

January 18, 2021

## 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

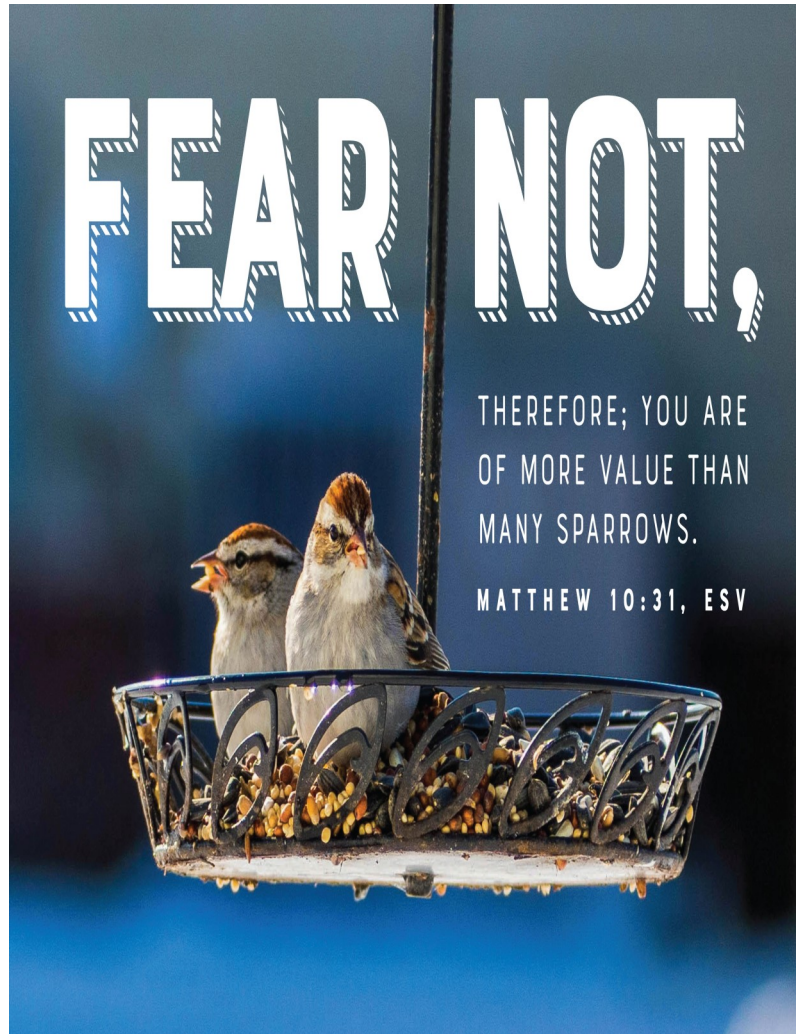
Please Call: Deacons-on-Call:

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](mailto:office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org)



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## Prepare for Worship 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



### Psalm 62: 5-8, 11-12

“For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us....  
Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all  
according to their work.”

### Reflection

Psalm 62 ends by saying, “God, you repay to all according to their work.” Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

### Morning Prayer

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—  
mourning or gladness, buying or selling—  
help me to focus on you throughout it all.  
Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

## Celebrations

### January Birthdays

Tim Wiggins	Jan. 1
Jaydenbright Nyamusa	Jan. 3
Dan Briggs	Jan. 3
Susan Rouff	Jan. 6
Fran Thomas	Jan. 10
Marty Reese	Jan. 11
Nissi Tayong	Jan. 14
Pam Harring	Jan. 15
Ethel Bime	Jan. 19
Emmanuel Bime	Jan. 20

### February Birthdays

Sandy Mitchell	Feb. 2
Linda North	Feb. 3
Bright Yeboah	Feb. 4
Donna Schuler	Feb. 5
George Liles	Feb. 6
Megan Fields	Feb. 18
Bill Tope	Feb. 23

**May God lift you up to his heart so you may hear “You are my precious child. I love you.”**

## 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—Thank you**—Trinity thanks everyone who made sandwiches at Trinity on January 7 and for those who made sandwiches at home and dropped them off. Trinity delivered 255 sandwiches to *Our Daily Bread Pantry*. Your sharing bread with our neighbors helps the pantry's growing need to be met.

## Community Meal Center

Trinity provides desserts for the Community Meal Center for the Fifth Friday of the month. Please drop off individually wrapped brownies or cookies at Trinity **by 11:30 AM on Thursday, January 28**. George Fraley will deliver the desserts on Friday. We appreciate your continuing help.



**Book Club** will not meet in January. In February they will be reading *The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flag. This is a return visit to the small town at the heart of Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café. It is a heartwarming novel about secrets of youth rediscovered, hometown memories, and everyday magic.

## Missions at Work

- Sewing of dresses for Mission Project in Appalachia will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00 AM.
- Volunteer Knitters /Crocheters are still working on: prayer shawls and baby blankets.
- Collecting plastic lids, soda pull tabs, and cancelled stamps

Next Mission Committee meeting is on Sunday, January 24 after the worship service.

## Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will practice on Tuesday, January 19 from 7:30-8:30 PM and on January 26 from 7:00-8:30 PM.

## *Dear Trinity,*

When I received a shopping bag full of gifts, I assumed it was from my family. A few days later, I decided to look into it. Boy was I surprised! It was from my friends at Trinity.

I have been coloring and staying in the lines. All the gifts—a calendar, socks, note cards, tissues, a Trinity face mask, which I proudly wear every day, etc. were a delightful surprise. In the evening, I wrap up in my afghan which is very warm and pretty.

Thank you for *all* the gifts, cards and prayers.  
God Bless, Dee Burkhardt

## January—Tax Season

If you need a formal giving statement for 2020, please contact Diane Rayer at 513-829-2924 or email Diane at [radrayer@zoomtown.com](mailto:radrayer@zoomtown.com).



# THE GOOD NEWS

As of January 17

## Keep in your Prayers

Ron and Edna Campbell	Healing/both have Covid; Ron also has pneumonia
Family of Bob Chain, friend of C. Williams	Bereavement/loss of Bob
Marta Mojzer	Healing/new oral cancer diagnosis
Kevin Lee, former member	Healing/in ICU with Covid
Family of Gladys Sunderman, D. Kosey req.	Bereavement/loss of Gladys
Solomon	God's Intervention/uncle arrested in Cameroon
Irene, D. Hess' request	Healing/broken knee cap and wrist
Kirlin, Bev McManus request	Healing from blood clot that caused severe damage
*Family of Cassie Mae Garret, J. Reese req.	Bereavement/loss of Cassie
*Joe Schrufer, Debbie Johnson's father	Healing/recovery fractured femur
Rick Rayer	Healing/recovery broken ankle
Connie Williams	Healing/recovery surgery and infection
Jessie, Cindie Postell's daughter	God's protection from Covid
Tim, Joleen Goens' request	God's protection from Covid
Pam Harring	Healing/strength and courage/new treatment plan
Nancy Miracle, D. Schuler's sister	God's Comfort/latter stages of ASL
Bill Tope	Continued healing
Diane Rayer	Healing/back problems
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing
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 1/17           \$3,005

Property Fund Giving 2021

Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$33

## Worship Schedule

Jan. 24	Elder George Fraley
Jan. 31	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 7	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 14	Rev. Tom Dunlap

## Pledges

We wish to plan our budget for the coming year. We have received 30 pledges (60% response rate) for a total of \$89,592 in pledges (69% of budget) our budget of \$131,795. We are hoping to get replies from all of you who have pledged previously. We know that some have been affected by the turmoil of the pandemic and the economic results. Please reply whether or not you can continue your pledge month to month or some level of giving so planning may go forward. Please contact Diane Rayer at 513-829-2924 or email Diane at radrayer@zoomtown.com.



## **Humor Helps to Lighten Our Loads** *Covid Humor from our Mail Bags:*

- \* In 2019: We were told to stay away from negative people. In 2020: We were told to stay away from positive people.
- \* The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors—stay home!
- \* This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!
- \* I need to practice physical-distancing from the refrigerator.
- \* Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and asking for money.
- \* I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.

### **Pandemic Resources**

If you're struggling due to pay or work hours having been reduced, or you are unemployed at this time, here are some resources that are available. You may qualify for income-based assistance with rent, mortgage, or utilities.

- Cincinnati Community Action Agency (CAA) - 513-569-1840
- Freestore Foodbank (financial assistance) - 513-357-4687
- St. Vincent DePaul - 513-421-0602
- Mercy Neighborhood Ministries - 513-751-2500

To find out the benefits for which they may be eligible, and for help applying for benefits:

**Benefit Call center at Freestore Foodbank - 513-381-7627**



### **Visit our web page:**

[www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org](http://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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## Remember to Love!

Based on Matthew 22:36-40

It's often hard to remember the right thing to do. Sometimes people write something they want to remember on a sticky note. Teachers used to pin notes on children with things for a parent to remember. Now they probably send an email or text. Here's a story about something Jesus wanted everyone to always remember. Jesus had been teaching people about who he was and what they needed to know about how to live. A person who knew a lot about laws came to him and asked a question. "Teacher, what is the most important commandment in all the laws we have been given? There are so many. But which one is the one we should always remember and never forget?" Jesus was glad the legal expert had asked him this question. He paused for a minute. He knew which one was most important. It was very old, a scripture he had known since he was a small boy. It was from the book of Deuteronomy

It was called the Shema, which means "to hear or listen." It was easy to remember, because he had been saying it twice a day all of his life. It was written on his heart and remembered in his head. Jesus told him, "Love God with your heart and with your eyes and ears, your hands, every part of your body. This is the first commandment and the most important one." Jesus knew that the legal expert would know this important commandment. Then Jesus surprised him and said, "There's a second one that is a lot like the first one. Remember to love other people, care for other people just like you take care of yourself."

**Hear:** Try saying the most important commandment once in the morning and once at night this week: I will love God with all my heart.

**See:** Use your eyes today. Where do you see people loving God? Where do you see people loving and helping other people?

**Act:** What are some ways that you can love God?

**Draw a Picture of How You Remember to Love**

# 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.!