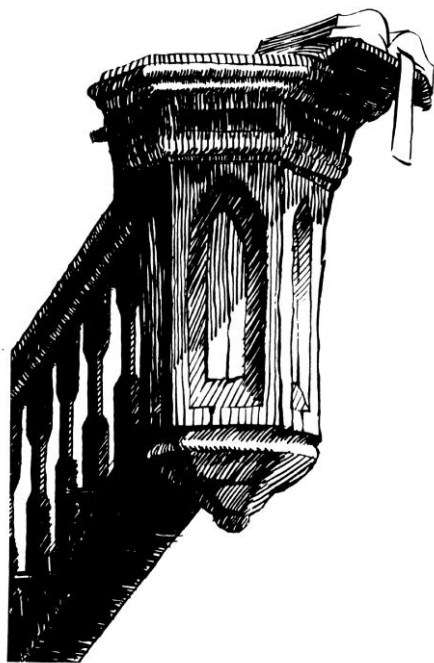


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

28 August 2016

*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.

<b>Nursery today:</b>	Shaz Beal Emilie Miller
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Mary Jo Canales Hailey Smith

# Reflection

They gave our Master a crown of thorns. Why do we hope for a crown of roses?

— Martin Luther

It is the crushed grape that yields the wine.

— Author unknown

Whenever I find myself in the cellar of affliction, I always look about for the wine.

— Samuel Rutherford

In all trouble, you should seek God. You should not set him over against your troubles, but within them. God can only relieve your troubles if you in your anxiety cling to him. Trouble should not really be thought of as this thing or that in particular, for our whole life on earth involves trouble; and through the troubles of our earthly pilgrimage, we find God.

— Augustine of Hippo

Seeing that a Pilot steers the ship in which we sail, who will never allow us to perish even in the midst of shipwrecks, there is no reason why our minds should be overwhelmed with fear and overcome with weariness.

— John Calvin

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## Prelude



Hum-bly I a - dore Thee,  
Taste and touch and vi - sion  
O me - mor - ial won - drous  
Je - sus, whom now hid - den,

Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
to dis - cern Thee fail;  
of the Lord's own death;  
I by faith be - hold,



who Thy glo - ry hi - dest  
faith, that comes by hear - ing,  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est  
what my soul doth long for,

'neath these shad - ows mean;  
pierc - es through the veil.  
all Thy crea - tures breath,  
that Thy Word fore - told;



lo, to Thee sur - ren - dered,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the  
grant my spi - rit ev - er  
face to face Thy splen - dor,

my whole heart is bowed,  
Son of God hath told;  
by thy life may live,  
I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds Thee,  
what the Truth hath spo - ken,  
to my taste thy sweet - ness  
in the glo - rious vi - sion,

shrined with - in the cloud.  
that for truth I hold.  
ne - ver - fail - ing give.  
bless - ed Lord, of Thee.

# God Calls Us

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## 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!** *Psalms 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

*Zephaniah 3:14–15*

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

**People: Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Minister: The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.

**People: The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.**

## ▲ Hymn 2

O, Worship the King  
(vs.1, 4-6)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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

Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask forgiveness.  
Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good.  
But we close our ears to your call,  
    and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you have given us.  
Like your servant Paul, we know what you require of us;  
    yet, like Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do,  
    and the evil we do not want to do, that evil we keep on doing.  
We mistreat those we love,  
    and we dishonor you, the One who made us.  
How long, O Lord, will we continue to ignore your will?  
Yet you provide streams of living mercy;  
    you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.  
So we turn once again to the cross,  
    to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away,  
    to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand,  
    to the gracious gift of your Spirit.

### Prayers of Confession

We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
We draw upon your promises,  
    and we ask once again simply for mercy.  
With your Holy Spirit, sanctify us.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in Christ's name. *Amen.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18–20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Romans 8:18–39

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” <sup>9</sup> But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.” <sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

<sup>11</sup> And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” <sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

<sup>16</sup> He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” <sup>17</sup> Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. <sup>18</sup> And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, “Please strike this people with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. <sup>19</sup> And Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” And he led them to Samaria.

<sup>20</sup> As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, “O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.” So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. <sup>21</sup> As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, “My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?” <sup>22</sup> He answered,

“You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master.” <sup>23</sup> So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

## Prayer of Intercession

### ▲ Hymn

### My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

My Shepherd, You supply my need,  
most holy is your name;  
in pastures fresh You make me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand’ring spirit back.  
when I forsake Your ways;  
You lead me, for Your mercy’s sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,  
Your presence is my stay;  
one word of Your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
Your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may Your house be my abode,  
and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest,  
but like a child at home.

No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
but like a child at home.

## *God Communes with Us*

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▲ **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*

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*

Amidst us our beloved stands,  
And bids us view his piercé hands;  
Points to the wounded feet and side,  
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,  
When at his table sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
We see the signs, but see not him,  
O may his love the scales displace,  
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
Your present smile a heaven imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be;  
Let every saint your glory see!

A people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

## *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*

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#### **The Collection of Alms and Tithes**

**Hymn 92**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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#### ⬆ **The Benediction**

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

2 Kings 6:8–23

*Open Eyes of Faith*

# 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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