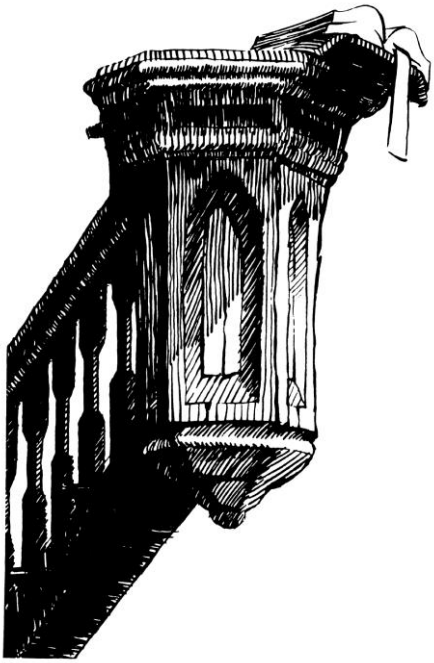
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

22 November 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:	Mary Jo Canales
	Avery Rooney
Next Sunday:	Susan Miller
	Arlys Wydner

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

Reflection

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

– Thomas Merton (*Thoughts on Solitude*)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

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 Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

↑Hymn 7 From All That Dwell Below the Skies *Trinity Hymnal*

↑Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Jeremiah 17:5–9

Thus says the LORD:
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

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

Holy God, Almighty Father, Strong Deliverer, we confess that we are sinners. In our natural state we are dead in our sins. Our hearts are deceitful and desperately sick. We inevitably fall short of your glory; if we are judged only by our deeds, we cannot possibly pass the test. We praise you for the fact that your precious Son died in our place and became sin so that we would be justified in your sight. We acknowledge that, even as your redeemed people, we continue to sin. We have turned our hearts away from you and trusted in created things. We have looked for strength and comfort in all the wrong places. Forgive us, dear Lord. Cleanse and renew and nourish and strengthen our hearts through your word by your Holy Spirit. In the strong name of Christ our Savior, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ezekiel 36:25–26a

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Jonah 2:1–10

[1] Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,
[2] saying,

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
[3] For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
[4] Then I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.'
[5] The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head
[6] at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God.
[7] When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
[8] Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.
[9] But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

↑ **Hymn 125** Let All Things Now Living *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Paul Fowler
Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 8:1–20 *Remember, Lest You Forget*

1 All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be
careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the
land which the LORD swore *to give* to your forefathers. 2 You shall
remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the
wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to
know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His
commandments or not. 3 He humbled you and let you be hungry, and
fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers
know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by
bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the
mouth of the LORD. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did
your foot swell these forty years. 5 Thus you are to know in your heart
that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines
his son.

6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God,
to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is
bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains
and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and
barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and
honey; 9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you
will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose
hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, you
shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given
you.

[11] Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping
His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am
commanding you today; [12] otherwise, when you have eaten and are
satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*, [13] and when
your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply,
and all that you have multiplies, [14] then your heart will become proud
and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [15] He led you through the
great and terrible wilderness, *with its* fiery serpents and scorpions and
thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out
of the rock of flint. [16] In the wilderness He fed you manna which your
fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might
test you, to do good for you in the end. [17] Otherwise, you may say in
your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this
wealth.'

[18] But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is
giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant
which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. [19] It shall come about
if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and
serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will
surely perish. [20] Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before
you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of
the LORD your God.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 98** Now Thank We All Our God *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

Invitation and Supervision of the Table 1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

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 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor;
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

Scripture Reading — During the cup Ephesians 1:15–2:10

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable

greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 32 Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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Sermon Notes

Remember, Lest You Forget

Deuteronomy 8

I. Remember all the way the Lord your God has led you, 1–10

   A. In the wilderness, 2–5

   B. Into the promised land, 6–10

II. Beware lest you forget the Lord your God, 11–20

   A. Beware of presumption, 11–17

   B. Beware of forgetfulness, 18–20

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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