Christ Presbyterian Church

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

Covenant Renewal Service

29 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:	Lauren Alexander Tammi Smith, Lucia Abuhl
Next Sunday:	Laurie Bowell, Sharon Miller or Ronda Sands, Naomi Dykstra

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

Reflection

The love of God is the first and great commandment. But love of our neighbor is the means by which we obey it. Since we cannot see God directly, God allows us to catch sight of him through our neighbor. By loving our neighbor, we purge our eyes to see God. So love your neighbor and you will discover that in doing so, you come to know God.

— Augustine of Hippo

I am to become a Christ to my neighbor and be for him what Christ is for me.

— Martin Luther

Do not waste your time bothering about whether you love your neighbor; act as if you did… When you are behaving as if you love someone, you will presently come to love him.

— C. S. Lewis

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

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 103 (*Trinity Hymnal*, p. 821)

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

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Jeremiah 9:4–5, 8

Let everyone beware of his neighbor,
and put no trust in any brother,
for every brother is a deceiver,
and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.
Everyone deceives his neighbor,
and no one speaks the truth;
they have taught their tongue to speak lies;
they weary themselves committing iniquity.
Their tongue is a deadly arrow;
it speaks deceitfully;
with his mouth each speaks peace to his neighbor,
but in his heart he plans an ambush for him. ESV

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

Dear God and Father, we confess and lament our sins before you. We acknowledge our law-breaking and our lovelessness. You have called us to love each other, but we have harbored hatred and practiced deceit. Far from being trustworthy ambassadors of your peace and love, we have scorned our neighbors and been quick to hold grudges and declare enmities. We cry to you for forgiveness in the name of your precious Son, the spotless Lamb of God, who obeyed your law perfectly and loved us to the point of dying for our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, and give us hearts of flesh that long to love you and love our neighbors. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness John 15:13

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

Romans 5:7–8

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would even dare to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination and Reading of Scripture Leviticus 19:1–18

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of
the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD
your God am holy. 3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his
father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. 4 Do
not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the
LORD your God.

5 "When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall
offer it so that you may be accepted. 6 It shall be eaten the same day you
offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall
be burned up with fire. 7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it
will not be accepted, 8 and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity,
because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall
be cut off from his people.

9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field
right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your
harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you
gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the
poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one
another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the
name of your God: I am the LORD.

13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired
servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall
not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you
shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor
or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.
16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you
shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason
frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall
not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,
but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

↑ **Psalm 41** *Trinity Psalter*

Preaching of the Word Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Luke 10:25–37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying,
"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him,
"What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he
answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your
mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You
have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from
Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him
and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by
chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he
passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came
to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a
Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he
saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his
wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own
animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the
next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper,
saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will
repay you when I come back.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to
the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who
showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do
likewise."

Prayer of Intercession

Covenant Baptism

Diana Melina Cabrera
Lydia Beatriz Cantu

↑ **Hymn 596** You Came to Us, Dear Jesus *Trinity Hymnal*

God Communes with Us
Dios comulga con nosotros

↑ **Apostles' Creed** p. 845, Trinity Hymnal
El Credo de los Apóstoles

Creo en Dios Padre Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra; y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, Señor nuestro; que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo, nació de la virgen María, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilatos; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos; al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió al cielo, y está sentado a la diestra de Dios Padre Todopoderoso; y desde allí vendrá al fin del mundo a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la Santa Iglesia Universal, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida perdurable. Amén.

↑ ***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 One There Is, above All Others

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.
They who once his kindness prove
Find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But our Jesus died to have us
Reconciled in him to God.
This was boundless love indeed;
Jesus is a Friend in need.

Could we bear from one another
What he daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother
Loves us though we treat him thus:
Though for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still.

O for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above:
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup 2 Corinthians 5:11–6:10

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

> "In a favorable time I listened to you,
> and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through

slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. [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 My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men cared not, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight,
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds
Their hatred feeds, they 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet willing he to suffering goes,
That he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Luke 10:25–37

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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