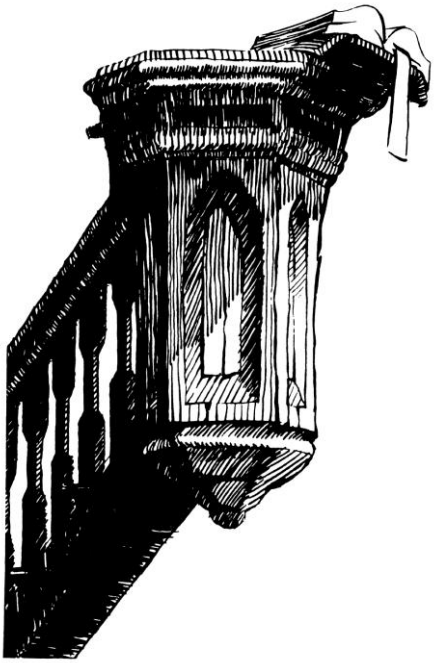
Christ Presbyterian Church

I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



Covenant Renewal Service

17 August 2014

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent;
for here we meet with a holy God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.

About Receiving Communion

All who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel, are repentant of their sin and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A Word to Parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and have been received as communing members by the church to which their parents belong.

As instituted by our Lord, wine is the element used in the Lord's Supper to show forth his blood shed on our behalf (Mark 14:23–25; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:20–21, 25; 1 Tim 4:3–4). If, however, for reasons of conscience, you are not able to participate using wine, grape juice is provided in the center of the tray. Also, gluten-free crackers are available for those who cannot eat bread.

Nursery today:	Paula Ea
	Barbara Moore, Sam Ea
Next Sunday:	Nikki Jones
	David Kirkland, Abby Jones

Helpers, please be in the nursery by 10:20 to receive children.

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased yours alone to be
By your blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all your own,
Let me live to you alone.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All your bidding to fulfill.
Open now my eyes to see
All the work you have for me.

Jesus, Master, whom we praise
Gathered at your table here,
May your word, throughout our days,
Light us, guide us, give us cheer,
Till we gather at your throne,
Resting in your love alone!

God Calls Us

Trinitarian Confession and Salutation

Minister: We are gathered in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth! *Psalm 124:8*
Minister: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*
People: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1–14, 18–19

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

↑ **Psalm 146** *Trinity Psalter*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Isaiah 58:1–10

"Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday."

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy *(unison)*

Holy God, we confess that we are sinners. We have lived as self-righteous hypocrites, as whitewashed tombs, concerned with outward appearances, ignoring the corruption of our own hearts and of our fallen world. We acknowledge that we have not been merciful and loving toward those who are poor and needy. We have turned a blind eye to the suffering around us. We have said, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving our own time and wealth and compassion. We have failed to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk in true humility before you. We have neglected the widows and orphans, the hungry and downtrodden and weak and helpless. Forgive us, dear Father, for the sake of Jesus, our precious Savior, who for our sake took on the form of a servant and became poor, who died to redeem a sinful and miserable world to himself. Fill us with genuine compassion and self-sacrificing love and generosity. Through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:8–10

By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

↑ ***The Doxology*** (#731) *Trinity Hymnal*

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Zechariah 7

1 In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to
Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev.
2 Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and
their men to entreat the favor of the LORD, 3 saying to the priests of the
house of the LORD of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and
abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me: 5 "Say to all the
people of the land and the priests, When you fasted and mourned in
the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for
me that you fasted? 6 And when you eat and when you drink, do you
not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? 7 Were not these the
words that the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when
Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her,
and the South and the lowland were inhabited?"

8 And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus says the
LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to
one another, 10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner,
or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your
heart." 11 But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn
shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. 12 They made
their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words
that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former
prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. 13 "As I
called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,"
says the LORD of hosts, 14 "and I scattered them with a whirlwind
among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left
was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was
made desolate."

↑ **Hymn 596** You Came to Us, Dear Jesus *Trinity Hymnal*
(Tune: FINLANDIA)

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Browne

Sermon Text: Hebrews 13

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels
unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in
prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also
are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and
let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually
immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of
money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I
will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently
say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of
God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their
faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
9 Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is
good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods,
which have not benefited those devoted to them. 10 We have an
altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.
11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into
the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned
outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in
order to sanctify the people through his own blood. 13 Therefore
let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he
endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city
that is to come. 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that
acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to
share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping
watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an
account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for
that would be of no advantage to you.

[18] Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience,
desiring to act honorably in all things. [19] I urge you the more
earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the
sooner.

[20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of
the eternal covenant, [21] equip you with everything good that you
may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

[22] I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation,
for I have written to you briefly. [23] You should know that our
brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if
he comes soon. [24] Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those
who come from Italy send you greetings. [25] Grace be with all of
you.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 186** One There Is Above All Others *Trinity Hymnal* (RUF Tune)

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 13

God Communes with Us

↑ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed** p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ ***The Gloria Patri*** (#735) *Trinity Hymnal*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Wine is used for the communion,
but grape juice is also available in the center of each tray.

Invitation and Supervision of the Table 1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration
The minister will lead the congregation in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison:

People: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution *Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20*

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn — During the bread Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Let thy blood in mercy poured,
Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord,
Of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live;
Blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
By the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now
Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King,
Of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 13:1–17

Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

Now may your servant, Lord,
according to your word,
depart in exultation.
My rest shall be serene,
for now my eyes have seen
your wonderful salvation.

You did for all prepare
this Gift, so great, so rare,
fulfilling prophets' story;
A Light to show the way
to Gentiles gone astray,
and unto Israel's glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Commissions and Blesses Us

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 642	Be Thou My Vision	*Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotes are from the ESV Bible ©2001.

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship! It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know and experience the love, power, and presence of our King and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate. If you desire any additional information, or if there are ways in which we can pray for you or be of service to you, please let us know. We count it a privilege to serve our community in the name of Christ!

About our Church

Standing in the great biblical and evangelical tradition of the Protestant Reformation, Christ Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). We are committed to the Bible as the Word of God, the Reformed Faith, and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

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