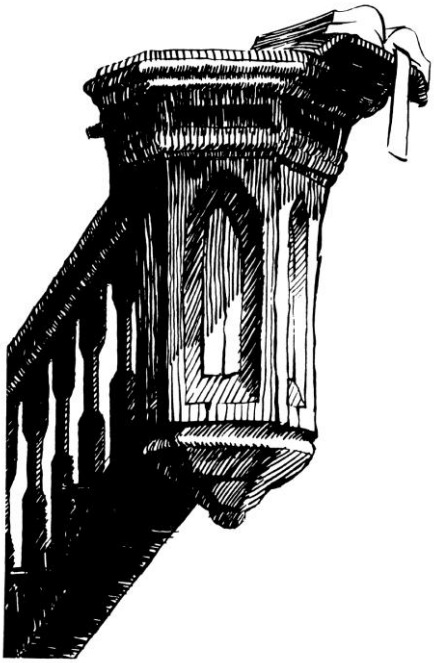
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

27 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:	Wendy Powell
	Tammy Smith, Ben Powell
Next Sunday:	Mary Jo Canales
	David Kirkland

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

Reflection

We pardon in the degree that we love.

— La Rochefoucauld

People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege…

I never made a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of "sacrifice" when we remember the great sacrifice which he made who left his Father's throne on high to give himself for us.

—David Livingstone
19th century missionary to Africa

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

People: Amen.

Call to Worship Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"
For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

↑ **Hymn 347** The Church's One Foundation *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Amos 5:21–24

I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever–flowing stream.

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

We bow before you, Holy God, and confess that we are sinners. Our songs of praise, our declarations of faith, our offerings, the sacrifice of our lips and of our lives, are all corrupted by our sinful nature and by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We acknowledge that we have despised justice and righteousness, that we have failed to show mercy, that we have refused to live in humility and true unity. Forgive us, Lord, for our pettiness, our envy, our discontent, our self–absorption and self–righteousness and selfishness.

Teach us to love you and to love each other as you have commanded us. Lord, give us a new song of praise to the Lamb who is our Savior; may the good news of his sacrifice for us on the cross be our boast and our hope and our basis for unity with each other and union with him, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Revelation 5:9–10

And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Matthew 18:15–35

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault,
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained
your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others
along with you, that every charge may be established by the
evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them,
tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church,
let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to
you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I
say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it
will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or
three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my
brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven
times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but
seventy–seven times.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began
to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand
talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be
sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to
be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have
patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity
for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him
the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of
his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing
him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his
fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with
me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in
prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw
what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went
and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his

master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I
forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33] And
should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had
mercy on you?' [34] And in anger his master delivered him to the
jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35] So also my heavenly Father
will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from
your heart."

↑ **Hymn 168** I Greet Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 21 (Question 56)***

Q. What do you believe
concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

A. I believe that God,
because of Christ's atonement,
will never hold against me
any of my sins
nor my sinful nature
which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, in his grace
God grants me the righteousness of Christ
to free me forever from judgment.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:1–11

1 If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from
love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same
love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from
rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant
than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own
interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ
Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count
equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself
nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness
of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled
himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death
on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that
at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Psalm 133** *Trinity Psalter*

Sermon Notes

Philippians 2:1–11

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 13:1–20, 31–35

Now 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. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,

God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 358 For All the Saints *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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