



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 9, 2018 Second 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 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship: *Malachi 4:1-6*

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!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* *Call to Worship*

Malachi 3:1-7, 13-18

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: For behold the day is coming, burning like an oven;

Congregation: And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble.

Pastor: And the day which is coming shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that will leave them neither root nor branch.

Congregation: But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings...

Pastor: You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," says the LORD of hosts.

Congregation: Remember the Law of Moses, My servant...with the statutes and judgments...before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

* *Hymn of Praise*

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

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.*)

O most holy, righteous, and gracious God, we acknowledge that You have appointed death to be the wages of sin. Conceived in sin, we are by nature children of wrath. In sinful pride we have displeased and dishonored You. You are the King of all the world and Your laws are holy, just and good. But we have been disobedient, unruly

and self-willed, serving the things of the flesh, and making provision for its lusts. We have sinned secretly and openly, in thought and in deed, ignorantly and presumptuously; and all of our sin is known to You. But for the glory of Your mercy You have sent Your Son to redeem us from death. You have promised us forgiveness of sin through His blood, if we believe in Him, and by true repentance turn unto You. Lord have mercy upon us. 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* See insert
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 90
The Word of the Lord. Trinity Hymnal, p 640
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 3:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson* Matthew 21:28 – 22:14
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "In the last days...they willfully forget...
but, beloved, do not forget"

** Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #239
The Mighty God, the Lord

** 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, #147
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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 Thessalonians 3:16, 18

** 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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