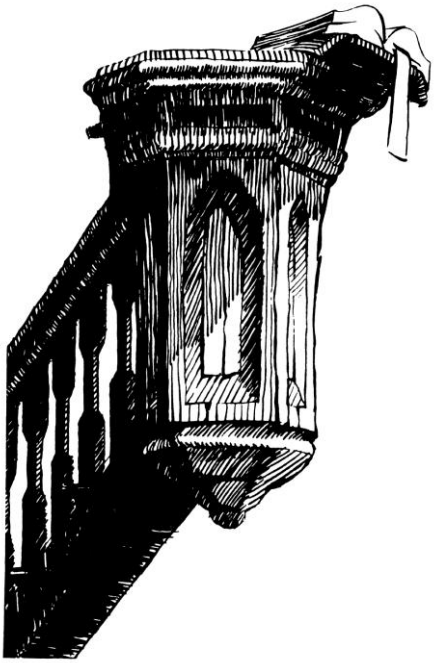
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

16 November 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:	Wendy Powell
	Lucia Abuhl
Next Sunday:	Mary Jo Canales
	Brit Osterling, Sam Ea

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

Reflection

Whatever man loves, that is his god. For he carries it in his heart; he goes about with it night and day; he sleeps and wakes with it, be it what it may — wealth or self, pleasure or renown.

— Martin Luther

Every one of us is, even from his mother's womb, a master craftsman of idols.

— John Calvin

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

— William Cowper

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place;
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

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 47:1–2, 5–6

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
People: For the Lord , the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
Minister: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

↑ **Hymn 65** Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Psalm 139:23–24

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.
You know not only what we say, but also what we think.
You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.
You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves
because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart,
boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments.
You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves
even when we have turned our backs on you,
fascinating ourselves with alien gods
whose calling we heed while ignoring your own.
Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent.
O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ezekiel 36:25–26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Isaiah 44:6–28

6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

9 All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in
do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may
be put to shame. 10 Who fashions a god or casts an idol that is
profitable for nothing? 11 Behold, all his companions shall be put to
shame, and the craftsmen are only human. Let them all assemble,
let them stand forth. They shall be terrified; they shall be put to
shame together.

12 The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He
fashions it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He
becomes hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is
faint. 13 The carpenter stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil.
He shapes it with planes and marks it with a compass. He shapes it
into the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to dwell in a
house. 14 He cuts down cedars, or he chooses a cypress tree or an
oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants
a cedar and the rain nourishes it. 15 Then it becomes fuel for a man.
He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes
bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and
falls down before it. 16 Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half
he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself

and says, "Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!" [17] And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"

[18] They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. [19] No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" [20] He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

[21] Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
[22] I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

[23] Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

[24] Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer,
who formed you from the womb:
"I am the Lord, who made all things,
who alone stretched out the heavens,
who spread out the earth by myself,
[25] who frustrates the signs of liars
and makes fools of diviners,
who turns wise men back
and makes their knowledge foolish,
[26] who confirms the word of his servant
and fulfills the counsel of his messengers,
who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,'
and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built,

and I will raise up their ruins';
27 who says to the deep, 'Be dry;
I will dry up your rivers';
28 who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd,
and he shall fulfill all my purpose';
saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,'
and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

↑ **Hymn 534** O for a Closer Walk with God *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Exodus 20:3 *No Other Gods*

1 God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land
of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 **"You shall have no other gods before me.**

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any
likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the
earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You
shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord
your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers
on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those
who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of
those who love me and keep my commandments."

Heidelberg Catechism:
Lord's Day 34 (Questions 94 and 95)

94 Q. What does the LORD require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation,
avoid and shun
all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites,
and prayer to saints or to other creatures.
That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God,
trust him alone,
look to him for every good thing
humbly and patiently,
love him, fear him, and honor him
with all my heart.
In short,
that I give up anything
rather than go against his will in any way.

95 Q. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is
having or inventing something in which one trusts
in place of or alongside of the only true God,
who has revealed himself in his Word.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

No Other Gods

Exodus 20:3

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 In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning
with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without
him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was
life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
[7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that
all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but
came to bear witness about the light.

[9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming
into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was
made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He
came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
[12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were
born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the
will of man, but of God.

[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth. [15] (John bore witness about
him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who
comes after me ranks before me, because he was before
me.'") [16] For from his fullness we have all received, grace
upon grace. [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace
and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever
seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has
made him known.

Colossians 1:15–23

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation. [16] 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. [17] And he is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. [18] 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. [19] For
in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and
through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

[21] And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, [22] he has now reconciled in his body of
flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and
blameless and above reproach before him, [23] if indeed you
continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from
the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been
proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I,
Paul, became a minister.

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 53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *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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