



# Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

## August 16, 2020



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 – August 16, 2020

Preparation for Worship: *Revelation 13:4 with Psalm 89:6, 8-10*

### Entrance – God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

\* *Call to Worship* Psalm 89:5-11

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!**

\* *Hymn* Psalter, #148  
*From Heav’n O Praise the LORD*

### Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him and are forgiven in Christ

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** Psalm 89:30-33

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

**Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. We confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen!** (from Ps 51)

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

*Assurance of Pardon* Psalm 89:24-26

Minister: Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

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

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Truly it is our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every situation, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God; Only You can cleanse us and fill us with joy. Therefore, with all saints on earth and the heavenly host, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song, singing:

\**The Sanctus* (inside hymnal and psalter cover)

*Hymn* Psalter, #89B  
*Who with the LORD Can Be Compared*

Let us pray: **Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

**God Consecrates by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him**

*Old Testament Lesson* Daniel 7:1-7  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Epistle Lesson* Revelation 13:1-10  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 5:40-48; 8:5-13  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "Daniel's Vision of Beasts:  
the Course and Purpose of Empire"

\* *Hymn* Psalter, #49C  
*Let No Fear Disturb Your Peace*

\* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

*Prayers of the Church* Requests & Lord's Prayer

**Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table**

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

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

\* *Hymn* Psalter, #8B  
*LORD, our Lord, in all the Earth*

**Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him**

\* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Jude 8, 19-23

\* *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 Patri

\* *Threefold Amen*

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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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