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 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:	Susan Miller, Nikki Jones, Sam Ea
Next Sunday:	Lauren Alexander Kirsti Anderson, Claire Jones

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

Reflection

What is Jordan that I should wash in it? What is the preaching that I should attend on it, while I hear nothing but what I knew before? What are these beggarly elements of water, bread, and wine? Are not these the reasonings of a soul that forgets who appoints the means of grace?

— 17th-c. Church of England minister William Gurnall

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art life, though I be dead;
Love's fire thou art, however cold I be:
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but thee.

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

John 20:24–31

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

☐ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God *Trinity Hymnal*

☐ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Hebrews 3:7–19

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,
where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works for forty years.
Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.'
As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter my rest.'"

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. We come before you today as your people, whom you have redeemed out of sin's bondage. Yet we acknowledge that our hearts have been hardened by unbelief. Although we have seen your works, we have gone astray, refusing to know your ways. We are guilty of disobedience, rebellion, ingratitude, and idolatry. We repent of our many sins, Holy God, and come to you for forgiveness. May your Holy Spirit produce faith in us, we pray, as we attend to and apply the gospel of redemption through your Son, who took our sins upon himself on the cross. We thank you for the privilege of renewing our covenant with you as we gather around your word and your table. Through Christ our Savior, *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Galatians 3:10–14

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Numbers 21:5–9

5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to
die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” 6 Then
the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of
Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken
against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So
Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a
pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent
and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:1–16

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came
to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no
one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I
say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him,
“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and
be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit,
he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is
born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind
blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where
it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher
of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what
we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have
told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

[14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn 506 As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised *Trinity Hymnal*
(Tune: ST. COLUMBA)

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 25 (Questions 65–68)***

Q.65 It is by faith alone
that we share in Christ and all his blessings:
where then does that faith come from?

A.65 The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts
by the preaching of the holy gospel,
and confirms it
through our use of the holy sacraments.

Q.66 What are sacraments?

A.66 Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see.
They were instituted by God so that
by our use of them
he might make us understand more clearly
the promise of the gospel,
and might put his seal on that promise.
And this is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life
by grace alone
because of Christ's one sacrifice
finished on the cross.

Q.67 Are both the word and the sacraments then
intended to focus our faith
on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross
as the only ground of our salvation?

A.67 Right!
In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us
and through the holy sacraments he assures us
that our entire salvation
rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

Q.68 How many sacraments
did Christ institute in the New Testament?

A.68 Two: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Preaching of the Word **Rev. John Canales**

Sermon Text: Acts 16:11–34

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to
Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a
Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside
the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and
spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia,
from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened
her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her
household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to
my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of
divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us,
crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of
salvation." 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned
and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it
came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and
dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the
magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate
customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in
attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with
rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering
the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and
fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were
listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the
prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were
unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword
and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a
loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed
in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and
said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will
be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who
were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and
he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set
food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. ESV

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 80 Lord With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Acts 16:11–34; Heidelberg Catechism: Questions 65–68

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 Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feet,
For none can perish there.

No merit having of my own
A holy God to meet,
I place my trust in Christ alone
Before the mercy seat.
Your promise is my only plea;
With this I venture nigh:
You call sin-burdened souls to you,
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By war without and fears within,
I come to you for rest.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners such as I
Might worship in your name!

Scripture Reading — During the cup 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21–25, 30–31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 2:1–13

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might

understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

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

Psalm 136 *Trinity Psalter*

- **The Benediction**

- Congregation stands as able

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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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