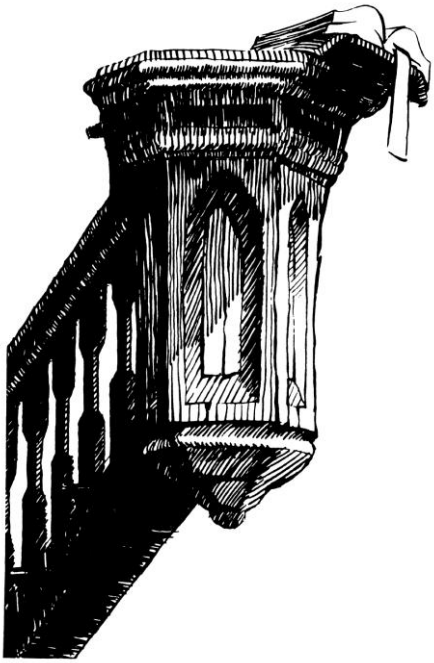
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

12 October 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:	Paula Ea
	Arlys Wydner, Sissel Anderson
Next Sunday:	Dawn O'Banion
	Sarah Abuhl, Emilie Miller

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

Reflection

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

— Martin Luther

This change is radical —
it gives us new natures,
it makes us love what we hated and hate what we loved,
it sets us in a new road;
it makes our habits different,
it makes our thoughts different,
it makes us different in private,
and different in public.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Hail, you once despised Jesus!
Hail, you Galilean King!
You did suffer to release us;
You did free salvation bring.
Hail, you agonizing Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By your merits we find favor;
Life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on you were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
You have full atonement made.
All your people are forgiven
Through the virtue of your blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven;
We are reconciled to God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore you,
Seated at your Father's side.
There for sinners you are pleading;
There you do our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.

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

Psalm 65:1–5a

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!
By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation.

↑ Psalm 111

Trinity Psalter
At end of Psalm, reprise verse 1

↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Ephesians 4:17–24

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

Holy Father, Lord and King of the universe, we your people confess that we have sinned. You have redeemed us, and we are yours through the merits of your precious Son. Yet we have continued to walk in the futility of our minds, alienated from you because of our ignorance and hardness of heart. We bemoan our callousness, our impurity, our spite and selfishness and lust. Grant us mercy, we pray, and renew us through your Holy Spirit. Enable us to delight in your law, your word, your ways; to continue to put off our old self; and to long and strive for true righteousness and holiness. Through Christ our Savior, who paid the price for our sins on the cross, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness 2 Corinthians 5:17–18, 21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Jeremiah 31:31–34

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will
make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of
Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the
day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my
law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each
one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the
Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the
greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I
will remember their sin no more."

Jeremiah 32:36–41

36 "Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning
this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of
Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence': 37 Behold, I will
gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my
anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back
to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. 38 And they shall
be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart
and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and
the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an
everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to
them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may
not turn from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will
plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my
soul.

Jeremiah 33:14–16

14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will
fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of
Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and
Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will
be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Ezekiel 36:25–29a

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will
cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will
give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove
from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I
will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be
careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your
ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will
save you from all your uncleanness.

↑ **Hymn 457** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 33a (Questions 88–90)*

88 Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things:
the dying–away of the old self:
and the coming–to–life of the new.

89 Q. What is the dying–away of the old self?

A. It is to be genuinely sorry for sin,
to hate it more and more,
and to run away from it.

90 Q. What is the coming–to–life of the new self?

A. It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a delight to do every kind of good
as God wants us to.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Colossians 3:1–17

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

[5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming. [7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

[12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] 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. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] 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. [17] 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.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 455** And Can It Be *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Colossians 3:1–17

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

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,
The arm of his strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Nor all things below or above,
Can make him his purpose forgo,
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on his heart it remains,
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Scripture Reading — During the cup Romans 8:1–17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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 Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all–redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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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