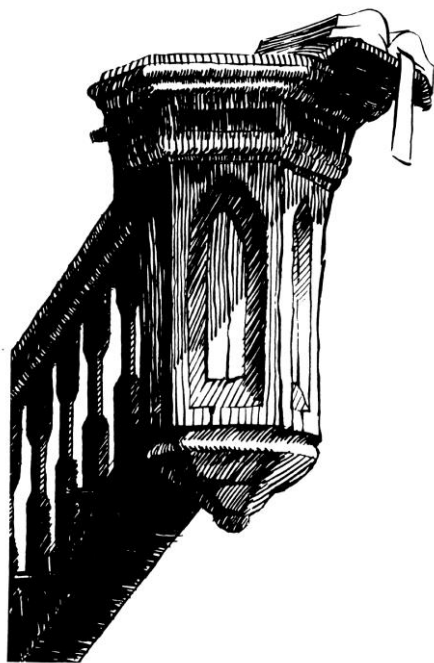


Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

21 May 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: Amanda Grimes

Nelly Naff

Reflection

No task will be so sordid and base, provided you obey your calling in it, that it will not shine and be reckoned very precious in God's sight.

— John Calvin

In God's sight, it is actually faith that makes a person holy; it alone serves God, while our works serve people.

— Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*

The question is not whether we should bring God into our work or not. We certainly should and must: as MacDonald says, "All that is not God is death."

— C. S. Lewis

A Severe Mercy

Letter to Sheldon Vanauken, 8 January 1951

The church's influence on society is best described in terms of reform rather than redemption.

—John Stott

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased yours alone to be
By your blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all your own,
Let me live to you alone.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All your bidding to fulfill.
Open now my eyes to see
All the work you have for me.

Jesus, Master, whom we praise
Gathered at your table here,
May your word, throughout our days,
Light us, guide us, give us cheer,
Till we gather at your throne,
Resting in your love alone!

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 8

Minister: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People: Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Minister: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

**People: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly
beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

Minister: You have given him dominion over the works of your
hands; you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**People: O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Hosea 14:1–3

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.
Take with you words
and return to the LORD;
say to him,
“Take away all iniquity;
accept what is good,
and we will pay with bulls
the vows of our lips.
Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride on horses;
and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’
to the work of our hands.
In you the orphan finds mercy.”

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

Great Lord our God, creator and ruler,
we return to you today,
confessing that we have stumbled because of our iniquity.
You have saved us,
but we have lived as if we have saved ourselves.
You have gifted and called us, assigning us holy tasks,
but we have misused your gifts,
spurned your calling,
and dared in our idolatry to worship the work of our hands.
Forgive us, Father. Let us find mercy in Jesus,
whose death has given us life,
whose grace has given us a rich inheritance,
whose perfect work has made us his workmanship.
Take away our sin;
accept the sacrifice of praise from our lips and from our lives.
Through your Spirit, teach us both to work for you
and to rest in you.
We ask this in Jesus’ precious name. *Amen.*

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2:9–10

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.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1–13 (p. 554)

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

▲ Hymn 399

Lord, As the Day Begins

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1–10 (p. 976)

Rev. John Canales
Our Calling in Christ

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

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

I hear the Savior say,
“Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray:
Find in me your all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Your power, and yours alone
Can change the leopard’s spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

For nothing good have I
Whereby your grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.

Refrain

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

Psalm 90

Trinity Psalter

O teach Thou us to count our days
And set our hearts on wisdom's ways.
How long, O Lord? Return! Repent,
And toward Thy servants now relent.
Each morning fill us with Thy grace;
We'll sing for joy through all our days.

According to the days we spent
Beneath affliction Thou hast sent,
And all the years we evil knew,
Now make us glad, our joy renew.
Thy work in all Thy servants show;
Thy glory on their sons bestow.

On us let there be shed abroad
The beauty of the Lord our God.
Our handiwork upon us be
Established evermore by Thee.
Yes, let our handiwork now be
Established evermore by Thee.

▲ **The Benediction**

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 2:1–10
Our Calling 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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