



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 2, 2018 First 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 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 24*

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 forever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* *Call to Worship*

Isaiah 2:1-5

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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born,

Congregation: Unto us a Son is given;

Pastor: And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called

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

Pastor: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever.

Congregation: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Pastor: Behold, Your King is coming to you!

Congregation: O come, let us worship Him!

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #145

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

Beloved, let us make confession to the Lord God, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and guilt. (*Those unable to kneel may be seated.*)

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!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads, and hear the comforting, good tidings of great joy! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ Who came and died for you, to pardon you, in order to accept you now as righteous in His sight and to receive you spotless before His glory on the last day. Believe this and rejoice!

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 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 join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place to praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing...

**The Sanctus* (inside hymnal & psalter cover)

**Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #272
Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 2:26-49
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 3:1-4a
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson* Matthew 24:29-44
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "Reminder...scoffers will come in the last days"

** Hymn of Consecration* See insert
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

** 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

Luke 22:14-22

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; 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*

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

** 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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