

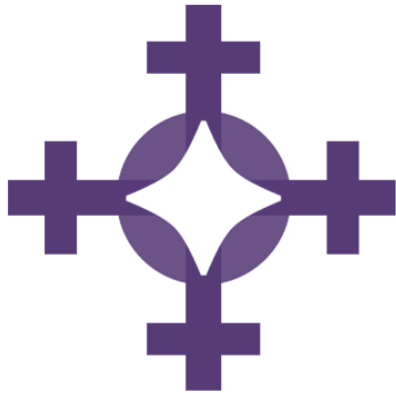


Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

January 6, 2019 Epiphany Sunday



To the Four Corners of the Earth

The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings – as the crucified and risen Lord.

Today our table paraments are white and gold, symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God's glory through Jesus Christ.

LORD's Day Service – January 6, 2019 Epiphany Sunday

Preparation for Worship: *2 Peter 3:17-18*

Prayer: O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* *Call to Worship* Isaiah 60:1-3, 6-7, 19

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: From Bethlehem has come a Ruler who will shepherd his people Israel.

Congregation: He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Pastor: Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve him!

Congregation: Blessed be His glorious name forever!

Pastor: And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Congregation: Amen and Amen.

* *Hymn of Praise* Trinity Hymnal #164
Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs 3-5)

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.)*

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. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting words of the Gospel! 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! And the people say...

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 give thanks to You at all times and in all places, 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* See insert
We Three Kings (vs 2-5)

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 2
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 45:22-25; 55:11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 3:1-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Persevere in the Lord and His Word"

* *Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #230
O God, Thy Judgments Give the King

* *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 Matthew 26:26-30

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

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Psalter, #72B&C (4 vs, tune: *He Leadeth Me*)
The Nomads Bow to Him as King

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

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

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Jude 24-25

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

* *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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