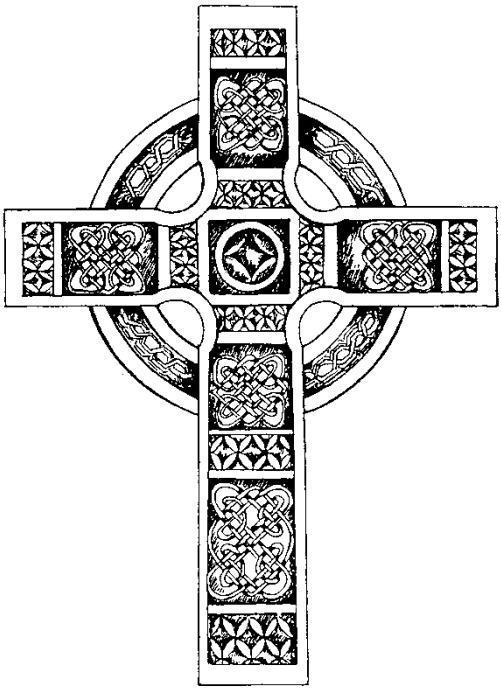
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

20 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:	Lauren Alexander
	Terry Shiell, Max Miller
Next Sunday:	Wendy Powell
	Tammy Smith, Ben Powell

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

Reflection

Then we come to the strangest story of all, the story of the Resurrection. It is very necessary to get the story clear. I heard a man say, 'The importance of the Resurrection is that it gives evidence of survival, evidence that the human personality survives death.' On that view what happened to Christ would be what had always happened to all men, the difference being that in Christ's case we were privileged to see it happening. This is certainly not what the earliest Christian writers thought. Something perfectly new in the history of the Universe had happened. Christ had defeated death. The door which had always been locked had for the very first time been forced open. This is something quite distinct from mere ghost-survival. I don't mean that they disbelieved in ghost-survival. On the contrary, they believed in it so firmly that, on more than one occasion, Christ had had to assure them that He was *not* a ghost. The point is that while believing in survival they yet regarded the Resurrection as something totally different and new. The Resurrection narratives are not a picture of survival after death; they record how a totally new mode of being has arisen in the Universe. Something new had appeared in the Universe: as new as the first coming of organic life. This Man, after death, does not get divided into 'ghost' and 'corpse'. A new mode of being has arisen. That is the story. What are we going to make of it?

— C.S. Lewis
"What Are We to Make of Jesus Christ"
God in the Dock

If Paul calls death the "last enemy" (1 Cor 15:26), then the opposite is also true: that the risen Christ, and with him the resurrection hope, must be declared to be the enemy of death and of a world that puts up with death. That is why faith, wherever it develops into hope, causes not rest but unrest, not patience but impatience… Those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is.

— Jürgen Moltmann
Theology of Hope

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

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*!

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 57:8–11

Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth. NRSV

Minister: Allelulia! Christ is risen! Luke 24:34
People: The Lord is risen indeed! Allelulia!
Minister: Allelulia! Christ our Passover Lamb 1 Cor 5:7–8
is sacrificed for us;
People: therefore let us keep the feast. Allelulia!

↑ **Hymn 277** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave,
shattered the power of sin and death
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Colossians 2:13–15

Although you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them through the cross.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture — Old Testament Isaiah 25:1–9

1 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
5 like heat in a dry place.
You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.
6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the [shroud] that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reading of Scripture — New Testament John 20

[1] Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to
the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone
had been taken away from the tomb. [2] So she ran and went to
Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved,
and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know where they have laid him." [3] So Peter went
out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the
tomb. [4] Both of them were running together, but the other
disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5] And
stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he
did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and
went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, [7] and
the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with
the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. [8] Then the
other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed; [9] for as yet they did not understand
the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10] Then the
disciples went back to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept
she stooped to look into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels
in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the
head and one at the feet. [13] They said to her, "Woman, why are
you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." [14] Having
said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did
not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why
are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to
be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him
away." [16] Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him
in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). [17] Jesus said to
her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the
Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending
to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
[18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I
have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the
doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them
his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they
saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And
when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they
are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is
withheld."

[24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not
with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him,
"We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in
his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the
mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never
believe."

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas
was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then
he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands;
and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not
disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord
and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because
you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet
have believed."

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the
disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are
written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son
of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

↑ **Hymn 243** Praise the Savior Now and Ever *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 10:34–43 *Why the Resurrection?*

[34] Peter began: 'I now understand how true it is that God has no
favorites, [35] but that in every nation those who are god-fearing
and do what is right are acceptable to him. [36] He sent his word to
the Israelites and gave the good news of peace through Jesus
Christ, who is Lord of all. [37] I need not tell you what has
happened lately all over the land of the Jews, starting from
Galilee after the baptism proclaimed by John. [38] You know how
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power. Because God was with him he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil. [39] And we can
bear witness to all that he did in the Jewish countryside and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death, hanging him on a tree; [40] but
God raised him to life on the third day, and allowed him to be
clearly seen, [41] not by the whole people, but by witnesses whom
God had chosen in advance — by us, who ate and drank with
him after he rose from the dead. [42] He commanded us to
proclaim him to the people, and affirm that he is the one
designated by God as judge of the living and the dead. [43] It is to
him that all the prophets testify, declaring that everyone who
trusts in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' REB

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Psalm 16** *Trinity Psalter*

Sermon Notes

Why the Resurrection?

Acts 10:34–43

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.

The Sursum Corda

Minister: According to his commandment:
People: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

Words of Institution *Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20*

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercéd side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath you lie;
Death is conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light!
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to you we raise,
Holy Father, Spirit, Son,
Blessed, glorious Three in One!

<u>Scripture Reading — During the cup</u> *1 Corinthians 15:17; 20–22; 54b–57*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 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.

Colossians 1:13–20

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. 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.

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 265 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain *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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