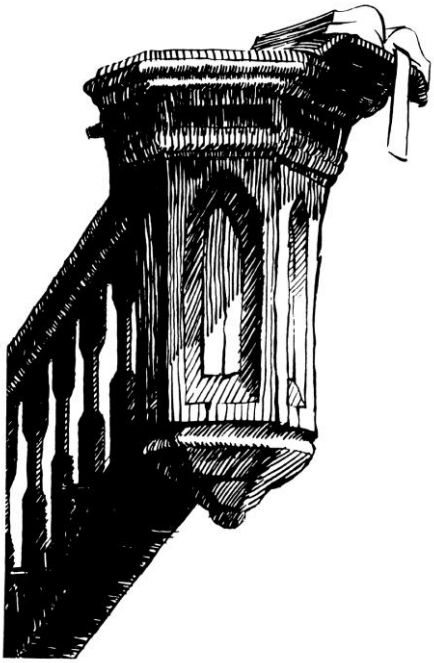
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

7 December 2014

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:	Dawn O'Banion Tammy Smith, Abby Jones
Next Sunday:	Lauren Alexander David Kirkland, Emma Rooney

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

Reflection

It is impossible to honor God as we ought, unless we know Him as He is. And we could not know Him as He is without divine revelation from Himself.

—Stephen Charnock

We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done for us in the past and all that He is doing now leads to this one end.

—A. W. Tozer

God is not moved or impressed with our worship until our hearts are moved and impressed by Him.

—Kelly Sparks

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of; our attention would have been on God.

—C.S. Lewis

We Prepare to Meet with God

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 thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine 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 thy goodness, 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

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 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

↑ **Hymn 2** O Worship the King *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Hebrews 10:19–22

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.

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

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.
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 Hebrews 10:11–14

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Psalm 97

1 The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!
8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
10 O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

↑ **Hymn 507** Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales
Sermon Text: Exodus 20:4–6 *Acceptable Worship*

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any
likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the
earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You
shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord
your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers
on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those
who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of
those who love me and keep my commandments."

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 1 (Questions 1 and 2)***

**96 Q. What is God's will for us
in the second commandment?**

A. That we in no way make any image of God
nor worship him in any other way
than he has commanded in his Word.

**97 Q. May we then not make
any image at all?**

A. God can not and may not
be visibly portrayed in any way.
Although creatures may be portrayed,
yet God forbids making or having such images
if one's intention is to worship them
or to serve God through them.

**98 Q. But may not images be permitted in the churches
As teaching aids for the unlearned?**

A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God.
He wants his people instructed
by the living preaching of his Word
not by idols that cannot even talk.

[1] Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that
Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John
[2] (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his
disciples), [3] he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. [4] And
he had to pass through Samaria. [5] So he came to a town of
Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to
his son Joseph. [6] Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he
was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about
the sixth hour.

[7] A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to
her, "Give me a drink." [8] (For his disciples had gone away into
the city to buy food.) [9] The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman
of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
[10] Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who
it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have
asked him, and he would have given you living water." [11] The
woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water
with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?
[12] Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well
and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."
[13] Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be
thirsty again, [14] but whoever drinks of the water that I will give
him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal
life." [15] The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so
that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

[16] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
[17] The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said
to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; [18] for you
have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your
husband. What you have said is true." [19] The woman said to
him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. [20] Our fathers
worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is
the place where people ought to worship." [21] Jesus said to her,
"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this
mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [22] You

worship what you do not know; we worship what we know,
for salvation is from the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and is
now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in
spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to
worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth." [25] The woman said to him,
"I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ).
When he comes, he will tell us all things." [26] Jesus said to her,
"I who speak to you am he."

Prayer of Intercession

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

Wine is used for the communion,
but grape juice is also available in the center of each tray.

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

Christ Jesus Lay
in Death's Strong Bands

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand he stands,
and brings us life from heaven;
wherefore let us joyful be,
and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!

It was a strange and dreadful strife
when life and death contended;
the victory remained with life;
the reign of death was ended.
Stripped of power, no more it reigns,
and empty form alone remains;
death's sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

So let us keep the festival
whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
the Sun that warms and lights us.
By his grace he doth impart
eternal sunshine to the heart;
the night of sin is ended! Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Easter day
on the true bread of heaven;
the Word of grace hath purged away
the old and wicked leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
he is our meat and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]
The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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
Life Change Offering *for ONEChild, the PCA ministry to street children*

Hymn 55 To God Be the Glory *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Acceptable Worship

Exodus 20:4–6, John 4:1–26

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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