Christ Presbyterian Church

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

Covenant Renewal Service

26 April 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
	Sara Abuhl, Abby Jones
Next Sunday:	Dawn O'Banion
	Jeanette Sands, Nick Kirkland

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

Reflection

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

— Jesus Christ
Matthew 28:18

Our satisfaction lies in submission to the divine embrace.

— Jan van Ruysbroek

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

God, in the Gospel of His Son

God, in the gospel of his Son,
makes his eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines,
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
may taste his grace, and learn his name;
may read, in characters of blood,
the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pri'ner here may break his chains;
the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease;
the mourner find the way of peace.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
to read and mark your holy Word;
its truths with meekness to receive,
and by its holy precepts live.

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 98:1–6

Minister: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought
salvation.
People: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of
Israel.
Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.
Minister: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

↑ **Hymn 232** Oh Jesus Sweet, Oh Jesus Mild *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Deuteronomy 21:18–21

"If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

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

Gracious God and Father,
You granted all authority
in heaven and on earth
to your Son Jesus Christ.
He has delegated that authority
to our parents, our elders and our rulers
so that they might instruct and govern us
for our good and your glory.

Yet, O Father, we confess that
we chafe under their authority,
we rarely pray for them,
and we disobey them.
In so doing,
we have rebelled against you.

Forgive us, we pray,
for the sake of the One
who submitted to you in every way and
who died on the cross for our rebellion:
your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior,
in whose name we pray. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness Galations 3:13

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."

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Romans 13:1–7

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is
no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted
by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God
has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are
not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of
the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive
his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do
wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the
servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the
wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid
God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this
you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending
to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom
taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom
respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Ephesians 5:22–6:9

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the LORD. 23 For the
husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the
church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church
submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their
husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by
the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the
church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such
thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way
husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves
his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but
nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we
are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and

mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
[32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and
the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right. [2] "Honor
your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a
promise), [3] "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in
the land." [4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring
them up in the discipline and instruction of the LORD.

[5] Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with
a sincere heart, as you would Christ, [6] not by the way of eye-service, as
people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God
from the heart, [7] rendering service with a good will as to the LORD and
not to man, [8] knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will
receive back from the LORD, whether he is a bondservant or is free.
[9] Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing
that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there
is no partiality with him.

↑ **Hymn 160** Shepherd of Tender Youth *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales
Sermon Text: Exodus 20:12 *Honoring Authority*

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 719** A Christian Home *Trinity Hymnal*

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 39***

104 Q. What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to
my father and mother
and all those in authority over me;
that I obey and submit to them, as is proper,
when they correct and punish me;
and also that I be patient with their failings
for through them God chooses to rule us.

God Communes with Us

↑ **Affirmation of Faith:** The 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
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

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside.
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause;
He answers, and fulfills
His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My advocate appears
For my defense on high;
The Father bows his ears
And lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love away.

Should all the hosts of death
And powers of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms
Of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conquering power and guardian grace.

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 5:19–29

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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 122 God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Honoring Authority

Exodus 20:12

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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