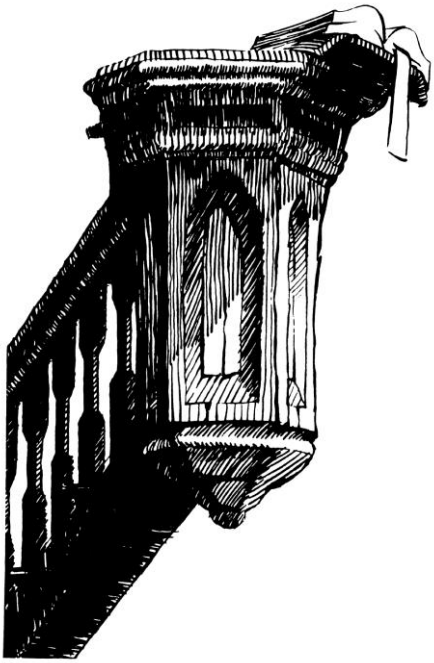
Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

1 November 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:	Laurie Boswell Seon Hee Shiell
Next Sunday:	Lauren Alexander Linda Dykstra

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

Reflection

How divinely full of glory and pleasure shall that hour be when all the millions of mankind that have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God shall meet together and stand around Him, with every tongue and every heart full of joy and praise! How astonishing will be the glory and the joy of that day when all the saints shall join together in one common song of gratitude and love, and of everlasting thankfulness to this Redeemer! With that unknown delight, and inexpressible satisfaction, shall all that are saved from the ruins of sin and hell address the Lamb that was slain, and rejoice in His presence!

-Isaac Watts

He who searches for Divine Reality with all his heart and soul and finds it, becomes aware that, before he began to seek God, God was seeking him, in order to draw him into the joy of fellowship with Him, into the peace of His Presence.

-Sadhu Sundar Singh

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean full of blessing,
'tis a haven giving rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee!

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 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

↑Hymn 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Trinity Hymnal*

↑Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin Ephesians 4:14–16

So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

> Great God of all wisdom, we confess our sins before you today. We have sinned by refusing to be part of the body of Christ. We have persisted in childishness, hostility, lovelessness, and stubborn self-sufficiency. We have failed to worship, grow, serve, and fellowship as one. As a result, we have been easy prey to all sorts of sinful desires, false gospels, deceitful schemes, and destructive bickering. We ask your forgiveness and pray for true unity in the bond of peace, which comes only from our communion in and with Christ, our Redeemer and Head. In his precious name, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:13–16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture 2 Chronicles 30:1; 6-9; 13-27

1 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to
Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the
LORD at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the LORD, the God of
Israel.

6 So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the
king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, "O people of
Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that
he may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the
hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 Do not be like your fathers and your
brothers, who were faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that
he made them a desolation, as you see. 8 Do not now be stiff-necked as
your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his
sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your
God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you return
to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion
with their captors and return to this land. For the LORD your God is
gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you
return to him."

13 And many people came together in Jerusalem to keep the Feast of
Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 14 They
set to work and removed the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the
altars for burning incense they took away and threw into the brook
Kidron. 15 And they slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth
day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were
ashamed, so that they consecrated themselves and brought burnt
offerings into the house of the LORD. 16 They took their accustomed
posts according to the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests
threw the blood that they received from the hand of the Levites. 17 For
there were many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves.
Therefore the Levites had to slaughter the Passover lamb for everyone
who was not clean, to consecrate it to the LORD. 18 For a majority of

the people, many of them from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and
Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover
otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them,
saying, "May the good LORD pardon everyone [19] who sets his heart to
seek God, the LORD, the God of his fathers, even though not
according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness." [20] And the LORD heard
Hezekiah and healed the people. [21] And the people of Israel who were
present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days
with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD
day by day, singing with all their might to the LORD. [22] And Hezekiah
spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the
service of the LORD. So they ate the food of the festival for seven days,
sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the LORD, the God of
their fathers.

[23] Then the whole assembly agreed together to keep the feast for
another seven days. So they kept it for another seven days with
gladness. [24] For Hezekiah king of Judah gave the assembly 1,000 bulls
and 7,000 sheep for offerings, and the princes gave the assembly 1,000
bulls and 10,000 sheep. And the priests consecrated themselves in
great numbers. [25] The whole assembly of Judah, and the priests and the
Levites, and the whole assembly that came out of Israel, and the
sojourners who came out of the land of Israel, and the sojourners who
lived in Judah, rejoiced. [26] So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since
the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been
nothing like this in Jerusalem. [27] Then the priests and the Levites arose
and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer
came to his holy habitation in heaven.

↑ **Hymn** 645 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word Matt Odum

Sermon Text: John 2:1-11 *Jesus, the Giver & Source of Joy*

[1]On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the
mother of Jesus was there. [2] Jesus also was invited to the wedding with
his disciples. [3] When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine." [4] And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this
have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." [5] His mother said to
the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

[6] Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of
purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7] Jesus said to the
servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the
brim. [8] And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the
master of the feast." So they took it. [9] When the master of the feast
tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came
from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master
of the feast called the bridegroom [10] and said to him, "Everyone serves
the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor
wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." [11] This, the first of
his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And
his disciples believed in him.

Prayer of Intercession

↑ **Hymn** 195 Joy to the World *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

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 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor;
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

Scripture Reading — During the cup Ephesians 2:18-3:21

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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

Hymn 164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ The Benediction

↑ Congregation stands as able

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

Sermon Notes

John 2:1-11

Jesus, the Giver & Source of Joy

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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