

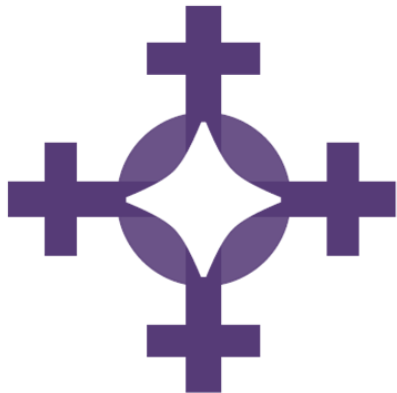


Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

January 3, 2016 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.

Today our pulpit and table paraments are white, symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God's glory through Jesus Christ.

Lord's Day Service – January 3, 2016 Epiphany Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Isaiah 60:1-12

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: From Bethlehem has come a Ruler who will shepherd
his people Israel.

Mt 2:6

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

Pastor: Desert tribes will bow down before Him;

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

Ps 72:8,9

Pastor: Wise men from the east...came 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!**

Pastor: Blessed be His glorious name forever!

People: **And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

Pastor: Amen and Amen

Ps 72:10,11,19

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #154

As with Gladness Men of Old

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

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 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. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news from Matthew 1:21! 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 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, 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, #164

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

* *Prayer*

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:12-32

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:5-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* *Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 2:1-15

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

Sermon

"The Wonderful Works of God, Spoken New & Old"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #678

Christ Shall Have Dominion

* *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

Is 25:6-9; 1 Cor 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (Inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Psalter, #106A

O Praise the LORD!

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Matthew 28:18-20

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

Jude 24-25

* *We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him* **Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

* *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 3, 2016

The Wonderful Works of God, spoken New & Old **Text: Acts 2:5-21**

1. New news of the wonderful works of God, *in our own tongues (language)* (5-13)
 - A. Christ overturns the _____ & curse of Babel with the good news (5-8, 11b; Ge 11)

 - B. Christ signals that His _____ to Abraham is being fulfilled (9-13, Ge 12:3)

2. Old news of the wonderful works of God, in His own words (14-21; Joel 2:28-32)
 - A. Pentecost signaled that the _____ had begun & would conclude in the _____ (17-18,20)

 - B. Pentecost signaled the shaking of heaven & earth to make way for the new creation
 - 1) Prophetic, apocalyptic, “_____” language (19-20; He 12:25-29)

 - 2) Glorious, _____ language of salvation in Christ (21; Jn 3:16)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School meets today at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Today's lesson from The Kingdom and the Power is ch 4, "In the Heavens" p 65-83. Prepare for next week's lesson by reading ch 5, p 85-106 and answer the questions that will be emailed.

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 1 & 2 should bring salad and bread; Teams 3, 4 & 5 should bring dessert. Team 3 manages kitchen.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting meets this Thursday, 7 pm at the church.

WIC Activities

- January 9th – Bridal shower for Leigh Ann Nader, 2 pm at the church. RSVP deadline is today. Refreshment sign-up sheet is downstairs, or see Sarah Greenwald.
- Monday, January 11th study will reconvene at 7 pm to discuss Hebrews 4.

LAMP Seminary

LAMP Seminary will offer the courses, Global Evangelization and The Doctrine of the Word, beginning the week of Jan 17, 2016. The goal of these courses is that the student will gain a solid grasp of the basic questions, issues, and formulations found in these doctrines. Students will learn how to approach questions in these doctrines from a biblical, historical, and systematic theological perspective. In addition, it will allow the student to become familiar with the reformed views and to learn questions currently under discussion in the church today. For information about class schedule, fees, course materials, contact Bill Acker, LAMP facilitator, at [920-915-3991](tel:920-915-3991) or billacker@jacobswellgb.org.

WI Presbytery Men's Retreat

The theme of the 2016 Men's Retreat is: The Jerusalem Road ~ a life worth living. It is scheduled for Friday, March 4th, 6:30 pm – Saturday, March 5th, 3:00 pm, at Green Lake Conference Center. Registration deadline is Sunday, Feb 7. Register on-line at <http://www.jacobswellgb.org/#/ministries/2016-mens-retreat>.

Set-up Teams

		Next Week
January 10	<u>Team 3</u>	J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, Seaman

		Following Weeks:
January 17	<u>Team 4</u>	J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling
January 24	<u>Team 5</u>	Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti
January 31	<u>Team 1</u>	Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke
February 7	<u>Team 2</u>	Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington