



The *Good News* from Trinity PC

November 22, 202

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:

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

When the office is closed on Fridays and the weekends, if you have a prayer request, please call Connie Williams at 513-370-7903

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

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



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Prepare for Worship 1st Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’”

Reflection

Even in the midst of trouble and turmoil, God allows us glimpses of the kingdom to come. What signs of promise do you see that bolster your hope in a new heaven and a new earth?

Morning Prayer

Thank you for this new day to sing your praise and watch for signs of your kingdom. By your Spirit, let me abound in love for you and your children, that in living and loving I may point to your coming reign. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.



God Languishes with Us

A headline from last spring teased, “There’s a name for the Blah You’re Feeling.” The writer decided what he and others felt as the pandemic wore on wasn’t burnout or depression but *languishing* – decreasing vitality; feeling dispirited. People of ancient times experienced this too: “The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine” (Genesis 47:13). “The wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh” (Isaiah 24:7). But there’s more.

If you used to be “merry-hearted” but now sigh a lot, hear this: “The heavens languish together with the earth” (Isaiah 24:4). Isaiah uses “the heavens” to refer to God, who languishes with us. Like an empathizing friend, God sits *with* us in our struggle. Sure, we pray for rescue *now*: “I am languishing; O Lord, heal me” (Psalm 6:2). But when our timing isn’t God’s, we trust his promise of restoration: “[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes ... mourning and crying and pain will be no more” (Revelation 21:4).

With the psalmist we hold two truths at once: “My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word” (119:81).—Heidi Hyland Mann

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

Book Club—The Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, November 29** at noon for a brown bag lunch and the discussion will follow at 12:30 PM. They will be discussing *Fly Away* by Kristen Hannah.

Exploring Men's Bible Study—There is an interest in starting a Men's Bible Study tentatively on a Saturday morning or a day/night that works best for the group. If the men meet on a Saturday morning, they will meet at a local coffee shop for the study. If you are interested, please contact Keith Harring at 513-829-8437 or email: harring@fuse.net.

Deacon Caregivers— A new Deacon Care List has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. As the Deacons rotate off the Board of Deacons your caregiver may change in July. If you do not know your caregiver, check out the list on the board and introduce yourself to your Deacon.

The Hills Are Alive...with The Sound of Music—Please plan on joining us for an afternoon of entertainment when the Greater Hamilton Civic Theatre presents **The Sound of Music** on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 PM. Each ticket is \$16.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Men's Christmas Dinner-The Men's Christmas Dinner will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, **December 14** at the Meritage Restaurant in Glendale. There is a signup sheet posted in the narthex. The **deadline for signing up is December 5**. Questions, call George Fraley 513-967-1466.

Next Sandwich Making—December 2

We will be making sandwiches for *Our Daily Bread Pantry* on **Thursday, December 2**. 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 10:30 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.

Women's Group Sharing Christmas Joy

- * The Women's Christmas Dinner, a catered dinner at Trinity, is on **December 8th 6:00 PM**.
- * Need a Christmas hostess gift, a gift for the neighbors or do you just love Christmas cookies? The women's group will be selling homemade cookies—5 dozens cookies for \$20.00. The cookies will be **available Sunday, December 19th** at the church. Please sign up if you would like a platter or two of cookies.
- * One of the Christmas trees will be designated for hats and gloves. They will be given to one of the Elementary Schools in Fairfield
- * Shut-in baskets—need 6 small calendars, mints such as Mentos, small baskets, clear cellophane, word find/puzzle books. Choose one or more items from this list posted in the narthex. Drop off by **December 12**. Questions, call Connie Williams
- * Adopt-a-Family—\$25 gift limit; list of gifts needed on bulletin board. Gifts to be returned, wrapped and with tag from bulletin board in narthex on it by **December 5**. Questions, call Connie Williams

Thanks for Your Shoeboxes!

Trinity thanks everyone who assembled Christmas Shoeboxes for children in different parts of the world. We also thank all who purchased poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary!

Thanksgiving Holiday—Office closed Thursday, November 25 and Monday, November 29.

THE GOOD NEWS

As of November 21

Keep in your Prayers

Winnie, Megan Fields niece	Healing/hospitalized
Henry Wiggins	Thanksgiving/4th birthday
Louise Young	Healing/recovery surgery
Deb Schoenherr and family	Bereavement/loss of Dennis
Miranda, B. Pratt request	Healing/ear pain
Ann House, K. Kessler request	Healing/heart surgery
Dick, Rev. Dunlap's brother	God's comfort and peace/in hospice care
*Jen Reese's brother	Healing/health concerns
Glenn Mojzer	Healing/diagnosed with MDS/infusion treatments
Amanda, D. Kosey's granddaughter	Healing/infusion treatments for ulcerated colitis
Kimberly Whitney, K. Kessler's daughter	Continued healing/severe diverticulitis/other concerns
Jean Parsley	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.*

To the Trinity faithful, we often pray for those on the email prayer list, and those we mention during worship on Sundays. Please remember the prayer requests we receive from the community on our website. Each time someone prays for them, they receive an automatic email letting them know that someone has done so, giving additional encouragement to the recipient. The link is : <https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/prayer-wall/>

Financial Information

Donations Received on 11/21 \$1,153

Per Capita

21 Members paid \$697

Property Fund Giving 2021

Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$33

Attendance 11/21 38

Worship Schedule

Nov. 28 Rev. Tom Dunlap

Dec. 5 Rev. Kate Mauch

Dec. 12 Rev. Tom Dunlap

Dec. 19 Rev. Kate Mauch

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.

Thankfulness in Action

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God.— Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven.—Johannes Gaertner

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.—Maya Angelou

It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy.—David Steindl-Rast



Elders	Class Year—Term Expires	Deacons	Class Year
Linda North	2022	Joleen Goens	2022
George Fraley	2022	Jennifer Reese	2022
Cindie Postell	2022	Ginny Kramer	2023
Barb Pratt	2023	Valentine Nyamusa	2023
Kurt Schuler	2023	Ethel Bime	2024
Wilson Tayong	2023	Allison Schuler	2024
Emmanuel Bime	2024		
Donna Schuler	2024		



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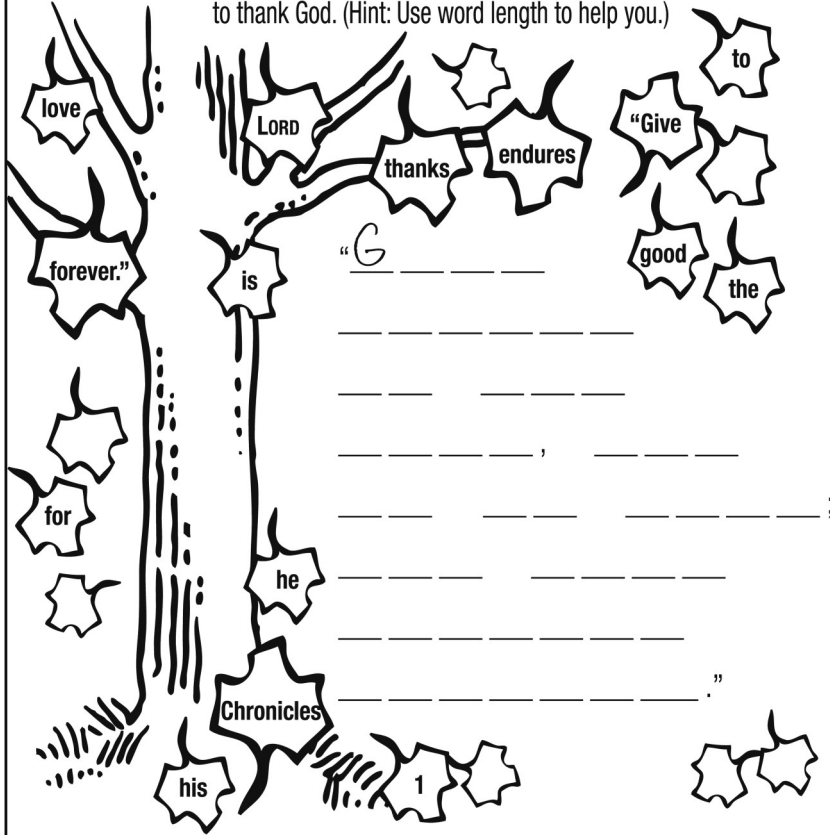


PUZZLE

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.)



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16:34, NIV

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



Brighten your dinner table with these festive candle holders.

What you need:

- An adult's help
- Miniature pumpkins (palm size)
- Tea light candles
- Pencil
- Sharp knife
- Spoon

What you do:

1. Place a candle on top of each miniature pumpkin and trace around the candle's base.
2. Have an adult cut around the circle.
3. Scoop out the pulp and seeds.
4. Place a candle inside. Keep scooping, if necessary, so the candle sits inside the pumpkin nicely.
5. Decorate your dinner table with the pumpkins. Have an adult light the candles for you.



Onsite Worship Protocols for 2021

Trinity continues its onsite worship services with relaxed safety protocols. Below are the updated protocols for the Sunday morning worship service applicable through August 2021:

Preparations for the Trinity building and personal behavioral expectations include:

Thorough cleaning on a regular basis, with frequently touched surfaces being sanitized. Middle and side entry doors to the sanctuary will be propped open and will remain open for the entire worship service (minimizes touch contact with the door handles and increases ventilation within the sanctuary).

Bottles of liquid hand sanitizer will continue to be available for use in the narthex. The water fountains outside the restrooms will remain unplugged and covered on Sunday morning. Please bring your own personal water containers or bottles. No food or beverages will be offered on Sunday morning.

During Sunday morning worship the wearing of a face mask or covering is optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. A small number of face masks will be available on the narthex table for those who feel more comfortable wearing a face mask during worship,

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 onsite worship on that morning.

The worship service itself will continue to be a little different than what we were accustomed to in pre-pandemic times. The revised worship service characteristics will be:

We anticipate that our Sunday morning onsite worship attendance is likely to increase with the relaxation of CDC safety guidelines. To the degree possible with the increased attendance, individuals and family groups should attempt to find seating in the pews while maintaining social distancing.

Bulletins in the traditional format will be printed and available for all attending the onsite worship service. These printed bulletins will not be distributed by ushers but will be available for pickup on the information table positioned in the center of the narthex.

The narthex information table will also display copies of the weekly Communicator, information on upcoming special offerings and mission events, as well as prayer request slips and offering envelopes, with pencils to assist in filling in those forms. Completed prayer request forms and offering envelopes can then be deposited in offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors.

Hymnals, Bibles, pencils and attendance pads will still be absent from the sanctuary pews. Hymnals and Bibles will be available in the narthex on a cart. Worshippers are requested to return the hymnals and Bibles to the cart at the conclusion of the worship service.

There will be no vocal choir performances until September. Vocal and instrumental solos, performed from the dais, will continue, as well as the periodic performances of Trinity's hand chime choir from the front of the sanctuary. Congregational singing of the hymns is permitted.

During the summer 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, as necessary. **(Our intention is to resume our children's programs in September.)**

There will be no collection of offering during the service. Offerings will be deposited in the offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors.

On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month) servers will not be distributing the communion elements. Trinity has a supply of prepackaged communion "kits", each with a wafer and sealed juice cup, which will be placed on tray tables near the sanctuary entry doors, to be picked up by worshippers when entering the sanctuary. **(Our intention is to return to communion element distribution in September.)**

Following the benediction and postlude, after-worship socializing is permitted in the sanctuary or narthex.