



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## December 11, 2016 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. We symbolize Christ's Lordship with purple. Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are purple. During the Advent season we pray for and reflect upon the ways in which Christ our King comes to serve us.

## Lord's Day Service – December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### \* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #165  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

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

**People: In which righteousness dwells!**

Pastor: Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things,

**People: Let us be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.**

### Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting words of the Gospel! (Rom 5:8-9) 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 right to give him thanks and praise!**

*Psalms 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 every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

\* **Hymn of Preparation** (See Insert)  
*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 65:1-3a; 66:7-13**  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson** **Acts 14:1-7**  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* **Gospel Lesson** **Luke 1:46-55; 67-79**  
Pastor: The Gospel of Lord Jesus.  
People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

\* **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 for ever. Amen!**

**Sermon** **"Peace on Earth & Division in Iconium"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

\* **Hymn of Consecration** **Psalter, #56**  
*Be Gracious unto Me, O God*

\* **Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

**Prayers of the Church** **Requests & Lord's Prayer**

**Peace – We Commune with God**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** **Matthew 26:26-30**

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

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

**Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

\* **The Lord's Commission of Us** **1 Timothy 1:11, 14-15**

\* **We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** **1 Timothy 1:17; 6:21**

\* **We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him** **Gloria Patri**

\* **Announcements**

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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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## Sermon Notes – December 11, 2016

### "Peace on Earth & Division in Iconium"

Text: Acts 14:1-7

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of speaking so that many may hear & believe (1; Isa 52:7-10; He 12:14-15)
2. Beware of falling short of the grace of God, lest you are poisoned with \_\_\_\_\_ & poison others (2)
3. Beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
4. Division & \_\_\_\_\_ are devilish deeds of the disobedient, but Christ orders them for His holy purposes (4-6)
5. The task of the church is to announce the glorious glad tidings (good news) of the \_\_\_\_\_ God (7; 1 Ti 1:11)

## Announcements

### Sunday School

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

### Fellowship Meal

Please join us downstairs following the morning services for a fellowship meal.

### WIC Activities

The women and children of the church will have their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Party at the church tomorrow evening at 7 pm. Bring your favorite festive appetizer or sweet treat to share as well a 1 dozen cookies to decorate. Ornament Exchange: over 13, bring a \$5 ornament; 13 & under bring a \$2 ornament to exchange.

### Consistory/Stated Session

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18 Team 2 Greenwald, D\*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson

#### **Following Weeks**

December 25 Team 3 J Hummel,\* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman  
January 1 Team 4 J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski  
January 8 Team 5 Reich\*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti  
January 15 Team 1 Dykema\*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer