



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA  
*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

December 1, 2019  
 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 – December 1, 2019  
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Preparation for Worship: Isaiah 9:1-7

Welcome

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

\* Call to Worship Psalm 24:7-10

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

**Congregation: Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord,

**Congregation: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!**

Pastor: According to His promise, we wait for a new heavens and a new earth,

**Congregation: In which righteousness dwells!**

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!...Behold, Your King is coming to you!

**Congregation: He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be...to the ends of the earth.**

\* Hymn of Praise Trinity Hymnal, #119  
*O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

\* Old Testament Lesson Psalm 24  
 The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**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.)*

**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, personal confession of sin)*

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

**Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!**

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him  
and offer our works and lives to Him**

\* Lift up your hearts!

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in all places, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

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

*Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #148  
*Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

Let us pray: **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

\* *New Testament Lesson* Revelation 5  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 1:57-80  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "The King of Glory"

\* *Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #123  
*The People that in Darkness Sat*

\* *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* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

\* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Trinity Hymnal, #146  
*Life up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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

\* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Acts 1:8

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

\* *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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