



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent



Christus Victor

The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns because he died for us.

Lord's Day Service – December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation for Worship

Psalm 96:7-9 (kneeling)

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

* Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Mt 28:19*

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!** *Ruth 2:4*

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

People: **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!** *Is 40:3*

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

People: **In which righteousness dwells!** *2 Pe 3:13*

Pastor: Behold, Your King is coming to you! *Zech 9:9*

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down before Him!** *Ps 95:6*

* Hymn of Praise

Trinity Hymnal, #148
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:57-80

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Heavenly Father, You are good, and holy and righteous and just. We are sinful because of Adam and because of what we have done. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word, and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Thank You for Jesus, who gave to us His righteousness and took from us our sins. Thank You for the saints, for baptism, for the bread and cup, and for all good things. In Jesus' name, amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting, good tidings of great joy! For to you is born a Savior, Messiah the Lord. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not die in sin, but He pardons and

rescues us from all our sins in order to present us to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, that we should be holy and without blemish! Believe this and rejoice!

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

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so!

Pastor: Truly it is proper to thank You always and for everything, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty Creator. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory so that knowing You in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love You and Your people. Therefore, we praise You by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name. Let us sing,

* *Hymn of Preparation*

See insert
Of the Father's Love Begotten

* *Prayer*

Merciful God, Who sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 16:1-43

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 11:15-19; 19:6-16

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

* *Hymn of Response*

Psalter, #96 A&B
O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Sermon

"Joy to the World the Savior Reigns"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Psalm 96 (see insert)
Sing to the Lord a New Song

* *Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

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, #165
Savior of the Nations, Come

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

* *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*

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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**Sermon Notes – December 17, 2017
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**"Joy to the World the Savior Reigns"
Text: Psalm 96**

1. Call to all peoples to praise Yahweh & to _____ all nations (1-3)
2. Confirmation of the call from the evident _____ of Yahweh (4-6)
3. 3. Call to all peoples to bow Yahweh & to proclaim the joyous evangel of His _____ (7-10)
4. _____ rejoice! Yahweh reigns & is coming! (11-13)

Announcements

Welcome

We are so glad you came today. If you have any questions about Trinity Presbyterian Church, please call 262-894-8768. We ask visitors to fill out a card from the pew rack and leave it in the offering basket on the back table.

Children

We love kids and encourage their presence in the entire Lord's Service. In the basement we do have an area for nursing moms and a cry area to attend to a child's need.

Prayer

An important part of worship is intercessory prayer. Each Sunday morning one of the officers prays for the congregation. If you have a request, please fill out a prayer card on the back table and put it in the offering box prior to the service.

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am for a Ray Comfort video titled "The Atheist Delusion." No Sunday School next week.

Directory Update

A draft directory is available for review downstairs. Please make any necessary changes to your entry. Or you can also email Barb no later than December 30th.

Women's Activities

Beginning January 11th Women's Bible Study will meet the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** of each month at 6:30pm. We will be viewing and discussing lesson 7 of the video series "Who Is the Holy Spirit."

Winter Ball

The Winter Ball is scheduled for February 10, 2018, 6-8 pm. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 21. A signup sheet is downstairs as well as information about bringing snacks. See insert for details.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

This week's focus is WSC 50, "What is required in the second commandment?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

Scripture Memory for this Week

Deuteronomy 32:46, "And he said to them: 'Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe – all the words of this law.'"

Set-up Teams

Next Week

December 24 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrances, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera

Following Weeks

December 31 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer

January 7 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson

January 14 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

January 21 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski