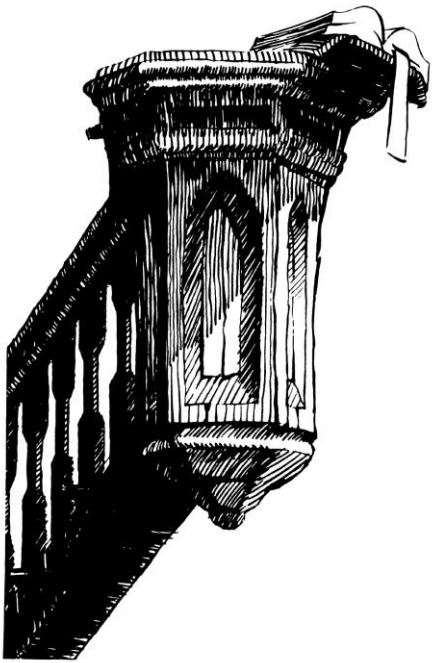
# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



## Covenant Renewal Service

9 August 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.

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| **Nursery today:** | Susan Miler |
| | Lucia Abuhl |
| **Next Sunday:** | Laurie Boswell |
| | Willem Anderson |

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

# Reflection

If you are pleased with what you are, you have stopped already. If you say, "It is enough," you are lost. Keep on walking, moving forward, trying for the goal. Don't try to stop on the way, or to go back, or to deviate from it.

— Augustine of Hippo

Some people's religion reminds me of a rocking horse, which has motion with no progress.

— Rowland Hill
19th-century British teacher and social reformer

Many do not advance in Christian progress because they stick in penances and particular exercises, while they neglect the love of God, which is the end.

— Brother Lawrence

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

**Prelude** Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

## *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 92:1–4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

↑ **Hymn 345** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

**Call to Confession of Sin** John 15:1–2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

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

Great God of love, we acknowledge that we are sinners and that we have sinned. We repent of our coldness, our immaturity, our refusal to submit, our failure to bear fruit. We rue the time we have spent in rebellion against you. We recognize that we have been arrogant about our supposed righteousness, negligent toward your means of grace, and impotent to help ourselves. Teach us, dear God, to rely on your gospel of grace for both our justification and our sanctification. Make us yearn to grow in Christ, and make us ever grateful for the love that has stooped down to us and drawn us to him. Through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness** John 15:13; 3:16

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

## *God Consecrates Us*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture** Ezekiel 47:1–12

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist–deep. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

↑ **Hymn 529** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Trinity Hymnal*
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**Heidelberg Catechism:** ***Lord's Day 44***

**114 Q.** But can those converted to God
obey these commandments perfectly?

**A.** No.
In this life even the holiest
have only a small beginning of this obedience.
Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose,
they do begin to live
according to all, not only some,
of God's commandments.

**115 Q.** No one in this life
can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly:
Why then does God want them
preached so pointedly?

**A.** First, so that the longer we live
the more we may come to know our sinfulness
and the more eagerly look to Christ
for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.

**Preaching of the Word** Rev. John Canales
**Sermon Text:** Philippians 3:12–16 *Pursuit* of *Perfection*

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but
I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me
his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my
own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the
prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us
who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think
otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold
true to what we have attained.

**Prayer of Intercession**

↑ **Hymn 518** Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground 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 Guarding 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*

*Communion Hymn* 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;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
Your body and Your blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

*Scripture Reading* 1 Peter 2:1–12, 18–25

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

> "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
> a cornerstone chosen and precious,
> and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

> "The stone that the builders rejected
> has become the cornerstone,"

and

> "A stone of stumbling,
> and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 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.

### *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 32** Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Trinity Psalter*

### ↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

# Sermon Notes

*Philippians 3:12–16*

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us this Lord's Day for the worship of the Triune God! 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.

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.

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 do not hesitate to let us know. We count it a privilege to serve our community in the name of Christ!

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