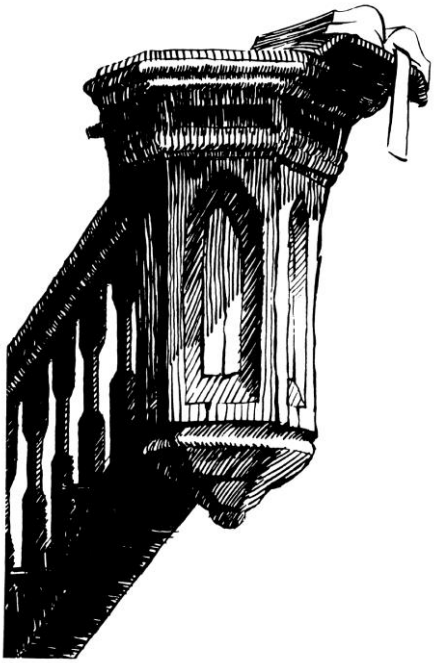
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

19 July 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.

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:	Nikki Jones Sissell Anderson
Next Sunday:	Mary Jo Canales Claire Jones

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

Reflection

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

The great advantage of telling the truth is that one is so much more likely to sound convincing.

— Susan Howatch

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 84
(Trinity Psalter, Arr. Leonard Payton)

O Lord of hosts, how lovely the place where Thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God for Thee.

Behold the sparrow findeth a house in which to rest,
The swallow has discovered where she may build her nest;
And where, securely sheltered, her young she forth may bring;
So Lord of hosts, Thine altars I seek, my God, my King.

Blest who Thy house inhabit, they ever give Thee praise.
Blest all whom Thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways.
Who pass through Baca's valley, and make in it a well;
There rains in shower abundant the pools with water fill.

So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion, before the Lord at length.
O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield;
The face of Thine anointed, behold, O God, our Shield.

One day excels a thousand, if spent Thy courts within;
I'll chose Thy threshold rather than dwell in tents of sin.
Our Sun and Shield Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
No good will He deny them that uprightly do live.

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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*
People: Amen.

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1–3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

↑ **Hymn 150** The Law of God is Good and Wise *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

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

Holy God,
Our hearts are deceitful and desperately sick — more than we can know.
Thankfully, you know us more intimately than we know ourselves.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts.
Test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Show us our sin,
make us aware of our failings, and open our eyes to our brokenness.
We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way.
We lie to hide our sin and to gain advantage over others.
We desperately need Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Open our eyes in Jesus,
so that we see the truth, know the way, and have the life.
Enable us to see things as they truly are,
and for what they are truly worth.
Lead us into all truth,
teach us to love the truth, and help us to speak
the truth in love.
Hear us, for your Son's sake. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Ephesians 4:17–5:2

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk
as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in
their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the
ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have
become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to
practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned
Christ! 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in
him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to
your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the
new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and
holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the
truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry
and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give
no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather
let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may
have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk
come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as
fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do
not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the
day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor
and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to
one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ
forgave you.

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in
love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.

↑ **Hymn 181** We Come, O Christ to, to You *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales
Sermon Text: Exodus 20:16 *Loving the Truth*

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 43***

112 Q. What is God's will for us
in the ninth commandment?

A. God's will is that I
never give false testimony against anyone,
twist no one's words,
not gossip or slander,
nor join in condemning anyone
without a hearing or without a just cause.

Rather, in court and everywhere else,
I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;
these are devices the devil himself uses,
and they would call down on me God's intense anger.
I should love the truth,
speak it candidly,
and openly acknowledge it.
And I should do what I can
to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 154** Thou Art the Way *Trinity Hymnal*

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

Invitation and Supervision of the Table 1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

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

<u>Hymn — During the bread</u> *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 14:1–21

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."
[5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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 94 How Firm a Foundation *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Loving the Truth

Exodus 20:16

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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