Christ Presbyterian Church

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

Covenant Renewal Service

19 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:	Mary Jo Canales Shaz Beal, David Busby
Next Sunday:	Ivy Munson Sara Abuhl, Abby Jones

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

Reflection

God's purpose and promises to man are for the benefit not of the soul alone but of the soul and the flesh.

— Tertullian
The Resurrection of the Body

Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knew his way out of the grave.

— G. K. Chesterton
The Everlasting Man

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me,
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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 149:1–4

Praise the LORD!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

↑ Psalm 104:24–34 *Psalter*

↑ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin 1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Ezekiel 37:1–10

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the
Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was
full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there
were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very
dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I
answered, "O LORD God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy
over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the
LORD. 5 Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause
breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you,
and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and
put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the
LORD."

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was
a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to
its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and
flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was
no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath;
prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God:
Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that
they may live." 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath
came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly
great army.

↑ **Hymn 334** Breathe On Me, Breath of God *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Matt Odum

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35–49 *The Resurrection Body*

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what
kind of body do they come?" 36 You foolish person! What you
sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow
is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of
wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he
has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 For not
all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another
for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There
are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the
heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of
another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of
the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from
star in glory.

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is
perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in
dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is
raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a
spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a
spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam
became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving
spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural,
and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a
man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the
man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is
the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just
as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also
bear the image of the man of heaven.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 337** O Spirit of the Living God *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

Wine is used for the communion,
but grape juice is also available in the center of each tray.

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

Hymn — During the bread Shepherds 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

Hebrews 1:1–2:9

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as

much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?
Or again,
"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?
And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."
Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire."
But of the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."
And,
"You, LORD, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end."
And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?
Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every

transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the LORD, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,
"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
putting everything in subjection under his feet."
Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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 691 It Is Well With My Soul *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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Sermon Notes

The Resurretion Body

1 Corinthians 15:35–49

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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