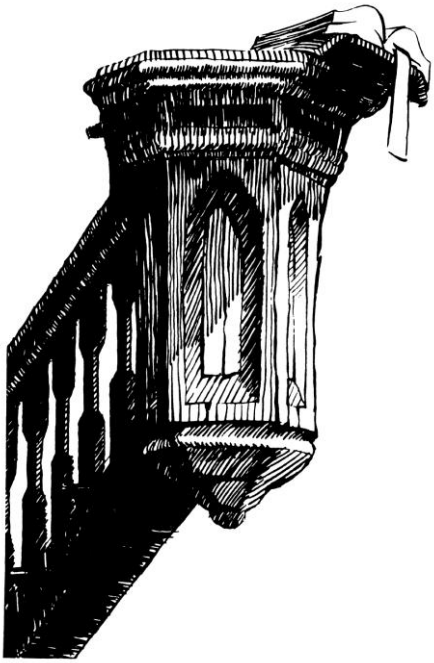
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

21 September 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.

Wine is 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). **Grape juice** is provided in the center of the tray for those who, for reasons of conscience, are not able to participate using wine.
Gluten-free crackers are available for those who cannot eat bread.

Hearing Assistance is available at the audio desk in the sanctuary.

Nursery today:	Laurie Boswell
	Kirsti Anderson, Shaz Beal
Next Sunday:	Wendy Powell
	David Abuhl, Sumner Munson

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

Reflection

If faith produces no works, I see
That faith is not a living tree.
Thus faith and works together grow,
No separate life they never can know.
They're soul and body, hand and heart,
What God hath joined, let no man part.

— Hannah More

We are not saved by good works, but for good works.

— Author unknown

Whoever loves much, does much.

— Thomas à Kempis

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*
People: Amen.

Call to Worship Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

↑ Psalm 126

When in his might the Lord arose to set us free,
And Zion was restored from her captivity,
In transports then of joy and mirth
We praised the Lord of all the earth.

The nations saw with fear the might of God displayed,
When he at last drew near to give his people aid;
Great things for us the Lord has wrought,
And gladness to our hearts has brought.

Again refresh us, Lord, with your reviving love,
And be your blessing poured in mercy from above;
By grace revive our hearts again,
As streams refreshed by copious rain.

Although with bitter tears the sower bears his seed,
When harvest time appears he shall be glad indeed;
For they that in the sowing weep
Shall yet in joy and gladness reap.

↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Ecclesiastes 2:18–23

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Our God and Father, Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer of all things, we confess our sin and our brokenness. We have failed to worship and honor you with our lips and with our lives. We have attempted to win your favor with our pitiful works. We have also been lazy, negligent, foolish, ungrateful, anxious, and selfish in the tasks you have assigned to us. Forgive us, we pray. Cause us to cling to the cross of your perfect Son, our Savior. Allow us to work joyfully and productively as we show our gratitude to you and spread your Gospel of redeeming love to the ends of the earth. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Corinthians 15:56–58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture John 15:1–17

[1] I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every
branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every
branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
[3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to
you. [4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by
itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide
in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me
and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you
can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away
like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown
into the fire, and burned. [7] If you abide in me, and my words abide
in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] By this
my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be
my disciples. [9] As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide
in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and
abide in his love. [11] These things I have spoken to you, that my joy
may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[12] This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have
loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay
down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I
command you. [15] No longer do I call you servants, for the servant
does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you
friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made
known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit
should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he
may give it to you. [17] These things I command you, so that you will
love one another.

↑ **Hymn 596** You Came to Us, Dear Jesus *Trinity Hymnal*
Tune: Finlandia

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 32a (Question 86)***

Q. We have been delivered
from our misery
by God's grace alone through Christ
and not because we have earned it:
why then must we still do good?

A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.
But we do good because
Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,
so that in all our living
we may show that we are thankful to God
for all he has done for us,
and so that he may be praised through us.

And we do good
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1–10

1 You were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once
walked, following the course of this world, following the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in
the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived
in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the
body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like
the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because
of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were
dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by
grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and
seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable
riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For
by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not
your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works,
so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 591** Jesus Call Us *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 2:1–10

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

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.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye–service, as people–

pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

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 585 Take My Life, and Let It Be *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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