



# Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

## September 20, 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 20, 2020

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 90:2*

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

\* *Call to Worship* Revelation 1:4-6, 8

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, #13  
*O Worship the King*

### 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.)*

**Eternal God and our heavenly Father, in You we live and move and have our being; Do not hide Your face from us because of our sins, but have compassion on us, and subdue our iniquities. Cleanse us from all our offenses; deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may draw near to You, in lowliness and meekness. Confessing our sins, we confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen!**

*(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 Insert: *Ancient of Days, Who Sit Enthroned in Glory*

Let us pray: **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 7:8-10, 21-22, 26  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Lesson Colossians 1:13-18  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* Gospel Lesson Revelation 4, 5  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\* Doxology

Sermon "The Seating of the Ancient of Days"

\* Hymn Psalter, #90C (5 stanzas, 1-4, 7)  
*Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place*

\* 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 Trinity Hymnal, #32  
*The God of Abraham Praise*

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

\* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Jude 20-21

\* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Jude 24-25

\* Doxology

\* *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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