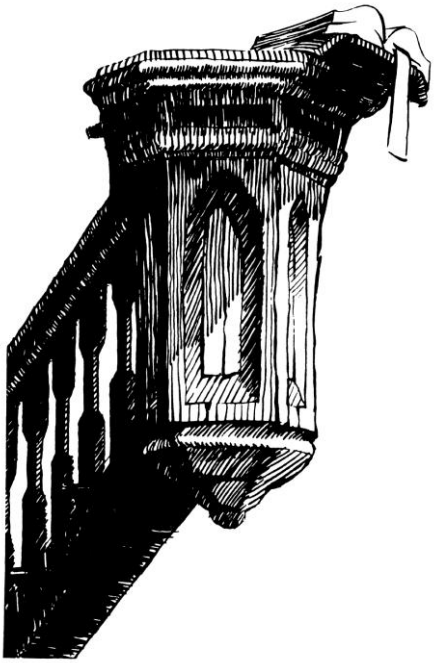
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

6 April 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:	Ivy Munson
	Anita Higgins, Brit Osterling
Next Sunday:	Susan Miller
	Barbara Moore, Curtis Moore

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

Reflection

Here is the truly Christian life, here is faith really working by love: when a man applies himself with joy and love to the works of that freest servitude, in which he serves others voluntarily and for naught; himself abundantly satisfied in the fullness and richness of his own faith.

— Martin Luther

We may think God wants actions of a certain kind,
but God wants people of a certain kind.

— C. S. Lewis

Our lives will harmonize best with God's will and the demands of the Law when they serve other people best.

— John Calvin

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

He is the image of the invisible God,
The firstborn over all creation.
For all things were created by him,
Created by him and for him.

He is before all things,
And in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church,
The beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

For God was pleased to have all his goodness dwell in him,
And through him to reconcile to himself all things
By making peace through his blood
Shed on the cross.

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 68:1–4, 17–18, 32–35

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!
But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD; exult before him!
The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the LORD is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,
to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—
he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

↑ **Hymn 103** Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin James 3:13–18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ESV

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

Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—holy and perfect Three in One: we confess that we have sinned. You have made us to be one in Christ; but in our jealousy and ambition we have sought to tear each other apart. We have been destructive, divisive, and double–minded. We have allowed ourselves to be swayed by every wind of doctrine, to be fooled by false wisdom, to be enticed by friendship with the world. As a result, we have failed to see ourselves as your church: the body and building and bride of Christ. We pray for your forgiveness. Grant us unity through the gospel of your saving mercy. Enable us to use your good gifts to build each other up, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died to ransom us to himself as a forgiven and joyful people. In his name, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Colossians 1:17–20

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ESV

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

12 Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the
members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with
Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one
Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If
the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to
the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16
And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not
belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the
body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of
hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense
of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body,
each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where
would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor
again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the
contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are
indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less
honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable
parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more
presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the
body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there
may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the
same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer
together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

↑ **Hymn 344** O 'Twas a Joyful Sound to Hear *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 21 (Question 55)***

Q. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers one and all,
as members of this community,
share in Christ
and in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member
should consider it his duty
to use his gifts
readily and cheerfully
for the service and enrichment
of the other members.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:1–16

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a
manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with
one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit —
just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your
call — 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and
Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the
measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."

9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he
had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He
who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the
heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the
shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of
ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all
attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the
Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the
stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer
be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about
by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in
deceitful schemes.

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in
every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from
whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint
with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly,
makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. ESV

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 298** The Head that Once Was Crowned *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 4:1–16

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 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

In sweet communion, Lord,
We gather 'round your word.
Oh, may your presence now be known,
Oh, may your voice be heard!

In signs of bread and wine
We're nourished by the Son;
His boundless grace and love divine
Unite our hearts as one.

And as we lift our voice
To praise the Lamb who died,
In him we glory and rejoice:
Our Savior, crucified!

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 14:12–31

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

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
Life Change Offering *for ONEChild, the PCA ministry to street children*

Hymn 355 We Are God's People *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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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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