



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 4, 2016 Second 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 4, 2016 Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,

People: **Upon them a light has shined.**

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called

People: **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

People: **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.** *Isaiah 9:2,6,7*

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #119
O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Beloved, let us make confession to the Lord God, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and guilt.

Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world to deliver your captive people; Surely you have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what you have done. We turn our backs on what you are doing, and we forget about what you will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; grant to us the assurance of salvation; cause your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting words of the Gospel! (John 3:16). May we truly see ourselves as humble sinners before God and believe that the heavenly Father in Jesus Christ looks upon us with favor, for our heavenly Father, in His great mercy, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before His glory with great joy!

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!** *Ps 86:4, Lam 3:41*
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: **It is proper and right to do so!** *Psalm 92:1*
Pastor: Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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 very time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

* *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

* *Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #123
The People that in Darkness Sat (v 1-4)

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 41:1-10a; 49:1-6

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson Acts 13:42-52

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

* **Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:25-35

Pastor: The Gospel of Lord Jesus.
People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

* **Prayer**

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 for ever. Amen!

Sermon **"A Light to the Gentiles"**

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #147
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* *Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Words of the 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, #149
Joy to the World

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Ephesians 5:8-14

* *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* Doxology

* *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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Sermon Notes – December 4, 2016

**“A Light to the Gentiles”
Text: Acts 13:42-52**

1. The _____ of a beggar's attitude before God (42)
2. We all need to _____ in the grace of God (43)
3. Beware of having a _____ for God that is not according to knowledge...ignorant of God's righteousness (44-45).
4. What does the Light provoke in you? Does the living Light & Word reveal you to be worthy or unworthy of the life of the age to come? (46-49)
5. The _____ doesn't leave things intact (50-51)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary this morning at 11:30 am.

Fellowship Meal

Next Sunday we will have our Fellowship meal. Each family should bring a main dish (in equal portion to serve their family) to share. In addition, Teams 4 & 5 bring salad and bread; Teams 1, 2 & 3 bring dessert. Team 1 will manage the kitchen and clean-up.

WIC Activities

Monday, December 12th, 7 pm the women will have their 5th Annual Advent Party at the church. Children are welcome. Bring your favorite festive appetizer or sweet treat. Ornament Exchange: over 13, bring a \$5 ornament; 13 & under bring a \$2 ornament to exchange.

Consistory/Stated Session

Tuesday, December 13th there will be a consistory/stated session meeting. Contact one of the elders if you have something you wish to bring before session.

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sunday evening, December 18th we will have an informal sing along and jam session of favorite Christmas carols. Bring instruments to join in with the singing or be prepared to play a favorite, or just improvise. We'll close with a short reading of the story of our Lord's incarnation and candlelit singing of Silent Night.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

December 11 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer

Following Weeks

December 18 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
December 25 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman