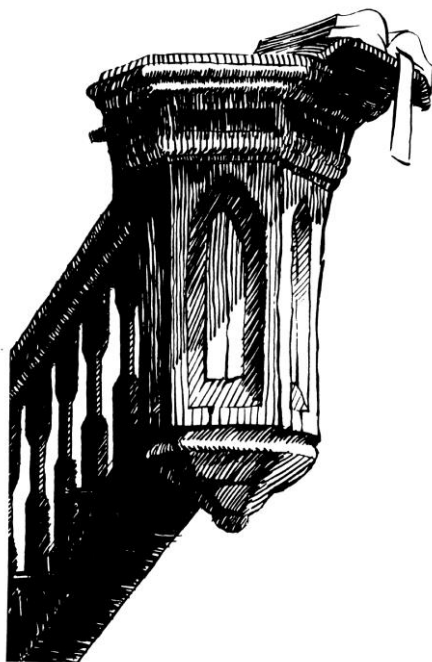


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

12 March 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:** Lauren Alexander  
Nelly Naff

**Next Sunday:** Amanda Grimes  
Dawn O'Banion

# Reflection

The most urgent need in the Christian Church today is true preaching; and as it is the greatest and most urgent need in the Church, it is the greatest need of the world also.

— Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

The true idea of preaching is that the preacher should become a mouthpiece for his text, opening it up and applying it as a word from God to his hearers, talking only in order that the text itself may speak and be heard.

— J. I. Packer  
*God Has Spoken*

When a man is called to labor as a teaching elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed *ambassador*. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed *evangelist*. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed *preacher*. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed *steward* of the mysteries of God.

— *Book of Church Order*  
Chapter 8, Paragraph 5

If a church wants a better pastor, it can get one by praying for the one it has.

— Robert E. Harris

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

The heavens declare your glory, Lord,  
In every star your wisdom shines;  
But when our eyes behold your word,  
We read your name in fairer lines.

The rolling sun, the changing light,  
And nights and days your power confess;  
But the blest volume you did write  
Reveals your justice and your grace.

Sun, moon, and stars convey your praise  
Around the earth, and never stand;  
So, once your truth began its race,  
It shone and spread to every land:

Nor shall your living gospel rest  
Till through the world your truth has run;  
Till Christ has all the nations blessed  
That see the light, or feel the sun.

Great Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Bless the dark world with heavenly light;  
Your gospel makes the simple wise;  
Your laws are pure, your judgments right.

Your noblest wonders here we view  
In souls renewed and sins forgiven:  
Lord, cleanse our sins, our souls renew,  
And make your word our guide to heaven.

# *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 33:1–3*

Minister: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Minister: Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

▲ **Psalm 147 (vv. 1–8)**

*Trinity Psalter*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## *God Cleanses Us*

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

2 Timothy 4:1–4

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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

Father, we confess that we have not preached your word faithfully,  
nor have we listened to it  
with obedient and receptive hearts.

Our sinful natures, and the burden of our many sins  
of commission and of omission,  
have caused us to have itching ears.

We are guilty of the desire  
to accumulate teachers to suit our own passions,  
to hear only what makes us feel good  
rather than the hard, precious truth of our sinfulness  
and of redemption through Christ alone.

We have not submitted willingly to godly reproof,  
rebuke, and exhortation,  
nor have we offered that reproof  
with godly patience and humble teaching.

Forgive us, we pray, through the merits of our Savior and Lord,  
the incarnate Word who has revealed you to us.

Give us a hunger and a passion to hear and proclaim  
the gospel of peace and reconciliation  
through his death on the cross.

In his matchless name, *Amen.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, “Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.” And the LORD said to me, “They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 23:9–32 (p. 650)

<sup>9</sup> Concerning the prophets:

My heart is broken within me;

all my bones shake;

I am like a drunken man,

like a man overcome by wine,

because of the LORD

and because of his holy words.

<sup>10</sup> For the land is full of adulterers;

because of the curse the land mourns,

and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up.

Their course is evil,

and their might is not right.

<sup>11</sup> “Both prophet and priest are ungodly;

even in my house I have found their evil,

declares the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore their way shall be to them

like slippery paths in the darkness,

into which they shall be driven and fall,

for I will bring disaster upon them

in the year of their punishment,

declares the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> In the prophets of Samaria

I saw an unsavory thing:

they prophesied by Baal

and led my people Israel astray.

<sup>14</sup> But in the prophets of Jerusalem

I have seen a horrible thing:

they commit adultery and walk in lies;

they strengthen the hands of evildoers,

so that no one turns from his evil;

all of them have become like Sodom to me,

and its inhabitants like Gomorrah.”

<sup>15</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:

“Behold, I will feed them with bitter food



and give them poisoned water to drink,  
for from the prophets of Jerusalem  
ungodliness has gone out into all the land.”

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their

dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? <sup>30</sup>Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who steal my words from one another. <sup>31</sup>Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the LORD.' <sup>32</sup>Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the LORD.

▲ **Hymn 303**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 4 (p. 992)

Rev. John Canales

*God's Herald*

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup>through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, <sup>3</sup>who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup>For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup>for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

<sup>6</sup>If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. <sup>7</sup>Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; <sup>8</sup>for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. <sup>9</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. <sup>10</sup>For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

<sup>11</sup>Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup>Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. <sup>16</sup>Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 424

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

*Trinity Hymnal*

## *God Communes with Us*

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▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

p.846, *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*

Hymn — During the bread

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use your folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us, yours we are!

On the cross you died to save us,  
Ransomed us with your own blood;  
Life and peace and joy you gave us,  
Reconciled our souls to God:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Ever be our heavenly food!

Hasten, Lord, the day most glorious  
When we dine with you as one;  
When in you, redeemed, victorious,  
Feasting on your love alone,  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We shall know as we are known

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 14–15, 27–30

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

*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 94**

How Firm a Foundation

*Trinity Hymnal*

**▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Timothy 4

*God's Herald*

# 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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