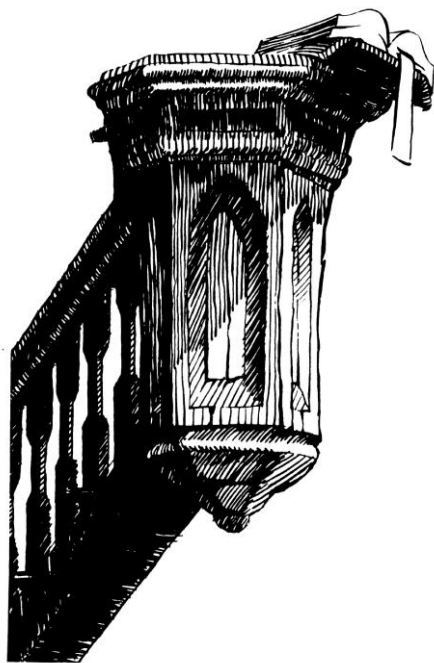


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

8 May 2016



*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.

<b>Nursery today:</b>	Lauren Alexander Hailey Smith
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Paula Ea Lucia Abuhl

# Reflection

Love seeketh not itself to please  
nor for itself hath any care.  
But for another gives its ease  
and builds a heaven in hell's despair.

— William Blake

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of  
our works as for the love with which they are done.

— Teresa of Avila

He that hath love in his breast has spurs in his side.

— George Herbert

You will find all that is lacking in your heart in the heart  
of Jesus, dying on the cross. Then you will be enabled to  
love those whom you would naturally, in your pride, hate  
and crush.

— François Fénelon

## *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (instrumental)

## *God Calls Us*

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### 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 118:24

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Minister: Let us praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

↑ **Hymn 80**     Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee     *Trinity Hymnal*

↑ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

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### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins  
and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will  
and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

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.

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

James 1:22–27; 2:8–17

<sup>1:22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

<sup>2:8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

## **Preaching of the Word**

**Sermon Text:** 1 John 3:11–18

Rev. John Canales

*Love in Action*

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## **Prayer of Intercession**



## ↑ Hymn

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Your Spirit send Your power  
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.

Called from worship into service,  
Forward in your name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show.  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid and peace we give,  
That your children, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live!

## *God Communes with Us*

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↑ **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*

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*

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Let thy blood in mercy poured,  
let thy gracious body broken,  
be to me, O gracious Lord,  
of thy boundless love the token:

**Refrain**

Thou didst give thyself for me,  
now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live;  
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;  
all that love of God could give  
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.

**Refrain**

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,  
by the spear wound and the nailing,  
by the pain and death, I now  
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.

**Refrain**

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?  
All my penitence I give thee;  
thou art my exalted King,  
of thy matchless love forgive me.

**Refrain**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

### **Musical Interlude**

1 Corinthians 13:8–13

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## *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*

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#### **The Collection of Alms and Tithes**

Hymn 77      Praise My Soul the King of Heaven *Trinity Hymnal*

#### **↑ The Benediction**

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↑ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

*1 John 3:11–18*

*Love in Action*



# 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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