



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

October 18, 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 – October 18, 2020

Preparation for Worship: *Leviticus 21:10-12*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* *Call to Worship* Psalm 24:1-2, 7-10

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, #24C
The Earth and the Riches

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

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 24:3-4

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

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!

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 24:5-6

Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

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

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

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, #41
O God, Most Holy Are Thy Ways

Let us pray: **Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to faith and good works in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 8:18-27
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Acts 4:1-3; 5:17-20; 6:9-15; 12:1-4, 20-24
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Mark 13:5-14
The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "The Interpretation of Daniel's 2nd Vision, esp the Little Horn"

* *Hymn* Psalter, #75
To Thee, O God

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

* *Hymn* Psalter, #138A
With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring

Exit - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 1 Corinthians 10:7, 14

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Numbers 6:24-26

* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* *Doxology*

* *Threefold Amen*

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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