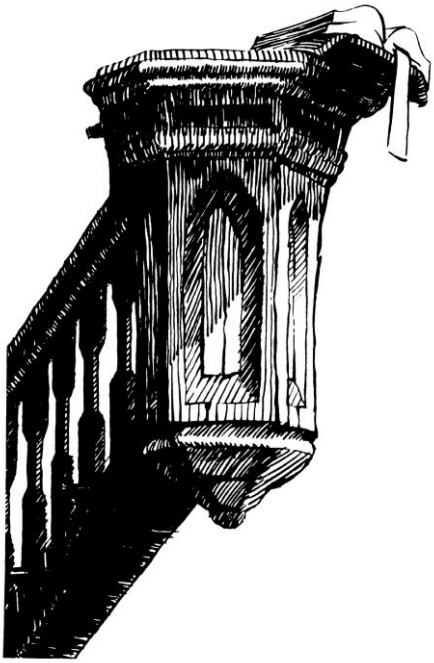
# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



## Covenant Renewal Service

23 August 2015

*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 |
| | Tammy Smith |
| **Next Sunday:** | Paula Ea |
| | Brit Osterling |

# Reflection

**Adoption** is a *family* idea, conceived in terms of *love*, and viewing God as *father*. In adoption, God takes us into His family and fellowship, and establishes us as His children and heirs. Closeness, affection and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is a greater.

— J. I. Packer

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

**Prelude** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega —
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

## *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 103:1, 20–22

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

↑ **Hymn 77** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

**Call to Confession of Sin** Jeremiah 3:19–20

"I said,
How I would set you among my sons,
and give you a pleasant land,
a heritage most beautiful of all nations.
And I thought you would call me, My Father,
and would not turn from following me.
Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband,
so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel,
declares the Lord."

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

Heavenly Father, we confess our sins before you today. We are stubborn and rebellious children. We have not obeyed your holy voice. We have refused to submit to your loving discipline. We have lived as gluttons and drunkards, slaves to our lusts and addictions, caring only about ourselves.

We acknowledge that even our outward obedience has been corrupt: we have attempted to disguise our sinful nature by following the rules and taking pride in doing so, imagining in our hypocrisy that we can earn your favor through our own merits.

Forgive us, dear Father. Teach us to be humble, grateful, and obedient children, relying on the finished work of our elder Brother, the perfectly Holy One who bore our sins in his body on the cross. Cleanse and renew us by your Holy Spirit, which seals and preserves us as your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Colossians 1:11–14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He 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.

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

## *God Consecrates Us*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture** Luke 11:9–13

9 "I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be
opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead
of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a
scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to
your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy
Spirit to those who ask him!"

Romans 8:12–17

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according
to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if
by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For
all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not
receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received
the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The
Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,
provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with
him.

Galatians 4:1–7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a
slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians
and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also,
when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of
the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his
Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because
you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
"Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son,
then an heir through God.

1 John 3:1–3

[1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be
called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does
not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's
children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know
that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as
he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is
pure.

↑ **Hymn** Behold, What Love

Behold what love, what boundless love
The Father has bestowed
On sinners lost, that we should be
Now called the sons of God!

Behold, what manner of love!
What manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us,
That we, that we should be called,
Should be called the sons of God!

No longer far from him, but now
By precious blood made nigh,
Accepted in the Well–Beloved,
Near to God's heart we lie. CHORUS

What we in glory soon shall be
It does not yet appear;
But when our precious Lord we see,
We shall his image bear. CHORUS

With such a blessed hope in view,
We would more holy be,
More like our risen, glorious Lord,
Whose face we soon shall see! CHORUS

**Preaching of the Word** Rev. John Canales
**Sermon Text:** Matthew 6:9 Our Father in heaven

9 Pray then like this:

**"Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil."

**Heidelberg Catechism:** ***Lord's Day 45***

**120 Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "Our Father"?**

**A.** At the very beginning of our prayer
Christ wants to kindle in us
what is basic to our prayer–
the childlike awe and trust
that God through Christ has become
our Father.

Our fathers do not refuse us
the things of this life;
God our Father will even less refuse to give us
what we ask in faith.

**121 Q. Why the words "who art in heaven"?**

**A.** These words teach us
not to think of God's heavenly majesty
as something earthly,
and to expect everything
for body and soul
from his almighty power.

**Prayer of Intercession**

↑ **Hymn 305** Arise, My Soul, Arise *Trinity Hymnal*

**Baptism of covenant child**

Allison Tory Dykstra,
daughter of Jeff and Linda Dykstra

*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 Allison 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* 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* Ephesians 1:3–23

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### *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 642** Be Thou My Vision *Trinity Hymnal*

### ↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

*Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotes are from the ESV Bible ©2001.*

**Sermon Notes**

*Matthew 6:9*

*Our Father in heaven*

# 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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