



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent



The Tree of Life

In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2). The Tree of Life is a symbol of Jesus. The time between Pentecost and Advent is called Trinity Season. The color green is used to symbolize life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus' kingdom.

Lord's Day Service – November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Pastor: 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: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Ps 124:8

Pastor: Behold, your King is coming to you!

Zech 9:9

People: O come, let us worship Him!

Ps 95:6

* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #24C

The Earth and the Riches

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

O most merciful God, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession of sin)

Lift up your heads, arise and hear the good news! Our heavenly Father, in His great mercy, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before His glory with great joy!

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 right to give him thanks and praise!

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...

*** Doxology**

*** Hymn of Preparation**

(See Insert)
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:15-25; Psalm 48

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 19:1-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Prayer**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

Sermon

"Her Towers, Ramparts and Palaces"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #145
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*** 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

Luke 22:14-20

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (Inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalter, #72A
O God, Thy Judgments Give the King

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

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

Philippians 2:5-8

*** 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**

Doxology

*** Announcements**

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 – November 27, 2016

“Her Towers, Ramparts and Palaces”

Text: Psalm 48

1. How did God refer to His people Israel?
2. What always characterized Israel's response to God?
3. Psalm 48 describes _____ .
4. Where is the soundness and beauty in the Church that the Psalm describes? What are her towers, ramparts and palaces?
5. God's _____ confronts His enemies. His people can only trust in His faithfulness.
6. We must learn to _____ in His _____ .
7. The apparent weakness of the Church, as with Gideon's troop, makes clear the victory is the Lord's.
8. The unity of the Church is seen primarily in the _____ .
9. The Bride's beauty, strength and energy is there but are seen by _____ most often.
10. God loves His Church, the Bride of Christ. The place for faithful people is within her walls.

Announcements

Worship Service

Today Rev. Dale Dykema will preach the Word and administer the sacrament to us. Next Sunday pastor will resume the sermon series in Acts.

Sunday School

No Sunday School today.

Directory Update

Today is the last opportunity to review and make changes to the draft directory downstairs.

WIC Activities

Monday, December 12th, 7 pm the women will have their 5th Annual Advent Party at the church. Children are welcome. Bring your favorite festive appetizer or sweet treat. Ornament Exchange: over 13, bring a \$5 ornament; 13 & under bring a \$2 ornament to exchange.

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sunday evening, December 18th we will have an informal sing along and jam session of favorite Christmas carols. Bring instruments to join in with the singing or be prepared to play a favorite, or just improvise. We'll close with a short reading of the story of our Lord's incarnation and candlelit singing of Silent Night.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

December 4 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

Following Weeks

December 11 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer

December 18 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson

December 25 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman