



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA
Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

September 29, 2019



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 – September 29, 2019

Preparation for Worship: 1 John 1:3, 7

Welcome

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

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 133:, 134:1, 3

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 the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #133A

Behold How Good a Thing It Is

**Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him
and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(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)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! 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 fitting and our greatest joy to 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 or psalter cover)

**Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #280 (1st tune)
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* Let us pray: **O merciful God, You have gathered your Church in unity by Your Holy Spirit; Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we may not be anxious about earthly things, but hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

* *Old Testament Lesson* 1 Chronicles 29:9-15
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *New Testament Lesson* Philemon 1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* John 17:8, 17-26
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "Christ-shaped Gifts: Faith, Fellowship and Love"

* *Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #285 (2nd tune)
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

* *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 11:23-26

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

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Psalter, #106A
O Praise the LORD

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

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 3 John 4-6a

* *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 Patri*

* *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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