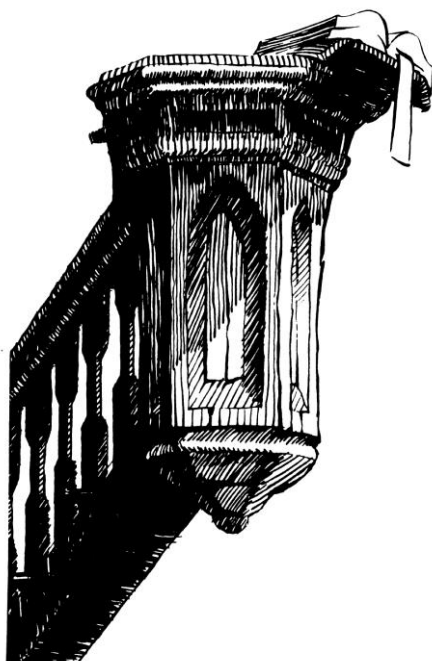


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

25 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:** Amanda Grimes  
Rhea Abuhl

**Next Sunday:** Amanda Rooney  
Avery Rooney

# Reflection

The Holy Spirit is no skeptic. He has written neither doubt nor mere opinion into our hearts, but rather solid assurances, which are more sure and solid than all experience and even life itself.

— Martin Luther, to Erasmus

Assurance grows by repeated conflict, by our repeated experimental proof of the Lord's power and goodness to save; when we have been brought very low and helped, sorely wounded and healed, cast down and raised again, have given up all hope, and been suddenly snatched from danger and placed in safety; and when these things have been repeated to us and in us a thousand times over, we begin to learn to trust simply to the word and power of God, beyond and against all appearances: and this trust, when habitual and strong, bears the name of assurance; for even assurance has degrees.

— John Newton

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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### **Prelude**

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
    tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
    call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
    sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
    mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
    Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
    safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
    wandering from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
    interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
    daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
    bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—  
    prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it,  
    seal it for thy courts above.

# *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!**

*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 92:1–4*

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**

Minister: to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

## ▲ Hymn 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(vv. 1–3)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

## *God Cleanses Us*

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### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Ephesians 4:14

...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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

Triune God, you are our strength and song and salvation,  
a refuge strong and sure.  
We long to glory in your perfect love,  
to give you the praise that is due your holy name.  
We confess that our sinfulness hinders us from coming to you  
with a true and steadfast heart.  
We acknowledge that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.  
We have truly been tossed to and fro by the waves  
and carried about by every wind of doctrine,  
by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.  
Our lives have been marked by wavering, grumbling, disunity,  
instability, unbelief, lust, and guilt.  
We repent of our many sins and beseech you for mercy.  
Forgive us, heavenly Father, and restore us to yourself  
through the finished work of your precious Son.  
Give us full assurance of faith;  
sprinkle our hearts clean from an evil conscience;  
renew our minds by your Holy Spirit.  
In the name of our Lord and Savior, *Amen*.

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 10:19–23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Ezequiel 20:1–22

<sup>1</sup>In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>3</sup>“Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, Is it to inquire of me that you come? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. <sup>4</sup>Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Let them know the abominations of their fathers, <sup>5</sup>and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob, making myself known to them in the land of Egypt; I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God. <sup>6</sup>On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. <sup>7</sup>And I said to them, ‘Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.’ <sup>8</sup>But they rebelled against me and were not willing to listen to me. None of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

“Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made myself known to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>So I led them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. <sup>11</sup>I gave them my statutes and made known to them my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live. <sup>12</sup>Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them. <sup>13</sup>But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes but rejected my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned.



“Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to make a full end of them. <sup>14</sup> But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land that I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands, <sup>16</sup> because they rejected my rules and did not walk in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. <sup>17</sup> Nevertheless, my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make a full end of them in the wilderness.

<sup>18</sup> “And I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor keep their rules, nor defile yourselves with their idols. <sup>19</sup> I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and be careful to obey my rules, <sup>20</sup> and keep my Sabbaths holy that they may be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.’ <sup>21</sup> But the children rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes and were not careful to obey my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; they profaned my Sabbaths.

“Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness. <sup>22</sup> But I withheld my hand and acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.”

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is Yea and Amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Nor all things below or above,  
Can make him his purpose forgo,  
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on his heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is giv'n;  
More happy, but not more secure,  
The glorified spirits in Heav'n.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 1:3–8

*Can God Really Keep Me Saved?*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> **And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.** <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

<sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 54

From Depths of Woe  
(RUF tune)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## *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!

[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

## *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 253**    There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood    *Trinity Hymnal*  
(vv. 1–3)

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

*Philippians 1:3–8*

*Can God Really Keep Me Saved?*

# 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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