



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 16, 2018 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.

LORD's Day Service – December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship: *2 Peter 3:9*

Prayer: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* *Call to Worship*

Isaiah 40:1, 4-8

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 voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord,

Congregation: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!"

Pastor: According to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth,

Congregation: In which righteousness dwells!

Pastor: Behold, Your King is coming to You!

Congregation: O come, let us worship Him!

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #148

Comfort, Comfort ye My People

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 merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. 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* Psalter, #18B
The Earth then Quivered to Its Depths

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:9-31
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 3:1-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson* Matthew 3:1-12
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "In the last days...they willfully forget...
but, beloved, do not forget" – Part 2

** Hymn of Consecration* See insert
Of the Father's Love Begotten

** 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, #165
Savior of the Nation, Come

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* Romans 15:13

** 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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