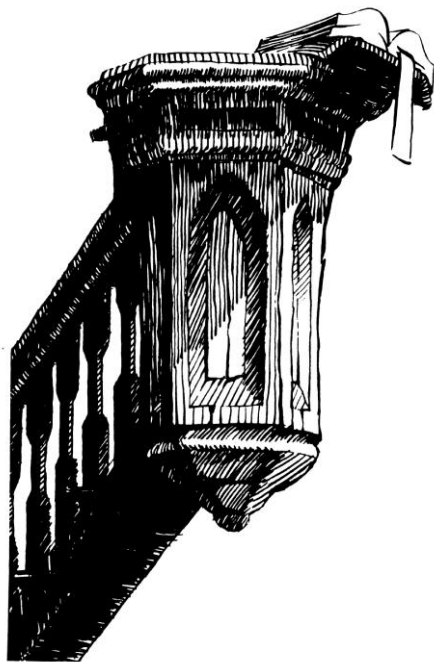


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

26 February 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:** Ann Cantú  
Emilie Miller  
**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Alfia Naff

# Reflection

We have all come here in different ships,  
but we're in the same boat now.

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## *Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1*

All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly. <sup>MESV</sup>

## *Westminster Larger Catechism 65*

**Q.** What special benefits do the members of the invisible church enjoy by Christ?

**A.** The members of the invisible church by Christ enjoy union and communion with him in grace and glory.

## *Westminster Larger Catechism 66*

**Q.** What is that union which the elect have with Christ?

**A.** The union which the elect have with Christ is the work of God's grace, whereby they are spiritually and mystically, yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband; which is done in their effectual calling.

## *Westminster Larger Catechism 83*

**Q.** What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

**A.** The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the first-fruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word;  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Here she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, may praise you solely, in blessed unity.

# 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 147:1–2, 5–6*

Minister: Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Minister: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

▲ **Hymn 342**      Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation      *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 Corinthians 1:10–11; 3:1–3

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

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

Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

we acknowledge that you are holy and we are sinful.

You live in perfect communion with yourself,

but we are torn by divisions, jealousy, and strife.

You secured our redemption and gave us union with Christ,

but we have scorned that union

by neglecting to pursue unity among ourselves.

We ask your forgiveness for our fleshly living and thinking,

for our pride, hypocrisy, disobedience,

contempt, and lack of compassion.

Grant us sweet communion with you and with each other;

teach us truly to love, forgive, and encourage each other;

make us walk according to the Spirit,

longing for the day when we will gather in perfect unity

at the marriage–feast of the Lamb,

in whose matchless name we pray. *Amen.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*



# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Psalm 122 (p. 517)

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- <sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem— built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”
- <sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

### ▲ Hymn 298

The Head that Once Was Crowned      *Trinity Hymnal*  
(Tune: ST. COLUMBA)

## Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** Ephesians 4:1–6 (p. 977)

Rev. John Canales

*United in Christ*

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Psalm 133

*Trinity Psalter*

## *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*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

In sweet communion, Lord,  
We gather 'round your word.  
Oh, may your presence now be known,  
Oh, may your voice be heard!

In signs of bread and wine  
We're nourished by the Son;  
His boundless grace and love divine  
Unite our hearts as one.

And as we lift our voice  
To praise the Lamb who died,  
In him we glory and rejoice:  
Our Savior, crucified!

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## *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 355**

**We Are God's People**

*Trinity Hymnal*

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Ephesians 4:1–6

*United in Christ*



# 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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