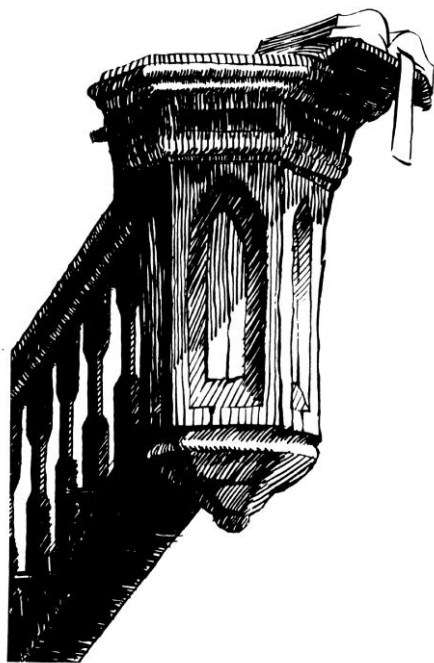


Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

4 September 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.

Nursery today: Mary Jo Canales
Hailey Smith

Next Sunday: Arlys Wydner
Greyson Ea

Reflection

Dear Lord,
Although I am sure of my position, I am unable to
sustain it without you. Help me or I am lost.

— Martin Luther

In times of trouble, remember that God is:
Too kind to be cruel,
Too wise to make a mistake, and
Too deep to explain himself.

— Author unknown

Trust the past to God's mercy,
the present to his love,
and the future to his providence.

— Augustine of Hippo
— Author

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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 34:1–3

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

▲ **Hymn 100**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 103:2–5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

O God, you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him,
and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us,
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 5:1–13

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: Psalm 37:1–11

Rev. John Canales

Strength Through Meekness

- ¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- ² For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
- ³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- ⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
- ⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- ¹² The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,
- ¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.
- ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose way is upright;
- ¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ Better is the little that the righteous has
than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ The Lord knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;

¹⁹ they are not put to shame in evil times;
in the days of famine they have abundance.

²⁰ But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

²¹ The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;

²² for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

²³ The steps of a man are established by the Lord,
when he delights in his way;

²⁴ though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the Lord upholds his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.

²⁶ He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.

²⁷ Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.

²⁸ For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his saints.

They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.

- ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.
- ³¹ The law of his God is in his heart;
his steps do not slip.
- ³² The wicked watches for the righteous
and seeks to put him to death.
- ³³ The Lord will not abandon him to his power
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- ³⁴ Wait for the Lord and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
- ³⁵ I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
- ³⁶ But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;
though I sought him, he could not be found.
- ³⁷ Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.
- ³⁸ But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Psalm 34:15–22**
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Trinity Psalter

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

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

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to your bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

You, O Christ, are all I want;
More than all in you I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is your name;
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
You are full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with you is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Streams of mercy here abound,
Sinful souls to cleanse within.
You of life the fountain are,
Rich in goodness, full and free;
Feed me, make me yours, O Lord,
Now and through eternity.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

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

Sermon Notes

Psalm 37:1–11

Strength Through Meekness

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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