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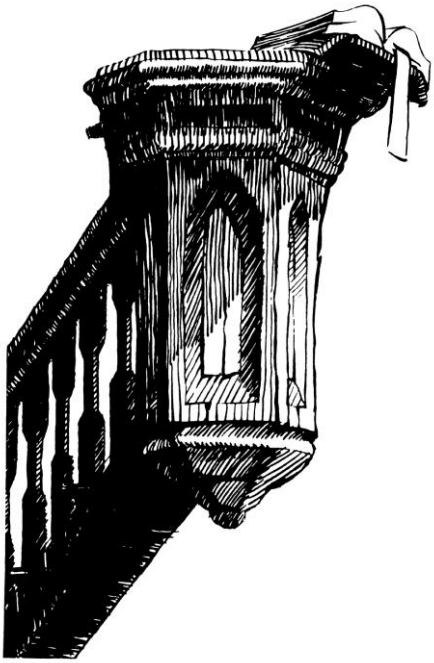
I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



Covenant Renewal Service

8 June 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.

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:	Laurie Boswell
	Sissel Anderson, Curtis Moore
Next Sunday:	Wendy Powell
	Ann Cantu, Willem Anderson

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

Reflection

The earthly form of Christ is the form that died on the cross. The image of God is the image of Christ crucified. It is to this image that the life of the disciples must be conformed; in other words, they must be conformed to his death (Phil 3.10; Rom 6.4) The Christian life is a life of crucifixion (Gal 2.19). In baptism the form of Christ's death is impressed upon his own. They are dead to the flesh and to sin, they are dead to the world, and the world is dead to them (Gal 6.14). Anybody living in the strength of Christ's baptism lives in the strength of Christ's death.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Cost of Discipleship

It is not necessary that faith and repentance should always precede baptism. They are only required from those whose age makes them capable of both. It will be sufficient, then, if, after infants have grown up, they exhibit the power of their baptism.

— John Calvin

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through winding ways:
Christ, our triumphant King,
We come your name to sing;
Our children here we bring
To shout your praise.

You are our holy Lord,
The all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife;
You did yourself abase
And from sin's deep disgrace
You saved us by your grace,
And gave us life.

You are the great High Priest,
You have prepared the feast
Of love divine:
Your Spirit draws us near,
Your love dispels our fear,
Your mercy meets us here
In bread and wine.

Forever be our Guide,
Our Shepherd and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By your all-powerful word,
Renew and feed us, Lord,
Our faith make strong.

So now and till we die,
Sound we your praises high,
And joyful sing:
May all the ransomed throng
Who to your church belong
Unite and swell the song
To Christ our King.

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 Isaiah 55

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

↑ **Psalm 111** *Trinity Psalter*
(at the end, repeat verse 1)

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Daniel 9:3–11

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him."

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

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have disobeyed your word. We have failed to cherish it in our hearts and to teach it to our children. We have attempted to be our own sovereign ruler, worshiping the work of our own hands and steeping our hearts in idolatry and worldliness. We have failed to treat those around us with compassion and love.

Now we turn our face to you, seeking you by prayer and pleas for mercy. Forgive us, dear Father, for the sake and by the merits of your precious Son, who died on the cross for our sins, whose blood was poured out to guarantee your everlasting covenant of peace with us. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Isaiah 54:10

"For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Genesis 17

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to
Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and
be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you,
and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And
God said to him, 4 "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall
be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name
be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made
you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you
exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall
come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and
you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an
everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after
you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land
of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting
possession, and I will be their God."

9 And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my
covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their
generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between
me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you
shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your
foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.
12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every
male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or
bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your
offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is
bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my
covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any
uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his
foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my
covenant."

[15] And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not
call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16] I will bless her,
and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she
shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." [17] Then
Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a
child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who
is ninety years old, bear a child?" [18] And Abraham said to God, "Oh
that Ishmael might live before you!" [19] God said, "No, but Sarah
your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I
will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for
his offspring after him. [20] As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I
have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him
greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a
great nation. [21] But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom
Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

[22] When he had finished talking with him, God went up from
Abraham. [23] Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born
in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men
of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins
that very day, as God had said to him. [24] Abraham was ninety-nine
years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
[25] And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was
circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. [26] That very day Abraham
and his son Ishmael were circumcised. [27] And all the men of his
house, those born in the house and those bought with money from
a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

↑ **Hymn 34** The God of Abraham Praise *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 27 (Questions 74)*

Q.74 Should infants, too, be baptized?

A.74 Yes.
Infants as well as adults
are in God's covenant and are his people.
They, no less than adults, are promised
the forgiveness of sin through Christ's blood
and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.

Therefore, by baptism, the mark of the covenant,
infants should be received into the Christian church
and should be distinguished from the children of
unbelievers.
This was done in the Old Testament by
circumcision, which was replaced in the New
Testament by baptism.

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 2:22–41

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man
attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs
that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves
know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan
and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands
of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death,
because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David
says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch
David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us
to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God
had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his
descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the
resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and
of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right
hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of
the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are
seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens,
but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies your footstool."'

[36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

[37] Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" [38] And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." [40] And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." [41] So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ESV

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 364** Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon Notes

Acts 2:22–41; Heidelberg Catechism: Questions 74

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 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us, yours we are!

On the cross you died to save us,
Ransomed us with your own blood;
Life and peace and joy you gave us,
Reconciled our souls to God:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Ever be our heavenly food!

Hasten, Lord, the day most glorious
When we dine with you as one;
When in you, redeemed, victorious,
Feasting on your love alone,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
We shall know as we are known!

Scripture Reading — During the cup Colossians 2:1–19

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 463	A Debtor to Mercy Alone	*Trinity Hymnal* (CPC Tune)

↑ 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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