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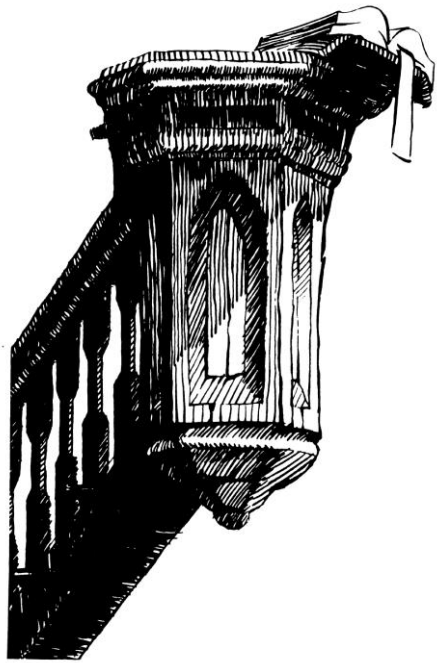
I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



Covenant Renewal Service

28 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.

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
	Abby Jones
Next Sunday:	Lauren Alexander
	Avery Rooney

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 Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.
O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

↑ Psalm 100 *Trinity Psalter*

↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Psalm 78:52–58

Then he led out his people like sheep
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid,
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
And he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.
He drove out nations before them;
he apportioned them for a possession
and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God
and did not keep his testimonies,
but turned away and acted treacherously like their fathers;
they twisted like a deceitful bow.
For they provoked him to anger with their high places;
they moved him to jealousy with their idols.

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

Most High God—our Shepherd, Ruler, Guide, Protector, Nurturer, and Savior—we bow before you confessing and bemoaning our sins. You called us out of darkness into your marvelous light; you redeemed us, adopted us, justified us for the sake of your dear Son. Yet we have continually rebelled against your righteous rule, ungratefully scorned your nurturing word, willfully strayed from your guiding hand, and faithlessly chased after the idols of self–reliance and self–gratification. We acknowledge that we have sinned. We repent of our disobedience and idolatry. We pray to you for forgiveness and cleansing in the name of Christ, our Chief Shepherd, who lay down his life for us and now upholds and sustains us forever. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Peter 2:24–25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Ezekiel 34:1–24

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against
the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the
shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who
have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?
3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter
the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not
strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not
bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have
not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So
they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became
food for all the wild beasts. 6 My sheep were scattered; they wandered
over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered
over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

7 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 As I live,
declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey,
and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there
was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my
sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my
sheep, 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
10 Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I
will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the
sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my
sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my
sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock
when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek
out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have
been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of
the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall

lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on
the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will
seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the
injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

17 "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge
between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not
enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down
with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that
you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?
19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and
drink what you have muddied with your feet?

20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself
will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you
push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your
horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock;
they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and
sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David,
and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

↑ **Hymn 184** The King of Love My Shepherd Is *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Hebrews 13:17;
Matthew 18:18–20; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13a

1 Peter 5:1–4: 1 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and
a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory
that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is
among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly,
as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not
domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the
flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the
unfading crown of glory.

Hebrews 13:17: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Matthew 18:18–20: 18 "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on
earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on
earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father
in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there
am I among them."

1 Thessalonians 5:12–13a: 12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those
who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish
you, 13a and to esteem them very highly in love because of their
work.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 244** He Was Wounded *Trinity Hymnal*

Installation of Sam Bridgeman as Ruling Elder

Sermon Notes

1 Peter 5:1–4; Hebrews 13:17;
Matthew 18:18–20; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13a

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 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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

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

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that 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
Your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food!

Scripture Reading — During the cup John 10:1–18

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

John 10: 27–30

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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 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!

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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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