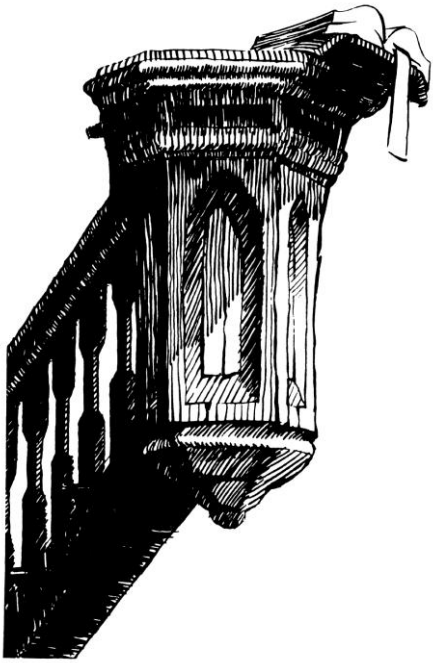
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

1 March 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:	Mary Jo Canales
	Seon Hee Shiell, Brit Osterling
Next Sunday:	Paula Ea
	Tova Anderson, Naomi Dykstra

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

Reflection

I know how difficult it is to persuade the world that God disapproves of all modes of worship not expressly sanctioned by His Word. The opposite persuasion which cleaves to them, being seated, as it were in their very bones and marrow, is, that whatever they do has in itself a sufficient sanction, provided it exhibits some kind of zeal for the honour of God. But since God not only regards as fruitless, but also plainly abominates, whatever we undertake from zeal to his worship, if at variance with his command, what do we gain by a contrary course? The words of God are clear and distinct: *"Obedience is better than sacrifice"* (1 Samuel 15:22). *"In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"* (Matthew 15:9). Every addition to his word, especially in this matter, is a lie. Mere "will worship" (Col 2:23)… is vanity. This is the decision, and when once the judge has decided, it is no longer time to debate.

— John Calvin

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise you
for the bliss your love bestows,
for the pardoning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.

Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise:
you must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.

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 115: 1–11, 16–18

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness!
Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

↑ **Hymn 2** O Worship the King *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Acts 7:41

They made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

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

Holy God, we acknowledge our sinfulness before you today. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been seduced by the works of our own hands. Our eyes have feasted on detestable things; we have defiled ourselves with the idols of Egypt. We have worshiped ourselves, the creature, while imagining that we were worshiping you, our great Creator. Forgive us, dear Lord. Cause us to see that we cannot worship you at all without the enabling of your Holy Spirit. May he fill our hearts and minds with the good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus. May we worship you in spirit and in truth, with our lips and with our lives, as we praise you alone for the redemption we have in Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Titus 3:4–7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture John 4:1–26

1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus
was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although
Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea
and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through
Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the
field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was
there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting
beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city
to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that
you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For
Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If
you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give
me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given
you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing
to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that
living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us
the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his
livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water
will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will
give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not
be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The
woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her,
"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had
five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.
What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I
perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this
mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people
ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the

hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will
you worship the Father. [22] You worship what you do not know; we
worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23] But the
hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such
people to worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth." [25] The woman said to him, "I
know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he
comes, he will tell us all things." [26] Jesus said to her, "I who speak
to you am he."

↑ **Hymn 80** Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales
Sermon Text: Exodus 20:4–6 *No More, No Less*

[4] "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness
of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not bow down to
them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and
the fourth generation of those who hate me, [6] but showing steadfast
love to thousands of those who love me and keep my
commandments."

Heidelberg Catechism: ***Lord's Day 35 (Questions 96–98)***

**96 Q. What is God's will for us
in the second commandment?**

A. That we in no way make any image of God
nor worship him in any other way
than he has commanded in his Word.

97 Q. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God can not and may not
be visibly portrayed in any way.
Although creatures may be portrayed,
yet God forbids making or having such images
if one's intention is to worship them
or to serve God through them.

98 Q. But may not images be permitted in the churches As teaching aids for the unlearned?

A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God.
He wants his people instructed
by the living preaching of his Word
not by idols that cannot even talk.

Deuteronomy 12

1 "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in
the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to
possess, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall surely
destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess
served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under
every green tree. 3 You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces
their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down
the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that
place. 4 You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. 5 But
you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of
all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There
you shall go, 6 and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and
your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present,
your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your
herd and of your flock. 7 And there you shall eat before the Lord
your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that
you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

8 "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today,
everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, 9 for you have not

as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your
God is giving you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan and live in
the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when
he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in
safety, 11 then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to
make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command
you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the
contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that
you vow to the Lord. 12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your
God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and
your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since
he has no portion or inheritance with you. 13 Take care that you do
not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, 14 but at the
place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall
offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am
commanding you.

15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your
towns, as much as you desire, according to the blessing of the Lord
your God that he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat
of it, as of the gazelle and as of the deer. 16 Only you shall not eat the
blood; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. 17 You may not
eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of
your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of
your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the
contribution that you present, 18 but you shall eat them before the
Lord your God in the place that the Lord your God will choose, you
and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female
servant, and the Levite who is within your towns. And you shall
rejoice before the Lord your God in all that you undertake. 19 Take
care that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live in your
land.

20 "When the Lord your God enlarges your territory, as he has
promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because you crave meat,
you may eat meat whenever you desire. 21 If the place that the Lord
your God will choose to put his name there is too far from you,
then you may kill any of your herd or your flock, which the Lord has
given you, as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your
towns whenever you desire. 22 Just as the gazelle or the deer is eaten,

so you may eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.
23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the
life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. 24 You shall not eat
it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. 25 You shall not eat it,
that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when
you do what is right in the sight of the Lord. 26 But the holy things
that are due from you, and your vow offerings, you shall take, and
you shall go to the place that the Lord will choose, 27 and offer your
burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the Lord
your God. The blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the
altar of the Lord your God, but the flesh you may eat. 28 Be careful
to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with
you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is
good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.

29 "When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom
you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their
land, 30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they
have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about
their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I
also may do the same.' 31 You shall not worship the Lord your God
in that way, for every abominable thing that the Lord hates they
have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their
daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You
shall not add to it or take from it."

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn 159** O Savior, Precious Savior *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
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 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercéd side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Cont…

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

Scripture Reading — During the cup Hebrews 12:25–26, 28–29

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13:1–5

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:7–16

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the

high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13: 20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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
***Life Change Offering** *for ONEChild, the PCA ministry to street children*

Psalm 19:7–14 *Trinity Psalter*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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Sermon Notes

No More, No Less

Exodus 20:4–6; Deuteronomy 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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