



December 13,
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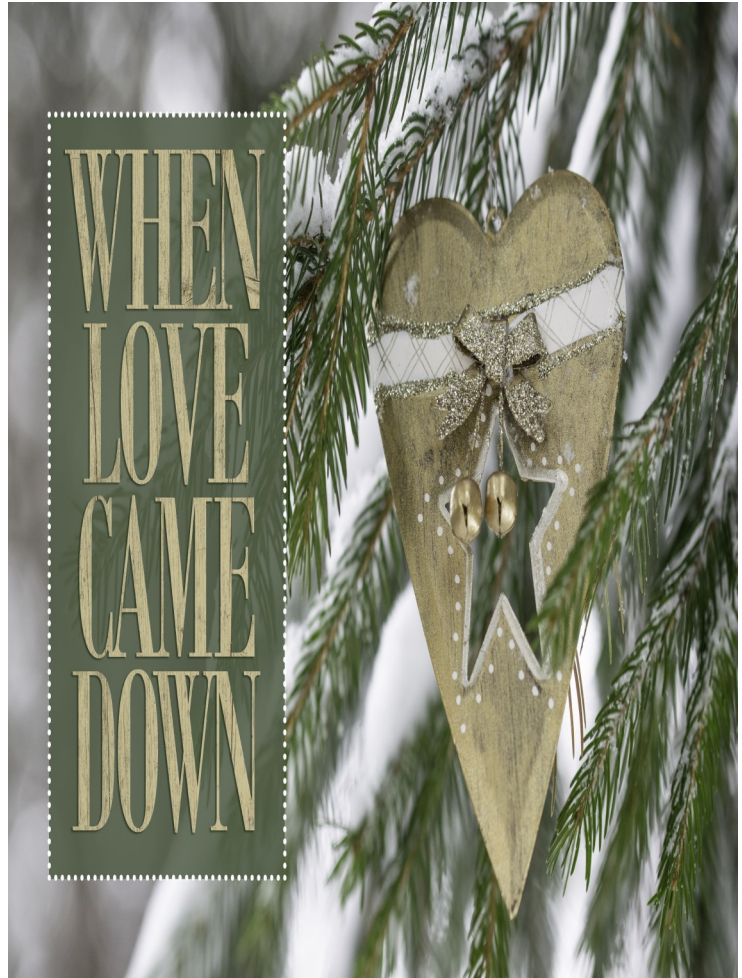
The *Good News* from Trinity PC

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:

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 4th Sunday of Advent



Mary's Song of Praise

Luke 1:46-55

"And Mary 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

Where do you see the light of Christ magnified in your person, your life, and the ways of your family and community? Notice in the coming week one time each day when the light of Christ is made present for you by others.

Morning Prayer

Thank you, good and gracious God, for the morning light, for another day in which to live out what it means that you have magnified my soul and the souls of those around me in this world. Teach me the meaning of "Let it be." Show me how to trust; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* © 2015 Westminster John Knox Press

Celebrations

December Birthdays

Johnathan Wiggins	December 13
Jennifer Reese	December 19
Emmanuella Bime	December 19
Samuel Tayong	December 19
Connie Williams	December 21
Mathias Obeng	December 23
Jesus Christ	December 25
Gladys Bebefo	December 31

December Anniversaries

Wilson and Brenda Tayong	December 23
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Early January

Tim Wiggins	January 1
Jaydenbright Nyamusa	January 1
Susan Rouff	January 6
Fran Thomas	January 10
Marty Reese	January 11
Nissi Tayong	January 14
Ethel Bime	January 19
Emmanuel Bime	January 20

"You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,"—Luke 1:14

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/>

Women's Bible—This Tuesday

The next Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday, December 14 at 11:00 AM.

Men's Christmas Dinner-This Tuesday

The Men's Christmas Dinner will be held at 6:00 PM this Tuesday, **December 14** at the Meritage Restaurant in Glendale. Last minute questions, call George Fraley 513-967-1466.

Men's Bible Study Starting in January

A Men's Bible Study will begin in January. If you are interested, please contact Keith Haring at 513-829-8437 or email: haring@fuse.net. The day and time they will meet will soon be announced.

Joy Offering

The Joy Offering will be received on Sunday, December 19. "Through our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, ...they 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. These generous gifts support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God; the Joy Offering reflects God is with us."



Women's Group—Sharing Christmas Joy

- * 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 has been 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
- * We thank all who purchased gifts for the Adopt-a-Family. The families we adopted will receive your gifts before Christmas.



Christmas Eve Worship

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be at 5:00 PM. Please join us for this candlelight service.

Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December. In January, they will be reading *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin. This is a story of courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.

THE GOOD NEWS

As of December 12

Keep in your Prayers

Drew, Debi Hess' son
For all suffering from KY tornadoes
Scott Mann, C. Williams' brother-in-law
Family of Jim Williams, C. Williams' uncle
Jen Reese's brother
Family of Gerry Fedasch, father of N. Postell
Winnie, Megan Fields niece
Louise Young
*Deb Schoenherr and family
Dick, Rev. Dunlap's brother
Glenn Mojzer
Amanda, D. Kosey's granddaughter
Kimberly Whitney, K. Kessler's daughter
Jean Parsley
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/health concerns
God's comfort and providence
Healing/infection/part of foot removed
Bereavement/loss of Jim
Thanksgiving/He is improving/continued prayers
Bereavement/loss of Gerry, heart attack
Healing/hospitalized
Continued healing/recovery surgery
Bereavement/loss of Dennis
God's comfort and peace/in hospice care
Healing/diagnosed with MDS/infusion treatments
Healing/infusion treatments for ulcerated colitis
Continued healing/severe diverticulitis/other concerns
Continued healing
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.*

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 12/12 \$2,338
Kroger Rewards \$39
Per Capita
21 Members paid \$697
Property Fund Giving 2021

Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$33

Attendance 12/12 37

Worship Schedule

Dec. 19	Rev. Kate Mauch
Dec. 24	Rev. Kate Mauch
Dec. 26	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Jan. 2	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.

How to Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.—Amy Carmichael

God With Us

God comes to us across this brief and wondering season, tracing the ways of pain and song. Sharing beyond all rhyme or reason, this long year's darkest days. 'Til we can face his radiant bearing in the stable place of peace.—J. Barrie Shepherd



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

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Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



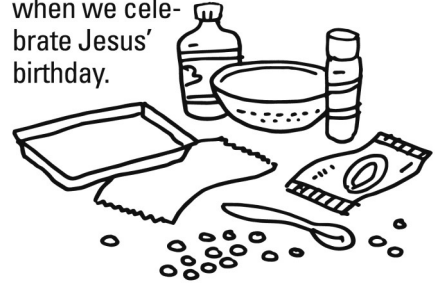
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3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSP E _____
14. ENIN _____

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9			10				11		12		13		14	

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

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.