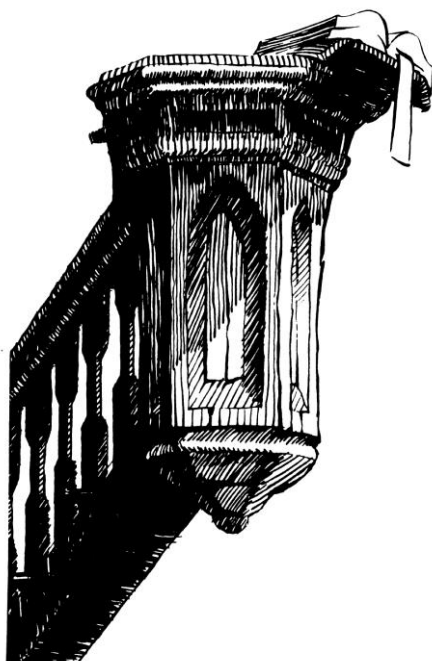


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

31 July 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:** Lauren Alexander  
Emma Rooney  
**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea  
Avery Rooney

# Reflection

Life is a great surprise. I do not see why death should not be an even greater one.

—Author unknown

Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne  
*The Old Manse*

For a little reward men make a long journey; for eternal life many will scarce lift a foot once from the ground.

—Thomas à Kempis  
*The Imitation of Christ*

When you were born, you alone cried and everybody else was happy. The only question that matters is this —when you die, will you be happy when everybody else is crying?

—Unnamed preacher

I am not tired of my work, neither am I tired of the world; yet when Christ calls me home, I shall go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school.

—Author unknown

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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### **Prelude**

O Light that knew no dawn,  
That shines to endless day,  
All things in earth and Heav'n  
Are lustered by Thy ray;  
No eye can to Thy throne ascend,  
Nor mind Thy brightness comprehend.

That, cleansed from stain of sin,  
I may meet homage give;  
And pure in heart, behold  
Thy beauty while I live;  
Clean hands in holy worship raise,  
And Thee, O Christ my Savior, praise.

Thy grace, O Father, give,  
I humbly Thee implore;  
And let Thy mercy bless  
Thy servant more and more.  
All grace and glory be to Thee,  
From age to age eternally.

# *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 134

Minister: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**People: Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!**

Minister: May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

▲ Hymn 55 To God Be the Glory *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

## *God Cleanses Us*

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

Hebrews 10:19–22

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.

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

Gracious and Almighty Lord,  
You created the heavens and set the solar system spinning.  
You created us in Your own image,  
    and then poured out blessing upon blessing.  
In spite of the abundant evidence  
    of Your power and faithful love,  
    we confess that we hesitate to look to You  
    for all that we need.  
We confess our tendency to rely upon our own efforts and wisdom  
    in the misguided belief that we know best,  
    and that we can make our way by ourselves.  
Forgive us!  
Reorient our hearts and make us less enamored of our own abilities,  
    that we might be humble enough, and wise enough,  
    to live in gratitude and dependence,  
    looking to You in faith every day.  
In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 7:23–25

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Hebrews 10:19–39

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

<sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” <sup>31</sup> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>32</sup> But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so



that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For,

“Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith,

and if he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in him.”

<sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

▲ **Hymn 706**

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

*Trinity Hymnal*

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** 1 John 5:13–21

*We Know That...*

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

<sup>16</sup> If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. <sup>17</sup> All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

<sup>18</sup> We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 521      My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less      *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

Hymn — During the bread

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offered his blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside.  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand  
Will I commit my cause;  
He answers, and fulfills  
His Father's broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set;  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My advocate appears  
For my defense on high;  
The Father bows his ears  
And lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn his heart, his love away.

Should all the hosts of death  
And powers of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms  
Of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
His conquering power and guardian grace.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

John 17:17–21

<sup>17</sup> “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

## *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 455**      And Can It Be That I Should Gain      *Trinity Hymnal*

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

1 John 5:13–21

*We Know That...*



# 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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