



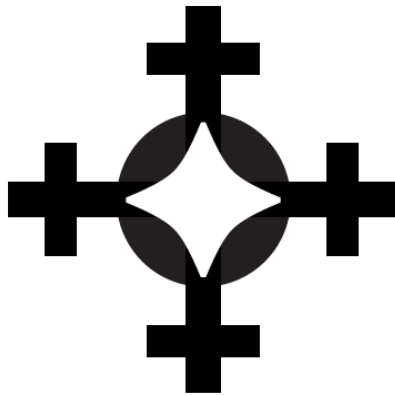
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

January 4, 2015

Christmastide – Epiphany Sunday



The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings – as the crucified and risen Lord.

Lord's Day Service – January 4, 2015 Christmastide – Epiphany Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Numbers 24:17; Matthew 2:1-2; Isaiah 60:1-3

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: From Bethlehem has come a ruler who will shepherd his people Israel;

Mt 2:6

People: **He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

Pastor: Those who dwell in the desert will bow down before him;

People: **And His enemies will lick the dust!**

Ps 72:8,9

Pastor: Wise men from the east came...fell down and worshipped him.

Mt 2:1,11

People: **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents;**

Pastor: The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts!

People: **Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him!**

Ps 72:10-11

* *Hymn of Praise*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (See insert)

* *Prayer*

Let us pray to the Lord: **O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!**

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Beloved in the Lord! Let us worship and bow down. Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask for your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly before you, my God. Have mercy on me, O God, because of your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

(Silent, personal confession of sin) Amen!

* Pastor: Now arise, and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us of all our sins. (1 John 1:9)

* People: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Ps 86:4, Lam 3:41

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so!**

Psalms 92:1

Pastor: Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people. Therefore, we praise you by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

* *Hymn of Preparation*

Psalter, #2

Why Do the Heathen Nations Rage?

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 2:16-21; 3:10-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* *Gospel Lesson*

Mark 8:34 – 9:8

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

"Cross then Glory"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Psalter, #99C

The LORD Is King Indeed!

* *Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Trinity Hymnal, #129
Fairest Lord Jesus

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

2 Timothy 1:8-9

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

Numbers 6:24-26

* *We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him*

Doxology

* *Threefold Amen & Postlude*

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Sermon Notes – January 4, 2015

“Cross then Glory”

Text: Mark 8:34 – 9:8

1. Our calling to _____ - _____ and to enter into *the sufferings of Christ*
 - A. Stated as a _____ riddle: *take up your cross* (8:34; Dt 21:22-23; Ga 2:20)
 - B. Stated as a _____: *save your life & lose it; lose it & win* (8:35-37)
 - C. Stated as a _____: *whoever is ashamed of Me...some here who will not taste death* (8:38; 9:1)
2. Our reward of _____ *and the glories that would follow*
 - A. The transfiguration was a temporary preview of the _____ of the resurrection (9:2,4,7; 1 Co 15:35-53)
 - B. The transfiguration was a revelation of true _____, glorified (9:3; Ex 33:18; 34:29-35; Acts 6:15)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School this morning 11:30 am in the sanctuary. We will begin a series, "Confessing the Faith -- Westminster Systematics." We will work through the WCF. A.A. Hodge's commentary on the WCF is available online: <https://confessionalism.wordpress.com/2012/05/22/a-a-hodge-commentary-on-the-wcf/>

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Questions 1, 2 & 3 on page 666 of the Trinity Hymnal.

Fellowship Meal

Next week we will have our Fellowship meal following morning services. Each family should bring a main dish to share. In addition, Teams 2 & 3 should bring salad and bread; Teams 1, 4 & 5 should bring dessert. Team 1 manages kitchen.

Directory Update

This is the last Sunday 2015 directory drafts are available downstairs for proofing. Please review your information and make any changes on the draft.

Scripture Memory

This week memorize Mark 8:34, *Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

WIC (Women in the Church)

- The new women's Bible study starts January 12, 2015, 7pm. Be prepared to discuss Chapter 1 of the study book.
- Dinner Around 2015. See insert.

LAMP Seminary

LAMP Seminary is offering a course on the Doctrine of the Church beginning Tuesday, January 27. This six session course will be taught online on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The student learns how to approach questions on the doctrine of the Church from a biblical, historical, and systematic theological perspectives; and become familiar with the Reformed view of the church and to learn questions currently under discussion in the church today. For information about course materials, fees, and computer requirements for an online course, please contact Bill Acker, LAMP Facilitator, at billacker@jacobsowellgb.org or [920-915-3991](tel:920-915-3991).

Set-up Teams

New Set-Up Teams as of Jan 1, 2015. See your Team Leader for details.

Next Week

Jan 11 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke

Following Weeks:

Jan 18 Team 2 D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington

Jan 25 Team 3 J Hummel*, D Dykema, Nader, Seaman

Feb 1 Team 4 J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling

Feb 8 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

We Three Kings

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
But of all Thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart
Take the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.

All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,
And so let Thy glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in His story, Thy Christ to the heart.