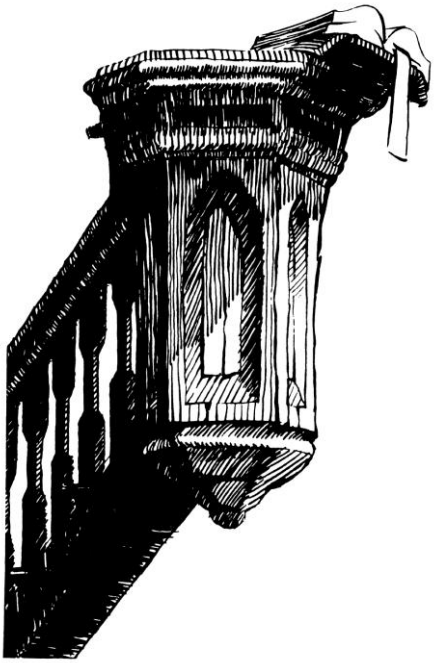
# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



## Covenant Renewal Service

14 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.

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| **Nursery today:** | Lauren Alexander |
| | Tova Anderson, Avery Rooney |
| **Next Sunday:** | Laurie Boswell |
| | Kirsti Anderson, Shaz Beal |

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

# Reflection

**G**od has no pleasure in afflicting us, but He will not keep back even the most painful chastisement if He can but thereby guide His beloved child to come home and abide in the beloved Son.

— Andrew Murray

**W**hen God chastises his children, he does not punish as a judge does; but he chastens as a father.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

**I**t hurts when God has to ***pry*** things out of our hand!

— Corrie Ten Boom

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

**Prelude**

Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth
Through winding ways:
Christ, our triumphant King, we come your name to sing;
Our children here we bring to shout your praise.

You are our holy Lord, the all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife;
You did yourself abase and from sin's deep disgrace
You saved us by your grace, and gave us life.

You are the great High Priest, you have prepared the feast
Of love divine:
Your Spirit draws us near, your love dispels our fear,
Your mercy meets us here in bread and wine.

Forever be our Guide, our Shepherd and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God, by your all-powerful word,
Renew and feed us, Lord, our faith make strong.

So now and till we die, sound we your praises high,
And joyful sing:
May all the ransomed throng who to your church belong
Unite and swell the song to Christ our King!

## *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 52:1–2, 7–12

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for there shall no more come into you
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
Shake yourself from the dust and arise;
be seated, O Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there;
touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,
you who bear the vessels of the Lord.
For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

↑ **Psalm 24** *Trinity Psalter*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

**Call to Confession of Sin** Deuteronomy 13:1–5

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

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

LORD God, we bow before you today acknowledging that we are sinners, justly deserving your wrath and displeasure. By nature we are lacking clean hands and pure hearts. We confess that we have not walked after you and feared you and kept your commandments and obeyed your voice and served you and held fast to you.
We repent of our rebellion, dear Father, and cry to you for mercy. Cleanse us, we pray, through the merits of our Lord Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King and perfect Sacrifice. Unite us to him and to each other in love and humility and obedience and true communion. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Deuteronomy 18:15–19

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

John 6:66–69

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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

## *God Consecrates Us*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture** 1 Corinthians 5

[1] It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you,
and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has
his father's wife. [2] And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to
mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

[3] For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if
present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did
such a thing. [4] When you are assembled in the name of the Lord
Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,
[5] you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the
flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

[6] Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven
leavens the whole lump? [7] Cleanse out the old leaven that you may
be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our
Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Let us therefore celebrate the
festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

[9] I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral
people— [10] not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or
the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to
go out of the world. [11] But now I am writing to you not to associate
with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual
immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or
swindler—not even to eat with such a one. [12] For what have I to do
with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you
are to judge? [13] God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person
from among you."

## ↑ Hymn

Come, You Sinners
RUF tune

Come, you sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, grace, and power:
He is able, he is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, you needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, you weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Come, you sinners, poor and wretched,
He is willing, doubt no more.

## Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 31b (Question 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 18:1–20

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the
greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a
child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say
to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will
never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles
himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,
6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in
me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone
fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of
the sea.

7 "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary
that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the
temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you
to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter
life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be
thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to
sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter
life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell
of fire.

10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I
tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my
Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a
hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not
leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the
one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you,
he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never
went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in
heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

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."

**Prayer of Intercession**

↑ **Hymn 172** Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder *Trinity Hymnal*
RUF tune

# Sermon Notes

*Matthew 18:1–20*

## *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* How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished!
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

*Scripture Reading — During the cup* Luke 15:11–32

[Jesus] said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It

was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

### *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 159** O Savior, Precious Savior *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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