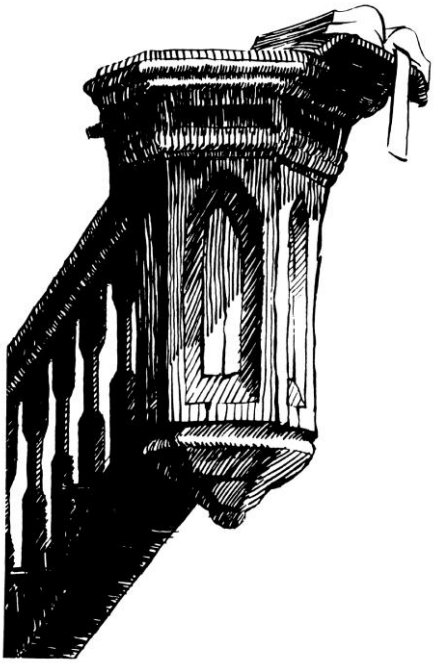
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

7 June 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 Willem Anderson
Next Sunday:	Dawn O'Banion Emma Rooney

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

Reflection

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I founded empires; but upon what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ alone founded his empire upon love; and at this hour, millions of men would die for him.

— Napoleon Bonaparte

To my God a heart of flame;
To my fellow man a heart of love;
To myself a heart of steel.

— Augustine of Hippo

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

God, be merciful to me,
on Thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion Thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from Thee,
let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

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 95:6–7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Minister: All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: Glory to you, O LORD, glory to you.

↑ **Hymn 360** When in His Might the Lord *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Galatians 5:14

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 5:21–25

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison."

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

Gracious Father, the God of life,
teach us ever more to respect and love all the lives you create.

Forgive us our lack of concern and love for those
who are yet unborn,
who are born with impairments,
who are rejected by their parents.

Forgive us when we are negligent and uncaring
for those who are elderly,
for those who are forgotten in nursing homes,
for those who cannot care for themselves.

Forgive us when we don't settle matters quickly,
but instead nurse grudges and look for ways to settle scores.

Forgive us, Lord, when we hate with murderous hearts,
and help us be more like Jesus.

Teach us to open our hearts,
to love our neighbor as ourselves,
and to reflect the love of Christ,
who loved us while we were yet enemies.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:9–11

Since we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Genesis 4

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore
Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."
2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of
sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. 3 In the course of time
Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,
4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their
fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very
angry, and his face fell. 6 The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you
angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not
be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the
door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field,
Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the
LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do
not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the LORD said,
"What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is
crying to me from the ground. 11 And now you are cursed from
the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's
blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no
longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a
wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to the LORD, "My
punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven
me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be
hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and
whoever finds me will kill me." 15 Then the LORD said to him,
"Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him
sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who
found him should attack him. 16 Then Cain went away from the
presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of
Eden.

[17] Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he
built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his
son, Enoch. [18] To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered
Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael
fathered Lamech. [19] And Lamech took two wives. The name of
the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. [20] Adah bore
Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have
livestock. [21] His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all
those who play the lyre and pipe. [22] Zillah also bore Tubal-cain;
he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The
sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

[23] Lamech said to his wives:
"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.
[24] If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

[25] And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his
name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another
offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." [26] To Seth also a
son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people
began to call upon the name of the LORD.

↑ **Hymn 37** All That I Am I Owe to Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales
Sermon Text: Exodus 20:13 *Murderous Hate and Inexhaustible Love*

"You shall not murder."

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 40***

105 Q. What is God's will for us in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor–
not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture,
and certainly not by actual deeds–
and I am not to be party to this in others;
rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge.
I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either.
Prevention of murder is also why
government is armed with the sword.

106 Q. Does this commandment refer only to killing?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us
that he hates the root of murder:
envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.
In God's sight all such are murder.

107 Q. Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way

A. No.
By condemning envy, hatred, and anger
God tells us
to love our neighbor as ourselves,
to be patient, peace-loving, gentle,
merciful, and friendly to him,
to protect him from harm as much as we can,
and to do good even to our enemies

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 529** Love Divine, all loves excelling *Trinity Hymnal*
Tune: Hyfrydol

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

<u>*Hymn — During the bread*</u>

How Deep the Father's Love

–Stuart Townend

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 his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

"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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized (for John had not yet been put in prison).

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 460	Amazing Grace	*Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Exodus 20:13

Murderous Hate and Inexhaustible Love

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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