

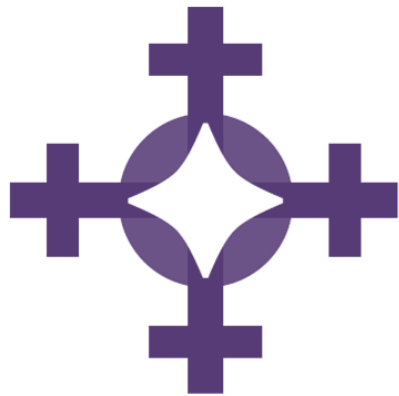


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## January 17, 2016



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 17, 2016

### *Welcome & Announcements*

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### *Silent Preparation*

#### *\* Call to Worship*

**Psalm 84**

Pastor: O praise the LORD, all you nations!

**People: Praise Him, all you peoples!**

Pastor: For His merciful kindness is great toward us.

**People: And the truth of the LORD endures forever.**

*Ps 117*

**Praise the LORD!**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

*Mt 28:19*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*Ruth 2:4*

#### *\* Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #305  
*O Lord of Hosts*

### Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Lord our God, we come to You as Your children and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace. We confess that we were born in sin and have continued to sin. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We have not always loved one another in deed and in truth. We acknowledge our guilt. Blot out our transgressions, wash us from our iniquities, cleanse us from our sin and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Thank you for loving us, in Jesus' name. Amen!

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

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.

**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!** *Psalm 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, #27*  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\* *Prayer*  
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 58:6-14**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson** **Acts 2:41-47**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\* **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 24:28-53**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

**Sermon** **"First Picture of the First Days of Infant 'Ecclesia'"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

\* *Hymn of Consecration* *Psalter, #135B*  
*Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's Name*

\* *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** **John 6:48-56, 61-63**

**We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God** **Creed** (Inside hymnal cover)

\* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* *Psalter, #92C*  
*It's Good to Thank 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* **2 Corinthians 13:14**

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

\* *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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