

December 14, 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)

In Case of a Pastoral Emergency

Please Call: Deacons-on-Call:

Joleen Goens 513-858-9815
or Ginny Kramer 513-829-4658

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

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



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Prepare for Worship Fourth Sunday in Advent

Luke 46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

"And Mary^l said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his
servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me
blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Reflection

Mary's song proclaims that God is lifting up the lowly while scattering the proud, and feeding the hungry while sending the rich away with empty hands. How does this change the way you think about God's coming reign of justice and favor? How does this change the way you live?

Morning Prayer

Expectant God, Mary sings because she has new life in her, the promise of your salvation. Fill me with hope this day as I lift my life to you and seek to do your will. Look with favor on our world and all who are in need, that your love may be magnified as I follow humbly in your way. Amen.



The Sounds of Christmas

The "Wow!" Factor of Joy

After the final notes concluded at a recent symphony performance in Boston, the conductor hadn't yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, "Wow!" The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn't upset the participants or audience, however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

The incident was especially meaningful because the child, a 9-year-old named Ronan, has autism and is generally nonverbal. Music, his family says, tends to attract his interest and make him happy. When symphony officials learned Ronan's identity, they arranged a private performance so he could meet some musicians.

How often do you shout "Wow!" – in a good way – at what you see and hear? You may tend to do so on vacation or while observing God's natural wonders, but what about during your day-to-day life? Think about the people you encounter and their talents – and your own. When have these sparked a "Wow!" of thanks to God?

Every blessing, large or small, is a wow-moment – a gift from God that warrants our praise and brings joy.

—adapted from HomeTouch Ministry

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/>



Sowing Joy

Did you know Trinity has been sharing Joy in several ways?

- On November 22 volunteers hung the greens to decorate the church for Christmas.
- Volunteers and Donors purchased and wrapped gifts for ten children and adults through our Adopt a Family.
- Several helping hands prepared over 270 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread Pantry.
- Through donations several gift bags of many delightful items were delivered to our Shut In families.
- Volunteers pick up poinsettias that were purchased in honor and in memory of family members. The poinsettias were arranged to

decorate the sanctuary.

- Each Sunday in Advent Trinity members who are unable to attend the service in person prerecorded the Candle Lighting part of the service. It was a great joy to hear the voice of our members even though they were not with us in person.
- Davis McKinney, our Music Directory, has been working with volunteers to play our new chimes.

Yes, Trinity has been busy sowing Joy! Thank you one and all.

Christmas Joy—Joy Offering Received December 20

“Through our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, we are together with those who need our love and support. The gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The gifts also provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.”

“Through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God, the Joy Offering reflects God is with us.”

Please give generously, for when we all do a little – it adds up to a lot. The offering will be received on Sunday, December 20.

Directory Update

New Address for Judy Huber
Maple Knoll Village
Attn: Judy Huber
Breese Manor (Yes, that is an “s” in the address)
H411
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246



THE GOOD NEWS

As of December 13

Keep in your Prayers

Rick Rayer	Healing/injury from a fall/broken ankle
Connie Williams	Healing/another successful surgery
Susan Rouff	Thanksgiving for Bell Choir and message of Joy
Jessie, Cindie Postell's daughter	God's protection from Covid
Tim, Joleen Goens' request	God's protection from Covid
Family/Friends of Mike Castator	Bereavement/loss of Mike due to Covid
Ginny Kramer's neighbors' family	Bereavement/loss of family member to a fire
Tausha, B. Pratt's daughter	God's intervention/drug problems
Lisa, relative of Jeanie Wolfe	Healing/facing multiple cancer tests
Robert and his mother, Linda Mae, K. Evert req.	Healing/dealing with addiction and depression
Judy Miller, Donna Schuler's sister	Healing/on ventilator in COVID ICU
Ellen Lewis, Diane Rayer's sister	Continued healing/home recovering/COVID
Sandra Edmunds, Nadine Jones' Neighbor	God's Peace and Comfort/latter stages of lung cancer
*Family of Bob Mantel, Harring's son-in-law's dad	Bereavement/loss of Bob to COVID
*Bob Miller, D. Schuler's brother	Healing/foot infection/uncontrolled heart rate
Pam Harring	Healing/strength and courage/new treatment plan
Nancy Miracle, D. Schuler's sister	God's Comfort/latter stages of ASL
Joe Schrufer, Debbie Johnson's father	Healing/patience/fractured femur
Bill Tope	Continued healing
Diane Rayer	Healing/back problems
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 12/13 \$1,575

Per Capita 2020 Donations \$891

Property Fund Giving 2020 \$4,400

Property Fund Goal 2020 \$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

Worship Schedule

Dec. 20	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Dec. 24	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Dec. 27	Elder Cindie Postell
Jan. 3	Rev. Tom Dunlap

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

Keeping in Touch

A Gift from Trinity

Although we can't be together, we hold you in our hearts. Please watch for the face masks we are sending you (if you didn't get one this Sunday). We hope this helps to keep you safe.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.
God's blessings be with you,

Trinity's
Deacons
Women's group
Mission Committee

*In Our Hearts
and
prayers*



Visit our web page:

www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org

Check out our Facebook:

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

Worship with us:

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

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

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



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Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

"Away in a Manger" PLATE



Make this special plate as a gift to give this Christmas.

What you need:

- Clear glass plate
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush and water
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.

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.!