



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## November 25, 2018



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 – November 25, 2018

Preparation for Worship: *2 Peter 2:19*

*Prayer:* Almighty and everlasting God, Whose will it is to restore all things in Your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

### Entrance – God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him

\* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 95

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: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.**

\* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #95A (5 stanzas)  
*God of Vengeance, O Jehovah*

### 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 our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. 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, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen!**

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news...!

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 proper, right, and our greatest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You, 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 & psalter cover)

\**Hymn of Preparation* Psalter, #49B  
*They that Trust in Treasured Gold*

*Old Testament Lesson* Nehemiah 9:5-31, 36-37  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*New Testament Lesson* 2 Peter 2:17-22  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 12:43-50  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "Reversion to the World;  
Yearning to Return to Egypt"

\* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalter, #12B  
*Help, LORD, because the Godly Man Now Ceases*

\* *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 10:1-22; 11:23-26

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

\* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Psalter, #7B

*My Shield and My Defense Is Found with God*

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

\* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 2 Peter 3:17-18a

\* *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*

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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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