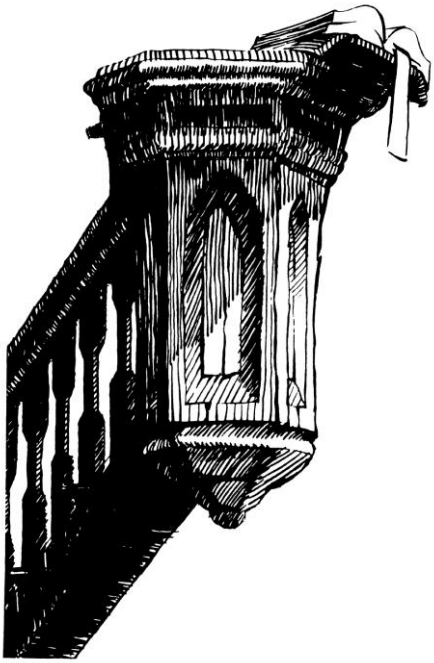
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

18 January 2015

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:	Ivy Munson
	Tova Anderson, Naomi Dykstra
Next Sunday:	Dawn O'Banion
	Sarah Abuhl, Abby Jones

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

Reflection

Train up a child in the way he should go:
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22:6

Ungodly parents are the most deadly enemies
their children have.

—John Dod

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – his wounds have paid my ransom.

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 9:1–2, 11

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

↑ **Hymn 48** O Lord Most High, with All My Heart *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin 1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

O Lord, great God,
all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face.
O Lord, great God,
all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us,
not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy
in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Psalm 78:1–8

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
    incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
    I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
    that our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children,
    but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
    and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a testimony in Jacob
    and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
    to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them,
    the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
    but keep his commandments;
8 and that they should not be like their fathers,
    a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
    whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Deuteronomy 11:13–25

[13] If you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you
today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your
heart and with all your soul, [14] he will give the rain for your land in
its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in
your grain and your wine and your oil. [15] And he will give grass in
your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. [16] Take
care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other
gods and worship them; [17] then the anger of the Lord will be
kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there
will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish
quickly off the good land that the Lord is giving you.

[18] You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and
in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and
they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [19] You shall teach them
to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your
house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie
down, and when you rise. [20] You shall write them on the doorposts
of your house and on your gates, [21] that your days and the days of
your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to
your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the
earth. [22] For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I
command you to do, loving the Lord your God, walking in all his
ways, and holding fast to him, [23] then the Lord will drive out all
these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater
and mightier than you. [24] Every place on which the sole of your foot
treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to
the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the
western sea. [25] No one shall be able to stand against you. The Lord
your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the
land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

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

Preaching of the Word
Sermon Text: Joshua 24:1–18

Reading from *Family Worship*
by Rev. Dr. Joel Beeke
As for Me and My House

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned
the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they
presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the
people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your
fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham
and of Nahor; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your
father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the
land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac.
4 And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill
country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to
Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with
what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

6 ""Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the
sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and
horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 And when they cried to the Lord, he
put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea
come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in
Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. 8 Then I
brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other
side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into
your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed
them before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab,
arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the
son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam.
Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And
you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of
Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites,
the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the
Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet
before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the
Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a
land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not
built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and
olive orchards that you did not plant.'

[14] "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. [15] And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

[16] Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, [17] for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. [18] And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 719** A Christian Home *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 Shepherd of Souls

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As Thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek
Which from Thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by Thy Word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food.

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 6:35–59, 66–69

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the

son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died…"

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of 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 198	Lift Up Your Heads	*Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

As for Me and My House

Joshua 24:1–18

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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