays to do the accounting for the church. This would allow the building to be open 5 days a week. Diane Kosey would provide training.


Bricks for a memorial garden will be purchased and placed outside the main doors in the area where sunlight and rain are insufficient to let anything grow. Benches would be placed on the bricks to allow for outdoor seating. Members will have the opportunity to purchase bricks inscribed to honor or to memorialize individuals.

Outdoors heaters will be rented for the cooler months to allow for social distancing.

Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)



I will praise the
name of God
with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

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www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org

Check out our Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/trinitypcfairfield>

Worship with us:

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

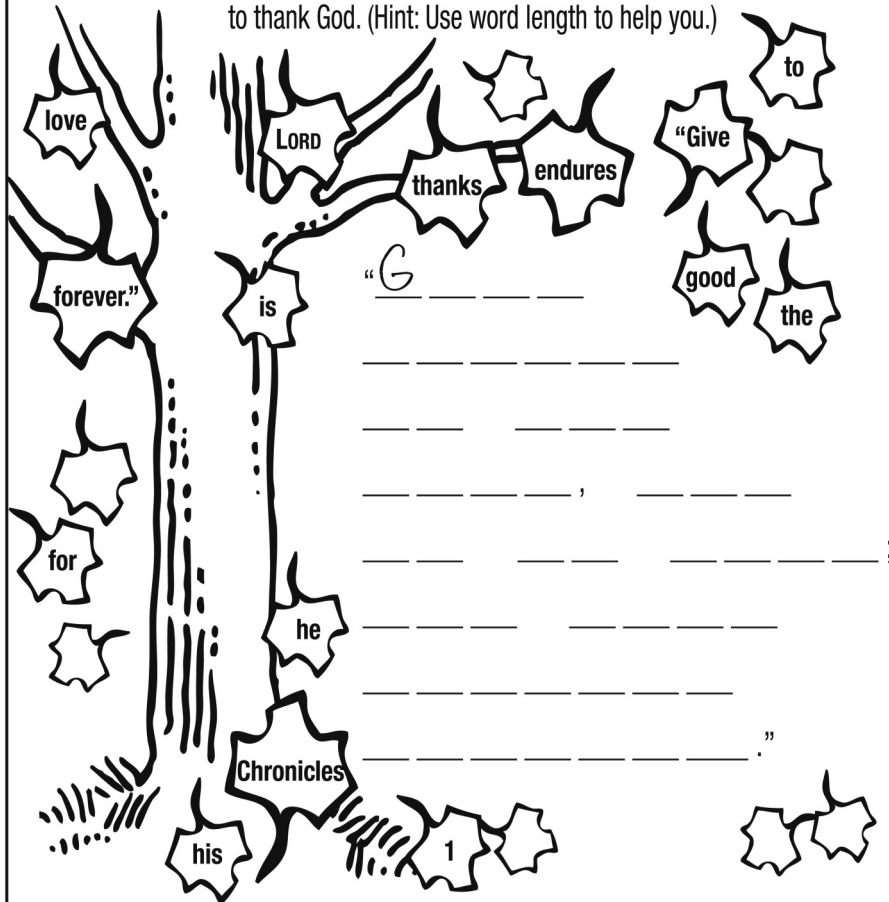
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Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



There are many ways you can give to others. All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room – like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.

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.!