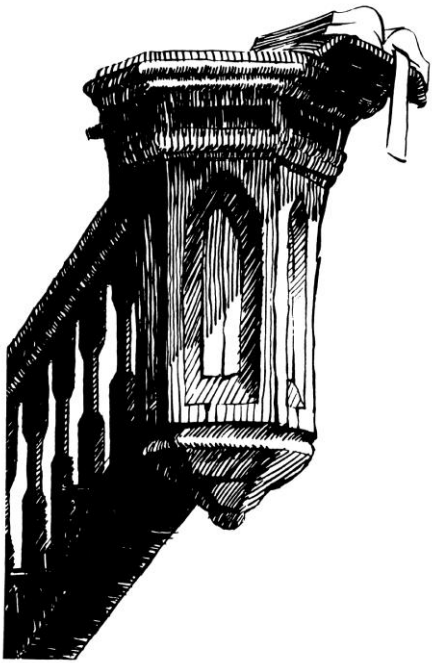
# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



## Covenant Renewal Service

24 May 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:** | Ivy Munson |
| | Curtis Moore, Sissel Anderson |
| **Next Sunday:** | Wendy Powell, |
| | Arlys Wydner, Avery Rooney |

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

# Reflection

We can offer up much in the large, but to make sacrifices in the little things is what we are seldom equal to.

—Goethe

People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege…

I never made a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of "sacrifice" when we remember the great sacrifice which he made who left his Father's throne on high to give himself for us.

—David Livingstone
19th century missionary to Africa

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

**Prelude**

**I Am Not Skilled to Understand**

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
Is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:
"Christ died for sinners," this I read;
And in my heart I find the need
Of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his throne on high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange? So once did I,
Before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring:
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior!

*–Arr. Stephen Dubberly*

## *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 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"
For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

↑ **Hymn 26** Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

**Call to Confession of Sin** Amos 5:21–24

I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever–flowing stream.

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

We bow before you, Holy God, and confess that we are sinners. Our songs of praise, our declarations of faith, our offerings, the sacrifice of our lips and of our lives, are all corrupted by our sinful nature and by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We acknowledge that we have despised justice and righteousness, that we have failed to show mercy, that we have refused to live in humility and true unity. Forgive us, Lord, for our pettiness, our envy, our discontent, our self–absorption and self–righteousness and selfishness. Teach us to love you and to love each other as you have commanded us. Lord, give us a new song of praise to the Lamb who is our Savior; may the good news of his sacrifice for us on the cross be our boast and our hope and our basis for unity with each other and union with him, in whose name we pray, Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Revelation 5:9–10

And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

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

## *God Consecrates Us*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture** Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

↑ **Hymn 81** O Love of God, How Strong and True *Trinity Hymnal*

**Preaching of the Word** Paul Fowler

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 2:1–5a

1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any
consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any
affection and compassion,
2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the
same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose,
3 doing nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility
of mind regarding one another as more important than yourselves,
4 not merely looking out for your own personal interests, but also for
the interests of others.
5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus…*NASB*

**Prayer of Intercession**

↑ **Hymn 356** How Beautiful the Sight *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*

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands
Amidst us our beloved stands,
And bids us view his piercéd hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,
When at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not him,
O may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heaven imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be;
Let every saint your glory see!

**Scripture Reading** John 13:1–20, 31–35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send

receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ESV

### *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 457** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Trinity Hymnal*

## ↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

# Sermon Notes

Make My Joy Complete!

Philippians 2:1-5a

I.In the light of these truths, 1

II. Make my joy complete, 2

A. By having the same mind, 2b

B. By esteeming one another, 3

C. By regarding the interests of others, 4

**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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