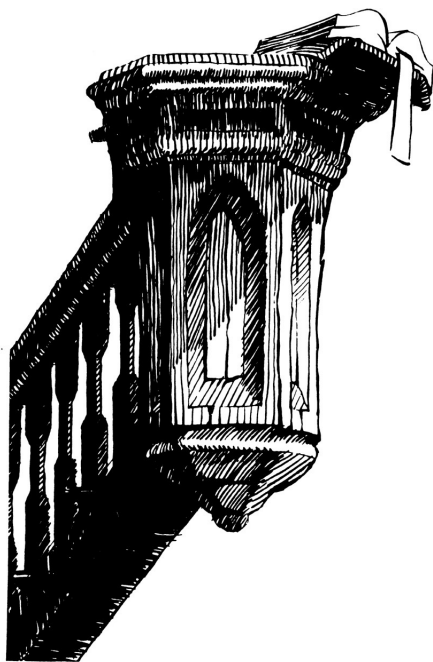


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

1 January 2017

*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:** Laurie Boswell

Avery Rooney

**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea

Dawn O'Banion

# Reflection

Thomas More said, “If ye make indentures with God how much ye will serve Him, ye shall find ye have signed both of them yourself.” Law, in his terrible, cool voice, said, “Many will be rejected at the last day, not because they have taken no time and pains about their salvation, but because they have not taken time and pain enough”; ... “If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, it will make in the end no difference what you have chosen instead.” Those are hard words to take. Will it really make no difference whether it was women or patriotism, cocaine or art, whisky or a seat in the Cabinet, money or science? Well, surely no difference that matters. We shall have missed the end for which we are formed and rejected the only thing that satisfies. Does it matter to a man dying in a desert, by which choice of route he missed the only well?

— C.S. Lewis

*The Weight of Glory*

“A Slip of the Tongue”, para. 11, p. 131

Many who plan to seek God at the eleventh hour die at 10:30.

— Author unknown

Die before you die. There is no chance after.

— C.S. Lewis

*Till We Have Faces*

Part 2, Ch. 2, p. 279

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

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!

# *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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**People: Amen.**

## **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 66*

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”**

▲ **Hymn 76** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Trinity Hymnal*

## ▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# *God Cleanses Us*

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## **Call to Confession of Sin**

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

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

As we close out this year past  
and claim the year ahead, our Father,  
we confess to you those pieces of the past  
that persist in pulling us backward.  
By admitting our failures and sharing our sin,  
we long to put away those things  
that nibble and nag, de-energize and depress.  
With boldness centered on Christ, then,  
and with a certain measure of shame,  
we admit to squandering our time and talent,  
our good intentions and better ideas,  
and so many opportunities for growth and occasions for grace.  
We admit that we have most often taken care of ourselves  
while others have stood in line.  
We have defined our interests carefully and our goals precisely,  
using energy and expertise gainfully  
to the detriment of family, friends, community, and church.  
We agonize with memories that sit heavily  
and images that cause us to blush.  
So, we ask that you would grant us your forgiveness  
as we confess our individual regrets and remorse in silence...  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *Amen.*

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 1:3–5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

✠ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Luke 12:1–34 (p. 871)

<sup>1</sup> In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup> Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup> Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

<sup>4</sup> “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup> But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup> Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup> “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, <sup>9</sup> but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup> And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, <sup>12</sup> for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I



do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’<sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’<sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.”<sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.<sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!<sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?<sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?<sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.<sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!<sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.<sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.<sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.<sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

## **Preaching of the Word**

### **Sermon Text:**

*Die*

Jeremiah 28:16 (p. 656)

Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the LORD.'

Hebrews 9:27 (p. 1006)

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Baptism of covenant children**

Rhea Celine, Alexa Belle and Corban Peter, children of David and Sarah Abuhl

#### *Congregational prayer for child*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who embraces children with the arms of your mercy, and makes them living members of your Church: Give them grace, we pray, to stand fast in your faith, to obey your word, and to abide in your love; that, being made strong by your Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with you in the life that is to come. We ask through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign as one God, time without end. Amen.

▲ **Hymn 546**

The Sands of Time Are Sinking     *Trinity Hymnal*

## ***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–  
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*Distribution of the Bread and the Cup*

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

***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**

My Shepherd, You Supply My  
Need

My Shepherd, You supply my need,  
most holy is Your name;  
in pastures fresh You make me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back,  
when I forsake Your ways;  
You lead me, for Your mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,  
Your presence is my stay;  
one word of Your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
Your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may Your house be my abode,  
and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest,  
but like a child at home.

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## **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Jeremiah 28:16; Hebrews 9:27

*This Year, You Shall Die*

# 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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