



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

October 6, 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 – October 6, 2019

Preparation for Worship: Philemon 15; Exodus 21:6

*Welcome*

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

\* *Call to Worship* Psalm 148

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, #148  
*From Heav'n O Praise the LORD*

**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.)*

**Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I keep silent, my bones grow old. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me. I acknowledge my sin to You, and do not hide my iniquity. I will confess my transgressions to You, Lord, and You forgive the iniquity of my sin. For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You. You are my hiding place. You surround me with songs of deliverance. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon me. 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, #487  
*Faith of Our Fathers*

\* Let us pray: **O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running by faith to Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

\* *Old Testament Lesson* Genesis 50:15-21  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *New Testament Lesson* Philemon 1-16  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 15:1-2, 11-21  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon* " Paul's Request of Philemon" Part 1: Onesimus and Paul

\* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalter, #32C  
*What Blessedness for Him Whose Guilt*

\* *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, #92C  
*It's Good to Thank the LORD*

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

\* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 1 John 4:7-9

\* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Philemon 25

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

\* *Threefold Amen*

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**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.

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*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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