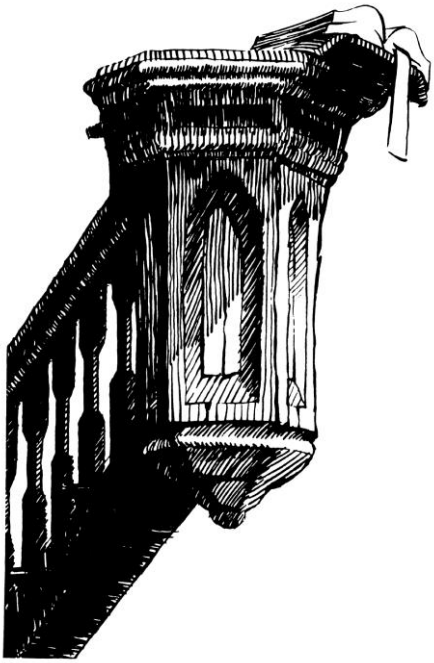
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

11 October 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:	Paula Ea
	Jeanette Sands
Next Sunday:	Nikki Jones
	Sarah Abuhl

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

Reflection

His words even imply that philanthropy has deeper depths than is generally realized. The great emotions of compassion and mercy are traced to Him; there is more to human deeds than the doers are aware. He identified every act of kindness as an expression of sympathy with Himself. All kindnesses are either done explicitly or implicitly in His name, or they are refused explicitly or implicitly in His name.

— Fulton J. Sheen, *Life of Christ*

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
Is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:
"Christ died for sinners," this I read;
And in my heart I find the need
Of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his throne on high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange? So once did I,
Before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring:
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior!

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 107:1–9

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

↑Hymn My Shepherd, You Supply My need

My Need My Shepherd, you supply my need, most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.
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↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Acts 3:13–21

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and

turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

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

Heavenly and holy Father, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, King of the universe and of our lives, we confess that we are sinners and that we have sinned. Our natural corruption and our daily transgressions are so great that it was necessary for your sinless Son to suffer and die in our place. Yet, in our pride and ignorance and self-reliance, we continually scoff at his suffering, exalting ourselves and minimizing the full extent of our sinfulness. Now, dear Lord, convicted of our sin by your Holy Spirit, we repent and turn back. Blot out our sins, we pray, and grant us times of refreshing. Permit us to honor our Lord Christ and share in his sufferings as we await his glorious return and as we worship him with our lips and with our lives. Through Jesus our Savior, *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, 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 Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be
gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place
the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will
say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you
drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or
naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison
and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as
you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was
hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no
drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you
did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then
they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister
to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you
did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous
into eternal life."

↑ **Hymn 141** God, in the Gospel of His Son *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Imad Aubrey
Sermon Text: Luke 7:36-50 Jesus Between a Legalist and a Sinner

36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the
Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 And behold, a woman of
the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at
table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,
38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his
feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed
his feet and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the
Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man
were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman
this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." 40 And Jesus answering
said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he
answered, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred
denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled
the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon
answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger
debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning
toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I
entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet
my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no
kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet
with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are
forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves
little." 48 And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 Then those
who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is
this, who even forgives sins?" 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith
has saved you; go in peace."

Prayer of Intercession

↑Hymn 596 You Came to Us, Dear Jesus *Trinity Hymnal*
Tune: Finlandia

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 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have Thou Offended?

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Scripture Reading — During the cup Isaiah 25:1-9, Revelation 21:1-7

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a stronghold to the poor,

a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
like heat in a dry place.
You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give

from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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 100 Holy, Holy, Holy *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Luke 7:36-50

Jesus Between a Legalist and a Sinner

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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