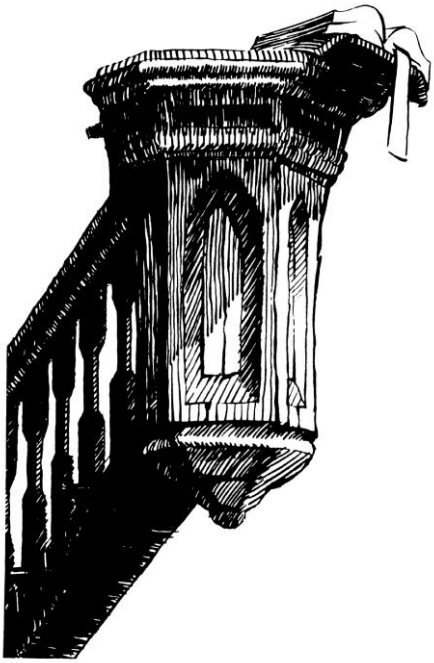
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

5 July 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:	Lauren Alexander Avery Rooney
Next Sunday:	Paula Ea, Alyssa Sands

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

Reflection

I beg of you to remember that whenever our life touches yours, we help or hinder. Whenever your life touches ours, you make us stronger or weaker. There is no escape. Man drags man down, or man lifts up man.

— Booker T. Washington (1896)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

All Things Are Thine

All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

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 89:1–5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your
faithfulness to all generations.
For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"
Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

↑ **Psalm 19 vv. 7–14** *Trinity Psalter*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Hebrews 10:19–22

Brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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

Loving God,
we confess before you and each other
that our lives are not pure and holy
apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.
And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions
that wound rather than heal,
that tear down rather than build up.
Open our eyes,
that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears,
that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths
to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands
in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts
to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience
to your will and your way.
We pray trusting in your forgiveness and
in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us
in paths of justice and righteousness
for your name's sake. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Hebrews 10:11–14

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture James 2

[1]My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Lord of glory. [2] For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine
clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing
also comes in, [3] and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine
clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the
poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," [4] have
you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges
with evil thoughts? [5] Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen
those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the
kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? [6] But you
have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress
you, and the ones who drag you into court? [7] Are they not the ones
who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

[8] If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall
love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. [9] But if you show
partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as
transgressors. [10] For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point
has become accountable for all of it. [11] For he who said, "Do not
commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit
adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
[12] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of

liberty. [13] For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no
mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

[14] What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does
not have works? Can that faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is
poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them,
"Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things
needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it
does not have works, is dead.

[18] But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me
your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my
works. [19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons
believe—and shudder! [20] Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,
that faith apart from works is useless? [21] Was not Abraham our father
justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You
see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed
by his works; [23] and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham
believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he
was called a friend of God. [24] You see that a person is justified by works
and not by faith alone. [25] And in the same way was not also Rahab the
prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and
sent them out by another way? [26] For as the body apart from the spirit
is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

↑ **Hymn 68** Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Exodus 20:15 *God, Goods and Gospel*

"You shall not steal."

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 24***

110 Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A.

He forbids not only outright theft and robbery,
punishable by law.
But in God's sight theft also includes
cheating and swindling our neighbor
by schemes made to appear legitimate,
such as:
inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume;
fraudulent merchandising;
counterfeit money;
excessive interest;
or any other means forbidden by God.

111 Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A.

That I do whatever I can
for my neighbor's good,
that I treat him
as I would like others to treat me,
and that I work faithfully
so that I may share with those in need.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 429** Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured *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

<u>*Hymn — During the bread*</u> Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me your all in all."

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Your power and yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain

Scripture Reading — During the cup 1 Peter 4:1–19

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"
Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust
their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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 170 Fairest Lord Jesus *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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Sermon Notes

God, Goods and Gospel

Exodus 20:15

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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