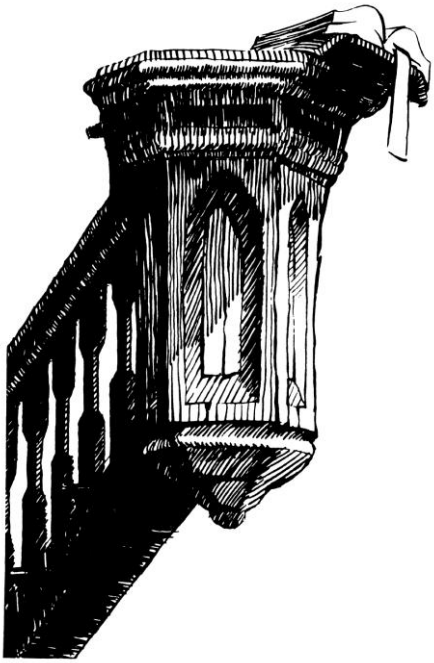
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

19 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:	Lauren Alexander
	Sarah Abuhl, Emilie Miller
Next Sunday:	Dawn O'Banion
	Seon Hee Shiell, Becky Powell

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

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
Is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:
"Christ died for sinners," this I read;
And in my heart I find the need
Of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his throne on high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange? So once did I,
Before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring:
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior!

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 89:1–8, 14–18

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations.
For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
O Lord God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

↑ **Psalm 100** *Trinity Psalter*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Hosea 11:1–4

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up by their arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.

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

LORD God, you are our Father, and we are your people. You made us, you set your love on us, you redeemed us and you continue to lead us. Yet we have sinned in so many ways: in public and in private; in thought, word, and deed; by commission and by omission. We constantly forget whose we are. We repent of our straying, our idolatry, our disobedience and disloyalty, our lovelessness and thanklessness and fruitlessness. Forgive us, dear Father. We thank you for your kindness, your covenant love, and your boundless compassion, poured out on us so richly through your Son, our Savior, on whom you have already placed the holy wrath that we deserved. Cleanse us, we pray. Protect us and enable us, as your grateful people, to proclaim your excellencies in our community and throughout the world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Hosea 11:8–9

How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
    How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
    How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
    my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my burning anger;
    I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a man,
    the Holy One in your midst,
    and I will not come in wrath.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Hosea 2:16–23

16 "In that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and
no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' 17 For I will remove the names
of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by
name no more. 18 And I will make for them a covenant on that day
with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the
creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the
sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in
safety. 19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to
me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I
will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

21 "And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,
I will answer the heavens,
and they shall answer the earth,
22 and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and they shall answer Jezreel,
23 and I will sow her for myself in the land.
And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

[1] So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all
slander. [2] Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that
by it you may grow up into salvation— [3] if indeed you have tasted
that the Lord is good.

[4] As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight
of God chosen and precious, [5] you yourselves like living stones are
being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6] For it
stands in Scripture:

> "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
> a cornerstone chosen and precious,
> and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

[7] So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not
believe,

> "The stone that the builders rejected
> has become the cornerstone,"

[8] and

> "A stone of stumbling,
> and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined
to do.

[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the
excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his
marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are
God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.

↑ **Hymn 342** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. Matt Odum

Sermon Text: Exodus 19:1–8a

[1] On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left
Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.
[2] After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of
Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the
mountain.

[3] Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him
from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to
the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people
of Israel: [4] 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and
how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.
[5] Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of
all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the
whole earth is mine, [6] you will be for me a kingdom of priests
and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to
the Israelites."

[7] So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people
and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded
him to speak. [8] The people all responded together, "We will
do everything the Lord has said."

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 298** The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns *Trinity Hymnal*
Tune: ST. COLUMBA

Sermon Notes

Exodus 19:1–8a

Baptism of covenant child

Lucia Abuhl,
daughter of David and Sarah Abuhl

Congregational prayer for child

O LORD Jesus Christ, who embraces children with the arms of your mercy, and makes them living members of your Church: Give her grace, we pray, to stand fast in your faith, to obey your word, and to abide in your love; that, being made strong by your Holy Spirit, she may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with you in the life that is to come. We ask through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign as one God, time without end. Amen.

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 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us, yours we are!

On the cross you died to save us,
Ransomed us with your own blood;
Life and peace and joy you gave us,
Reconciled our souls to God:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Ever be our heavenly food!

Hasten, Lord, the day most glorious
When we dine with you as one;
When in you, redeemed, victorious,
Feasting on your love alone,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
We shall know as we are known!

Scripture Reading — During the cup Hebrews 12:3–24

Consider [Jesus] who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

> "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
> nor be weary when reproved by him.
> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
> and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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 436 Zion, Founded on the Mountains *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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