



December 6,
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:

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 3rd Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Reflection

The prophet Malachi says that God is “like a refiner’s fire and like fuller’s soap” (Mal. 3:2). Reflect on events of the past year. How has God been working to refine and purify your life? Paul writes to the church at Philippi: “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now” (Phil. 1:3-5). Think about people in your life for whom you give thanks, who have been in your prayers, and who have brought good news and joy to you this year. Consider sending a card to express your gratitude.

Morning Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God: by your tender mercy the dawn breaks upon us. Guide our feet this day in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



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he is Christ the Lord.

A Little Child Will Lead Them

Isaiah 11 prophesies hope for the world: wisdom, understanding, righteousness, justice, faithfulness, peace. In the words “a little child will lead them” (v. 6), Christians hear a foretelling of God’s coming to earth as the child Jesus. Today, children — Jesus’ examples of fitness for God’s kingdom (Mark 10:14) — often lead in showing love.

At age 11, avid baker Michael Platt opened a pastry shop in Maryland to benefit homeless people; for desserts sold, he gives an equal number to shelter residents. Eric Schubert, 18, of New Jersey, uses his genealogy research skills to help strangers — more than 1,000 so far — find long-lost family. In Pennsylvania, Neijae Graham-Henries became a certified barber at age 7 to give free haircuts to kids who couldn’t afford them. (*Stories shared on GoodNewsNetwork.org.*)

May these children inspire us to use our passions and skills for good, in the name of the Christ-child, who grew up and taught us to serve others in love.

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

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. 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 Harring at 513-829-8437 or email: harring@fuse.net. The day and time they will meet will soon be announced.

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and flowers. I am continuing to recover and grow stronger each day after my recent hernia surgery. I appreciate all your support during this time of healing.

God Bless,

Louise Young

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 in the narthex is 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



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.

Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

—C.S. Lewis

THE GOOD NEWS

As of December 5

Keep in your Prayers

Jim Williams, Connie Williams' uncle	Peace and comfort/ in hospice care
Jen Reese's brother	Thanksgiving/He is improving/continued prayers
Family of Gerry Fedasch, father of N. Postell	Bereavement/loss of Gerry, heart attack
Winnie, Megan Fields niece	Healing/hospitalized
Louise Young	Continued healing/recovery surgery
*Deb Schoenherr and family	Bereavement/loss of Dennis
Dick, Rev. Dunlap's brother	God's comfort and peace/in hospice care
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 12/5 \$1,525

Kroger Rewards \$39

Per Capita

21 Members paid \$697

Property Fund Giving 2021

Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$33

Attendance 12/5 46

Worship Schedule

Dec. 12 Rev. Tom Dunlap

Dec. 19 Rev. Kate Mauch

Dec. 24 Rev. Kate Mauch

Dec. 26 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.

Christmas Joy—Joy Offering Received December 19

“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.”

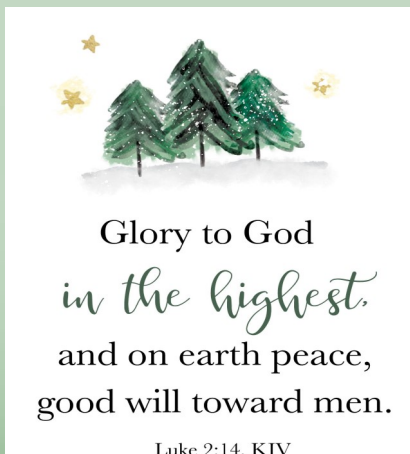
“Through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God, the Joy Offering reflects God is with us.”

“Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water: It will make ripples throughout the entire pond.”

—Jessy and Bryan Matteo. **The offering will be received on Sunday, December 19.**



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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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.