



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

September 6, 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 – September 6, 2020

Preparation for Worship: *Matthew 16:18*

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

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 99

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*

Trinity Hymnal, #490
Onward, Christian Soldiers

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.

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

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I keep silent, my bones grow old. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me. I acknowledge my sin to You, and do not hide my iniquity. I will confess my transgressions to You, Lord, and You forgive the iniquity of my sin. For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You. You are my hiding place. You surround me with songs of deliverance. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon me. Amen! (from Psalm 32)

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon

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 Trinity Hymnal, #486
When Thy Soldiers Take Their Swords

Let us pray: **Grant, O merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; 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 Joshua 1

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Christian Warfare"

* *Hymn* Psalter, #99C
The LORD Is King Indeed!

* *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, #128B
Blessed the Man that Fears Jehovah

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

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Ephesians 6:10-11

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Ephesians 3:20-21

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

* *Threefold Amen*

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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