



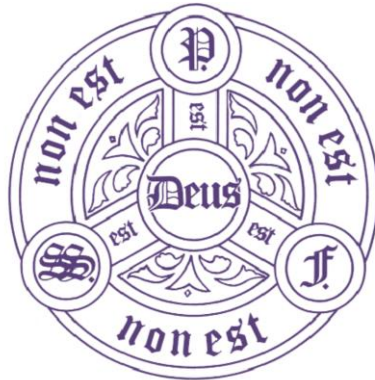
# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

## December 13, 2015

### Third Sunday of Advent – Joy



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. This shield depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). Reading out from the center along the three spokes, the unity of the Godhead is represented: *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. Reading around the circumference of the circle, the distinctions between the Persons are noted: *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus no est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

Lord's Day Service – December 13, 2015  
Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

#### *Welcome & Announcements*

#### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### *Silent Preparation*

#### \* *Call to Worship*

**Psalm 45:10-15; Isaiah 52:7-10**

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

**People: Amen!**

*Mt 28:19*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*Ruth 2:4*

Pastor: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the  
Lord,

**People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!**

*Is 40:3*

Pastor: According to his promise, we wait for a new heavens  
and a new earth,

**People: In which righteousness dwells!**

*2 Pe 3:13*

Pastor: Behold, Your King is coming to you!

*Zech 9:9*

**People: O come, let us worship Him!**

*Ps 95:6*

#### \* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #119  
*O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

#### Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world to deliver your captive people; Surely you have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what you have done, turn our backs on what you are doing, and forget about what you will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; grant to us the assurance of salvation; cause your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience.

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

**We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news from Isaiah 55:6-7, 12 and Zephaniah 3:14, 15, 17! 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.

**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 you have proven your faithfulness in fulfilling the promise of the birth and ministry of Jesus, and because of this we anticipate the completion of your plan for us and your world in the future. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing.

### \* *Hymn of Preparation*

Trinity Hymnal, #148  
*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

### \* *Prayer*

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen!**

### *Old Testament Lesson*

**Isaiah 40:1-11; Malachi 3:1; 3:5-6**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \* *Gospel Lesson*

**Luke 1:5-25**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

### *New Testament Lesson*

**Acts 1:15-26**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### *Sermon*

**"Restoring the Apostles to Twelve (how & why)"**

## Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

### \* *Hymn of Consecration*

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice* (See insert)

### \* *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*

**Psalter, #96A**

*O Sing a New Song to the LORD* (4 verses)

## Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

\* ***The Lord's Commission of Us***

**Philippians 4:4-7**

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

**Romans 15:13**

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

**Doxology**

\* ***Threefold Amen & Postlude***

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### 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.

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*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 – December 13, 2015

### "Restoring the Apostles to Twelve (how & why)"

Text: Acts 1:15-26

1. Our need to be instructed by God through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (15-23).
  - A. The apostles' \_\_\_\_\_ to the brethren (15-16a,23)
  - B. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judas from the Twelve (16-20a; Ps 69:25)
  - C. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_ Judas' abused office by another (20b-23; Ps 109:8)
  
2. Our need to be instructed by God through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (24-26).
  - A. Ponder and pray the \_\_\_\_\_ (20,24a)
  - B. "God, You \_\_\_\_\_" (24-26)
  - C. Great parts without \_\_\_\_\_, small parts without \_\_\_\_\_.

## Announcements

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets today at 11:30. The lesson is chapter 2 of *The Kingdom & the Power: Rediscovering the Centrality of the Church*. Prepare for next week's lesson by reading Chapter 3, "One Like the Son of Man" p 41-63 and answer the questions that will be emailed.

### Fellowship Meal

Please join us downstairs following the morning services for a festive Fellowship Meal today.

### Advent Services

Advent service this Thursday evening at 7 pm – the theme is joy. On Christmas Eve, the service will be at 3:30 pm.

### WIC Activities

- Christmas party for all women & children tomorrow evening at 7 pm. See insert. RSVP to Sandy Pennington or Cheryl Greenwald today.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Bridal shower for Leigh Ann Nader
- Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> study will reconvene at 7pm to discuss Hebrews 4.

### Caroling

Next Sunday, if you would like to bring cheer to folks in nursing homes, please stay after church. Bring a bag lunch. Following a brief lunch, we are due at Manor Care in Waukesha at 1:15pm and will then be going to Tamarack Place in Menomonee Falls. The carolers will then proceed to the Hummel home for edible Christmas cheer! Please RSVP to Kate Eternick, ASAP if you will be joining the group.

### Youth Snow Camp

"Assignment: Faithfulness" Snow Camp 2016, Jan 15-17, for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders from WI OPC and PCA churches. Cost: \$100. Lake Lundgren Bible Camp. Activities: carpetball, tubing, broomball, praise worship, fellowship, ice skating, ping pong, cc skiing, Bible teaching, friends! Register by Dec 29 at [tinyurl.com/snowcamp2016](http://tinyurl.com/snowcamp2016).

### Set-up Teams

#### Next Week

December 20 Team 5 Reich\*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

#### Following Weeks:

December 27 Team 1 Dykema\*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke  
January 3 Team 2 Greenwald, D\*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington  
January 10 Team 3 J Hummel,\* D Dykema, Nader, Seaman  
January 17 Team 4 J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling