



**The Good News from Trinity PC**

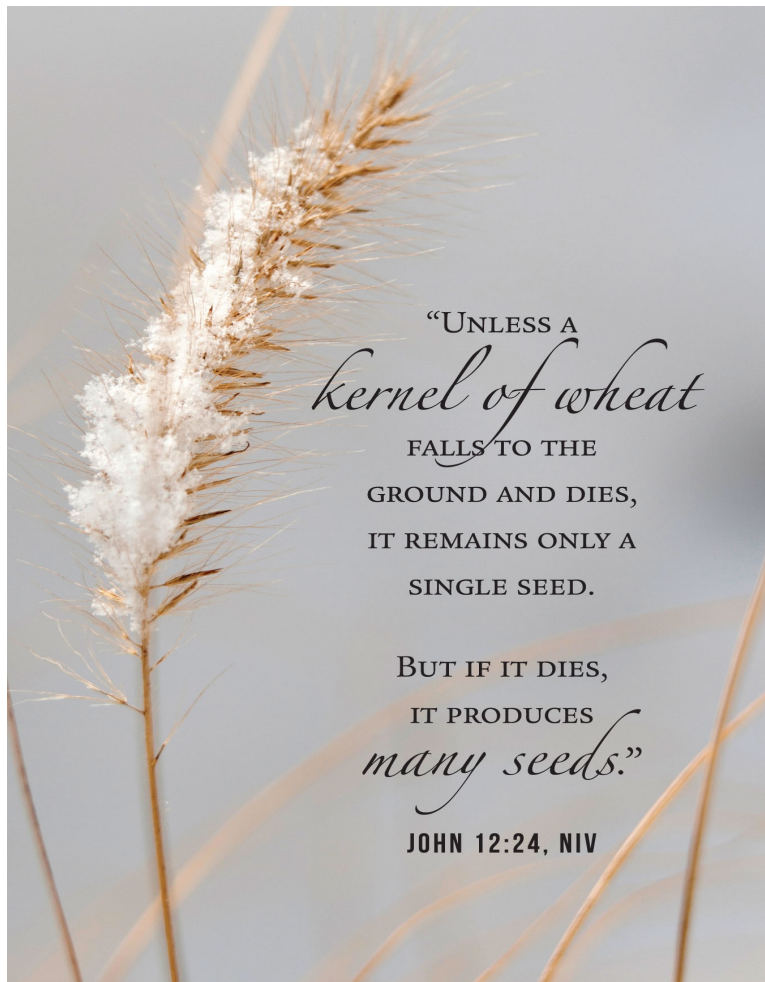
**March 15, 2021**

## **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)



“UNLESS A  
*kernel of wheat*

FALLS TO THE  
GROUND AND DIES,  
IT REMAINS ONLY A  
SINGLE SEED.

BUT IF IT DIES,  
IT PRODUCES  
*many seeds.*”

JOHN 12:24, NIV

## **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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

### John 12:20-33

"Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die."

### Reflection

God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation. Where is God enacting that new life within or around you? What in your life must die so that you may flourish? What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

### Morning Prayer

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day. Open my heart to receive this grace that I may be wholly yours, then give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go as I seek to walk in your way of mercy, forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.



## Set Us Straight, Lord

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*

## 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/>

## Adult Lenten Bible Study

The Adult Lenten Bible Study has begun. Join us the Sundays in Lent, during the Adult Study School class at 9:15 AM while we explore the DVD series, *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado.

The class will be available on-site and as a Zoom meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kurt Schuler or Barb Pratt.

## Men's Bible Study

A men's Bible study is now in progress via Zoom. The study is a 12-part study of the book of Acts. It is held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm until 7:45 pm.

Men who are interested or have any questions, please email to George Fraley at [georgewf@fuse.net](mailto:georgewf@fuse.net). The first session began on March 4.



## Lenten Mission Project

Please see the Lenten calendar on page 6 for suggested items to collect this Lent. Get a bag or a box to gather your items. For example, one day you may put in your bag a canned vegetable, cereal, tissue etc. The food items will be used for a meal for someone from the Fairfield Food Pantry. The personal care items will be sent to the Pleasant Run Non Food Pantry. Please put in your bag/box what you are able to donate even though it may not be all the items on the calendar. **Bags are due back on Maundy Thursday, April 1.**

## Book Club—Today

*The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flag will be discussed today. If you are bringing a brown bag lunch, please join us at noon. The discussion will follow at 12:30.



## Spring Flower Sale

The Trinity's Spring Flower Sale begins today. The flowers are from Bern's Greenhouse. The order form is on page 5. **Orders are due in by April 11.** The flowers will be ready for pick-up at Trinity on April 29 after 10:00 AM. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Kessler at 513-863-2621 or Ginny Kramer at 513-829-4658.

## Next Sandwich Making—April 1

We will be making sandwiches for *Our Daily Bread Pantry* on Thursday, April 1. 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.

## Thank You for the Shoeboxes

In 2020 Trinity dropped their Christmas Shoeboxes off at Lakota Baptist Church. From that location 2,171 boxes were collected and worldwide 9 million shoe boxes were shipped at Christmas. Thank you for bringing joy to children around the world during the past Christmas season!

# THE GOOD NEWS

As of March 14

## Keep in your Prayers

Jean Parsley	Healing/unstable blood pressure/in & out of hospital
Jennifer Schulz Mann, C. Williams sister	Healing/recovery back surgery
Pam Harring	Continued healing
Blake Hollenbaugh, K. Kessler's nephew	Healing/recovery shoulder surgery
Family/Friends of John Marshall, D. Hess request	Bereavement/loss of John
Johnathan Wiggins	Healing/recovery surgical procedure
*Julie Cackler, Debi Hess' friend	Healing/recovering from Covid
*Bill Waltner, close friend of the Schuler's	Strength and comfort/congestive heart failure
*Connie Williams	Continued healing
*Jessie, Cindie Postell's daughter	God's protection from Covid
*Tim, Joleen Goens' request	God's protection from Covid
Marta Mojzer	Continued healing
Rick Rayer	Continued healing/recovery broken ankle
Bill Tope	Continued healing
Diane Rayer	Continued healing/back problems
George Liles	Continued healing
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 on 3/14      **\$2,032**  
Property Fund Giving 2021

Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$33

## Worship Schedule

March 21	Rev. Tom Dunlap
March 28	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Palm Sunday	
April 4	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Easter	

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.

# Trinity Flower Sale

**Last day to order April 11**

**Pick-up Day at Trinity: April 29 after 10:00 AM**

**Flowers are from Berns Greenhouse**

**Hanging Baskets \$20 Gift Cards \$25**

**24" flats \$15 12 Count Flat \$15 9" Pot Geranium \$12**

**Money due with the Order.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Basket Qty.	Plant	Color	Flat Qty.	Plant	Color
	Begonia	Red		Alyssum	White
	Begonia cluster	Deep orange		Begonia	Rose
		Scarlet			White
		Pink shades			Scarlet
		Yellow		Begonia-larger bloom	Scarlet
	Boston Fern	Green		Coleus mix	Red, purple, green
	Calibrachoa-Mix	Sprinkles on top		Impatiens mix	Red, pink, purple, white
		Fruit cocktail		Marigold mix	Yellow, purple, pink, orange
	Fuchsia Stan Up	Red/lilac		Petunia	Midnight
	Geranium	Dark red			Rose
		Deep rose			Red
		Pink flame			White
	Impatiens-shade	Mix; red, pink, purple, white		Portulaca-trailing	Mix: Yellow, purple, rose, red
	Petunia	Magentia		Snapdragon mix	Yellow, Purple, violet, red
		Purple Majesty		Vinca-likes heat	Mix: Violet, white, purple
		Rose vein			Polka Dot
	Impatiens-sun	Lavender splash			
		Red		12 Count Flats	
		Shell pink		Wave Petunia	Blue
					Violet Improved
	9" Pot				Pink Passion
	Geranium	Cardinal red			White
		Violet			Red Improved
		Orange			
		Flamingo rose		Gift Cards	\$25 each

# Lenten Giving Calendar

2/17/21 to 4/1/21

Each day place a suggested food item in a bag (can be an item of your choosing) bring to church on Maundy Thursday



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			17 Ash Wednesday Bleach	18 Boxed Mac and Cheese	19 Canned Vegetable	20 Paper towels
21 Cat food	22 Canned Sweet Potatoes	23 Canned Fruit	24 Dog Food	25 Soup	26 Canned Beans	27 Bar Soap
28 Dried Milk	March 1 Cereal-cold	2 Canned vegetable	3 Dish Soap	4 Jelly	5 Canned Fruit	6 Toilet Tissue
7 Cake Mix	8 Peanut Butter	9 Crackers	10 Cat Food	11 Canned Vegetable	12 Small canned Ham	13 Facial Tissue
14 Lysol	15 Canned Vegetable	16 Soup	17 Toilet Tissue	18 Canned Tomatoes	19 Oatmeal	20 Toothpaste
21 Bleach	22 Tuna	23 Cornbread Mix	24 Hand Sanitizer	25 Instant Potatoes	26 Small canned Ham	27 Dish Soap
28 Dog Food	29 Spaghetti	30 Spaghetti Sauce	31 Mayonnaise	April 1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
4 Easter						

## The Nominating Committee

At the stated meeting of the congregation held on March 7, the report of the nominating committee was presented. It is wonderful that the Holy Spirit has called people to serve in the ordered ministry of the church. It has been possible to fill both of the open deacon positions and four of the five open elder positions. It is important that we all understand the nominating process; and to that end, this article is presented.

The nominating committee is not a committee of the session. Rather, it is a committee of the congregation. The Book of Order provides that the committee is chaired by a ruling elder and has a representative from the Board of Deacons. However, a majority of the committee members must be from the congregation at large - that is members not currently serving on the session or the Board of Deacons. Trinity's bylaws provide that there will be three members-at-large elected for a one-year term.

Service in the ordered ministry (that is elders and deacons in this case) is a call—a call from the Holy Spirit. Each nominating committee meeting begins with prayer seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit in identifying those whom the Spirit is calling. Once the committee feels that the Spirit has led it to seek out an individual, representatives of the committee meet with the person and let them know that we believe they are being called by the Spirit to serve. This call is not to be taken lightly! We ask each person that we approach to spend time in prayer in order to determine whether they feel the Spirit moving within them to accept the call. After some period of time, we ask those whom we have approached to advise as to whether they feel the Spirit calling them to serve. If they feel that call, then at a congregational meeting (also opened with prayer seeking guidance from the Spirit) the congregation ratifies the call by electing people to serve.

As noted previously, our present nominating committee has been able to fill all but one elder position. We are hopeful that the Spirit will lead us to one more person so that we can complete our class of elders for the coming year. Because our process also allows for nominations from the floor (again based on belief that the Spirit is calling) it is proper that if after prayerful consideration a member of the congregation believes they know of someone who may be being called, it would be appropriate to advise the nominating committee in order that we can take that into consideration.

*George Fraley, Nominating Committee Chair*



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

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## We See Jesus when ...



—Illustration from *Growing in God's Love* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim

Draw a picture of when you saw Jesus in the acts of others.



# 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.!