Christ Presbyterian Church

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

Covenant Renewal Service

12 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:	Wendy Powell David Kirkland, Emilie Miller
Next Sunday:	Mary Jo Canales, Shaz Beal, David Busby

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

Reflection

I ask You neither for health nor for sickness, for life nor for death; but that You may dispose of my health and my sickness, my life and my death, for Your glory… You alone know what is expedient for me; You are the sovereign master, do with me according to Your will. Give to me, or take away from me, only conform my will to Yours. I know but one thing, Lord, that it is good to follow You, and bad to offend You. Apart from that, I know not what is good or bad in anything. I know not which is most profitable to me, health or sickness, wealth or poverty, nor anything else in the world. That discernment is beyond the power of men or angels, and is hidden among the secrets of Your providence, which I adore, but so not seek to fathom.

— Blaise Pascal

No detail of your life is too insignificant for your heavenly Father's attention; no circumstance is so big that He cannot control it.

— Jerry Bridges
Trusting God.

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst His three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Refrain

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 66:1–5

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

↑ **Hymn 441** Jesus Shall Reign *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Psalm 66:16, 18–20

The psalmist testifies:
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

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

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
given in the life, death and resurrection of your Son,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. *Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture Romans 10:5–17

5 Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that
the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the
righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will
ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will
descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in
your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if
you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with
the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one
confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who
believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his
riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name
of the LORD will be saved."
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And
how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And
how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they
to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the
feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all
obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he
has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing
through the word of Christ.

[32] That evening at sundown they brought to [Jesus] all who were sick
or oppressed by demons. [33] And the whole city was gathered together
at the door. [34] And he healed many who were sick with various
diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the
demons to speak, because they knew him.

[35] And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he
departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
[36] And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, [37] and
they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."
[38] And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may
preach there also, for that is why I came out." [39] And he went
throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out
demons.

↑ **Hymn 449** We Rest on Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Dr. Paul Fowler
Sermon Text: *Philippians 1:12–26* *Paul's Mission in Life*

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have
turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my
imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known
throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, 14 and that
most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my
imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God
without fear.
15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but
some also from good will; 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I
am appointed for the defense of the gospel; 17 the former proclaim
Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking
to cause me distress in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in
every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in
this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice.
19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your
prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to
my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in
anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be
exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me;
and I do not know which to choose.
23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to
depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; 24 yet to remain
on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.
25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all
for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that your proud confidence
in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

Prayer of Intercession

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

God Communes with Us

↑ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles'** p. 846, *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 Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry;
Now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
Ransomed earth with joy will ring;
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Scripture Reading — During the cup James 3:13–4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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 284 This Joyful Eastertide *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

Paul's Mission in Life
Philippians 1:12–26

I. I Live for this Purpose (vv. 12–20)

II. I Live by this Principle (v.21)

III. I Live from this Perspective (vv. 22–26)

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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