



## The Good News from Trinity PC

January 24, 2022

### 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:

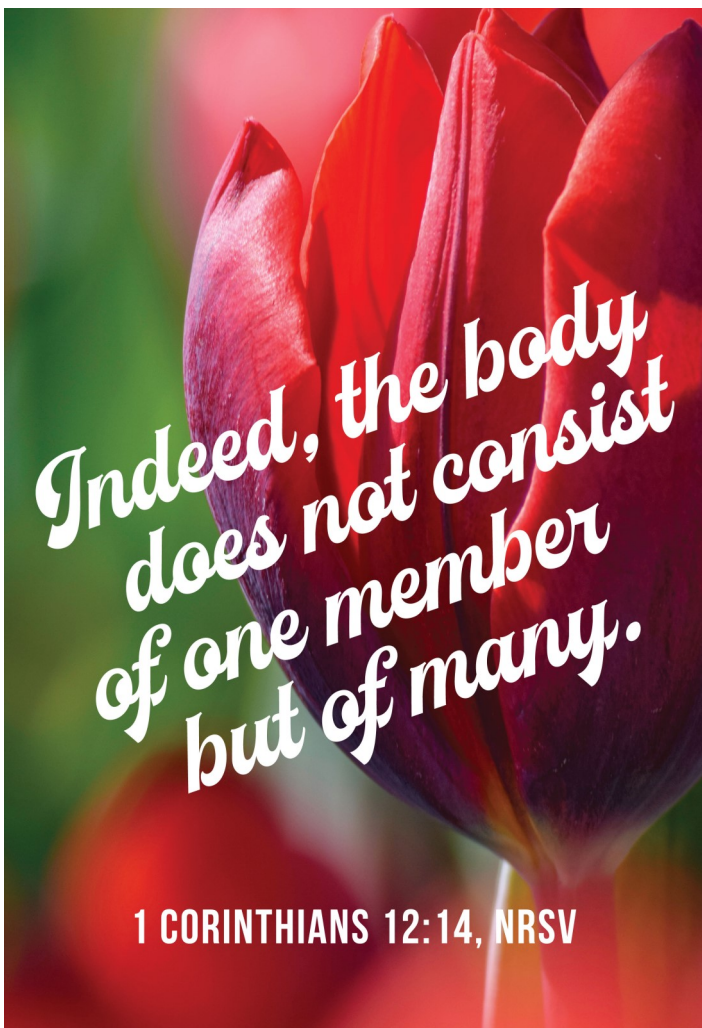
Ginny Kramer 513-829-4658 or  
Joleen Goens 513-858-9815

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](mailto:office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org)



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## Prepare for Worship 4th Sunday after Epiphany

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### Reflection

In Jesus’ first sermon, he referred to two scriptural stories to illustrate God’s love. Why did that so enrage the congregation that they wanted to kill him? Do some of Jesus’ teachings still enrage us today?

### Morning Prayer

God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live it in gratitude. Help me to be loving to others, to Earth, and to myself; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press



## Let’s Celebrate!

### January Birthdays

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

### February Birthdays

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

Belated Happy Birthday to those who had birthdays earlier in January!

**...Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, ‘Thank you for being you.’ ...—Henri Nouwen**

## 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/>

Week of January 24			Contact	
Monday				
Tuesday	11:00 AM Noon	Women's Bible Men's Bible	Debbie Johnson Keith Harring	513-874-8958 513-829-8437
Wednesday	Noon	Women's Group	Connie Williams	513-370-7903
Thursday	7:00 PM 7:45 PM	Bell Choir Vocal Choir	Davis McKinney Davis McKinney	513-305-9980

## Worship Volunteers for January 30

**Liturgist** Allison Schuler  
**Ushers** Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens

## Women's Group Meeting

The Women's Group will have a brown bag meeting to plan activities for the next year on Wednesday, January 26 at noon. All women are invited to attend and add their suggestions for lunches, speakers, and other activities.

**Mission Committee** –will meet on the last Sunday of each month. Their next meeting is on Sunday, January 30.

## Cards for Glenn

Glenn Mojzer is in Jewish Hospital until approximately February 1, as he undergoes a bone marrow transplant. He is also feeling the effects of the chemo and would appreciate your cards and prayers. Glenn's hospital address is:

Glenn Mojzer, The Jewish Hospital - Mercy Health, Room 3513, 4777 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236

## Book Club

The Book Club is reading *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin. They will meet on Monday, January 31, at noon for those bringing a brown bag lunch and at 12:30 PM for the discussion..

## No Fellowship Coffees

During the month of January there will be no fellowship coffees due to the increased cases of Covid in our area.

## What is Per Capita?

The Per Capita assessment for 2022 remains at \$33 per member. "Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC (USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church."- J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC (USA)

The session pays per capita quarterly to the Presbytery. Without this purposeful giving these funds come out of Trinity's yearly budget, which makes it difficult for Trinity to meet specific needs of our church. Please contribute this purposeful giving of \$33 per member and make checks out to *Trinity Presbyterian Church* and, in the notation line, put *Per Capita*.

# THE GOOD NEWS

As of January 23

## Keep in your Prayers

Bill Tope	Leukemia/Guidance for the doctors' treatment plan
Fran Thomas' family	Bereavement/loss of her sister, Margie
Alice Mose, D. Hess request	Healing/in rehab/broken hip also has MS
The Mojzer family	Bereavement/loss of Glenn's mother
Family of Dick Dunlap, Rev. Dunlap's brother	Bereavement/loss of Dick
Christi Johnson, Debbie's daughter	Safe and fruitful mission trip to Guatemala
David, Ed and Eileen Dyer's son	Continued healing and good recovery/heart attack
Dan Horlander, E. Campbell's request	Healing/hospitalized/possible heart attack
Kitty Kerestan, K. Evert request	Healing/cancer surgery/removal of one lung
Justin, D. Kosey's grandson	Healing/multiple concerns
Gerry Miller, D. Schuler's brother	Healing/complications with knee replacement
Glenn Mojzer	Healing/successful transplant
Betty Liles	Healing/recovery surgery/knee replacement
*Karen Evert	Healing/tooth implant/pain relief
Drew, Debi Hess' son	Healing body and mind/heart issues
Johnathan Wiggins	Healing/ear and hearing problems
Susan, D. Kosey's cousin	Healing/invasive cancer/chemo and radiation
For all suffering from KY tornadoes	God's comfort and providence
Kim Whitney, K. Kessler's daughter	Continued healing/diverticulitis/other concerns
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
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.*

Please include in your prayers all the requests we receive from the community on our website.

The link is : <https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/prayer-wall/>

## Financial Information

Donations Received on 1/23      \$1,355

Per Capita 2022 paid              \$231

(7 members paid)

Per Capita for 2022 remains at \$33

Attendance Jan. 23

## Worship Schedule

Jan. 30      Rev. Tom Dunlap

Feb. 6      Rev. Kate Mauch

Feb. 13      Rev. Tom Dunlap

Feb. 20      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.

# With cleanup and recovery done, First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield begins to think about its mission and rebuilding

by Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service



The bell of First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield was found in the rubble of the church building after it was destroyed by a Dec. 10 tornado. (Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian Church)

One month to the day after a tornado destroyed First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield's church building, its session voted to recommend to the congregation that the church rebuild on the same site.

That decision is not final as "we feel like the whole congregation needs to be involved in that," session member Danny Upton said. So the question will be considered during an upcoming congregational meeting. But over the month since the church's 106-year-old building was all but leveled by a historic tornado, members have completed the process of recovering items that could be salvaged and clearing the site.

That began simply with intrepid church members who went in on the days after the tornado struck to retrieve items including a stained-glass window, the cross from the church's Communion table, the church's handbells, and the blueprints for the building. In subsequent weeks, the church retrieved some larger items such as the choir room's upright piano, culminating with the church bell. In the midst of that activity, on Christmas Eve the church gathered at the site of its home for more than a century to say goodbye.

It was billed as a candlelight service, though Pastor Don Barger says it was hard to keep candles lit in the wind, even with hurricane lanterns, so cell phone flashlights were substituted. It was a meaningful time, shared with neighboring First Christian Church of Mayfield. A photo of the service by photographer Ryan C. Hermens of the Lexington Herald-Leader appeared on the front page of the Dec. 26 edition of *The New York Times*.

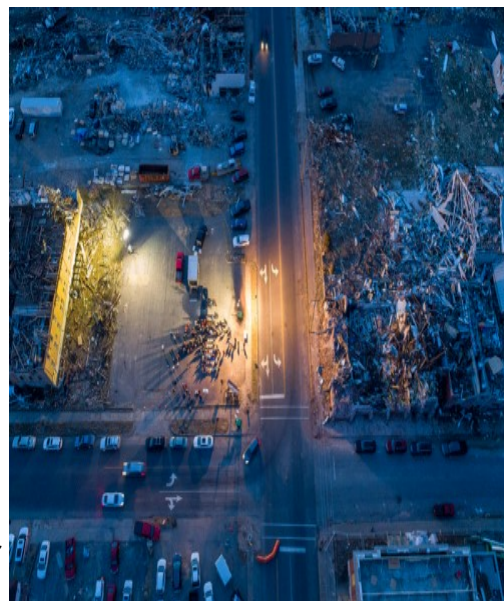
It gave people an opportunity to go across and pick up a brick if they wanted that souvenir to take home as a memento, to look fondly one more time, to recall stories, rethink previous Christmas Eve services that were held there," Barger said. "I get choked up every Christmas Eve service as we sing 'Silent Night' by candlelight, and trust me, this year was no easier at all."

Danny continued, "We've got lots of family pictures in that church. So, this was the last one. We got a chance to just say goodbye to that building. That is the past. Right now, a clean lot is present, and hopefully the future will be a new church standing in that location. Then we'll have a family picture in front of that church."

Looking to the future, the church has been encouraged by many, including Barger and *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* (PDA) National Response Team members, to think about the mission of the church and how by rebuilding they may be able to better accomplish that mission. First Presbyterian Mayfield has received a church damage grant from *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* through the *Presbytery of Western Kentucky*.

The Uptons said the church has been grateful for financial and material donations from around the country since the tornadoes. "Real America showed up in Western Kentucky," Danny Upton said. "They came. They gave their time. They gave their wealth. They gave their hearts to our plight ... and it's still ongoing. Hopefully our rebuilding will start fairly soon." What that will look like is still to be determined.

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Members of Mayfield's First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church gather in an empty lot between their destroyed church buildings for a joint Christmas Eve service. This photo appeared on the front page of the Dec. 26, 2021, edition of *The New York Times*. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)

Barger sees his role as asking questions, sometimes playing devil's advocate, to help the church think about what it wants to be and how a new building will serve those goals.

“As we were talking with an architect last night, one of the things he encouraged us to ask as we talk to the congregation is what is your mission in Mayfield?” Barger said, recalling the Jan. 10 session meeting. “What do you do? What do you want to do? That will determine what your structure looks like.”

Barger and the Uptons say so far answers to those questions point to staying where they are, where groups that use the church facility for things like Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and community meals can easily get to the building. They also say that the church would like to be part of a revitalized core of Mayfield.

“What you hear is people who have grown up in Mayfield say they want Mayfield to live again. They don't want downtown to disappear,” Barger said. “We want to be a part of that re-growth, that revitalization downtown.”

The mission-oriented questions may come into play more in what the structure looks like and how it can be structured to serve the congregation and the community. There are also considerations over how some elements of the old building, including the bell, may be incorporated into the new structure.

For now, the church has made the breakroom at *Kendor Wood*, a kitchen cabinet door factory, owned by the Uptons, its worship space. The space includes objects from the former building, including a stained glass window, the Communion table cross, and the choir room piano, which was filled with dust from the tornado, making it a challenge to retune.

The Uptons said the church received offers from other area churches that were not damaged to use their space. But for now, they say First Presbyterian is comfortable having its own space where it doesn't have to work around another congregation's schedule. There is even talk of having picnics at a park space adjacent to the factory when spring and summer come and developing other creative alternatives for worship.

“It's not a big deal for us since it's a family business and the whole family goes to church there,” Danny Upton said.

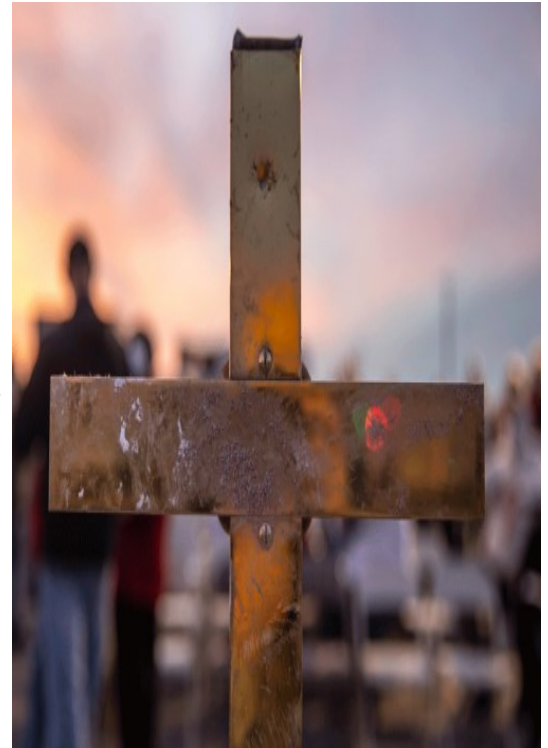
“What's in the future for us? I don't know. But right now, we're looking forward to heading down that road.

For the full article please see:

[Presbyterian Mission Agency After a tornado destroyed its building, a Kentucky church begins to move forward | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

## Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

If you want to contribute to the Kentucky Tornado Relief. Checks can be sent to: Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700K. Make the check out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and note: designate gifts to DR000015. For more information, please see [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).



A battered and dented cross was recovered from First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky, on Dec. 24, 2021. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)

## God's Promised Spring

Like winter, some seasons of our faith journey feel cold, barren, devoid of life. Will renewal ever come? Will spring flourish again in our heart? Yet the world bears witness to God's power to bring new life where all seems lost.

In the early 1990s, the St. Louis neighborhood of South City deteriorated sharply due to a stagnant economy, population decline and crime. Then Bosnian refugees started settling there. Thousands of people renovated abandoned houses and other buildings; they started businesses and brought skilled labor back to the neighborhood. As the area returned to life, the refugees experienced renewal, too – hope in place of discouragement, opportunities where none had existed, peace instead of war, life replacing death.

When our faith is challenged by despair, lost dreams or an uncertain future – when God's promises feel as dead as winter – real-life renewal stories are signs of spring. They testify to the resurrection God has in store for us.



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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**Worship with us:**

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

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# LET THERE BE LIGHT

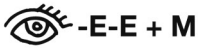
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

*Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.*

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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

# GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



### What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

### What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!



## 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.