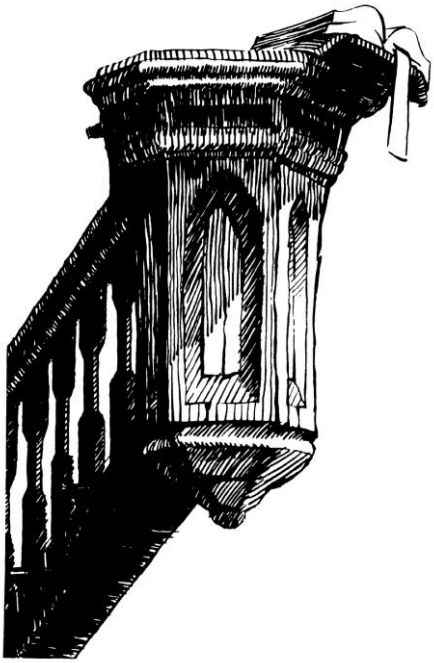
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

7 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.

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:	Susan Miller
	Amanda Rooney, Naomi Dykstra
Next Sunday:	Lauren Alexander
	Tova Anderson, Avery Rooney

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

Reflection

I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word; otherwise, I did nothing. And then, while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friend Philip or my friend Amsdorf, the Word so greatly wakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such damage upon it. I did nothing. The Word did it all.

— Martin Luther

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom our souls rely on, makes us kings and priests to God.
Us, by his great love he raises over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each in thankful offering brings.

Savior, if of Zion's city, I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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 12

You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

↑ Psalm 111

Trinity Psalter

At end of Psalm, reprise verse 1

↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

LORD God, we confess our sins before you today. We have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of scoffers. We have failed to delight in and meditate on and study and obey your word. We have failed to bear fruit, to stand firm, to love your church and its worship and its discipline. Forgive us, heavenly Father, for our instability and double-mindedness, for our lack of discipline and faithfulness and love, our failure to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Make us treasure and eagerly avail ourselves of the means of grace, of the double-edged sword of your word and its power to transform our lives. Make us devoted disciples of your precious Son, who for our sake tasted death and now, risen, rules over us in perfect love.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 5:25b–27

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Nehemiah 8:1–12

[1] All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water
Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of
Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. [2] So Ezra the priest brought
the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could
understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. [3] And
he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early
morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and
those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were
attentive to the Book of the Law. [4] And Ezra the scribe stood on a
wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him
stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his
right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah,
Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. [5] And Ezra opened the book
in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he
opened it all the people stood. [6] And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great
God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands.
And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to
the ground. [7] Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai,
Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites,
helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in
their places. [8] They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly,
and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

[9] And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe,
and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is
holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people
wept as they heard the words of the Law. [10] Then he said to them, "Go
your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone
who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be
grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." [11] So the Levites calmed
all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."
[12] And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions
and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that
were declared to them.

↑ **Hymn 554** From Depths of Woe *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 31a (Questions 83–85)*

83 Q. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel
and Christian discipline toward repentance.
Both preaching and discipline
open the kingdom of heaven to believers
and close it to unbelievers.

**84 Q. How does preaching the gospel
open and close the kingdom of heaven?**

A. According to the command of Christ:

The kingdom of heaven is opened
by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to each and every believer that,
as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith,
God, because of what Christ has done,
truly forgives all his sins.
The kingdom of heaven is closed, however,
by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to unbelievers and hypocrites that,
as long as they do not repent,
the anger of God and eternal condemnation
rest on them.
God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come,
is based on this gospel testimony.

85 Q. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ:

Those who, though called Christians,
profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives,
and after repeated and loving counsel
refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness,
and after being reported to the church, that is, to its officers,
fail to respond also to their admonition—
such persons the officers exclude
from the Christian fellowship
by withholding the sacraments from them,
and God himself excludes them from the kingdom of Christ.

Such persons,
when promising and demonstrating genuine reform,
are received again
as members of Christ
and of his church.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13–26

13 When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he
asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man
is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say
Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said
to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter
replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And
Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar–Jonah! For
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father
who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this
rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not
prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in
heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one
that he was the Christ.

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must
go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and
chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be
raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to
you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!
You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind
on the things of God, but on the things of man."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after
me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses
his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if
he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a
man give in return for his soul?"

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 141** God, in the Gospel of His Son *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Matthew 16:13–26

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 Christ Jesus Lay

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand he stands
And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore, let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah.
Hallelujah!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree
(so strong his love!) to save us.
See, his blood does mark our door;
Faith points to it, death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this joyful day
On Christ, the Bread of Heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah!

Scripture Reading — During the cup 1 Corinthians 1:8–2:5

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

> "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
> and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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 94 How Firm a Foundation *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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