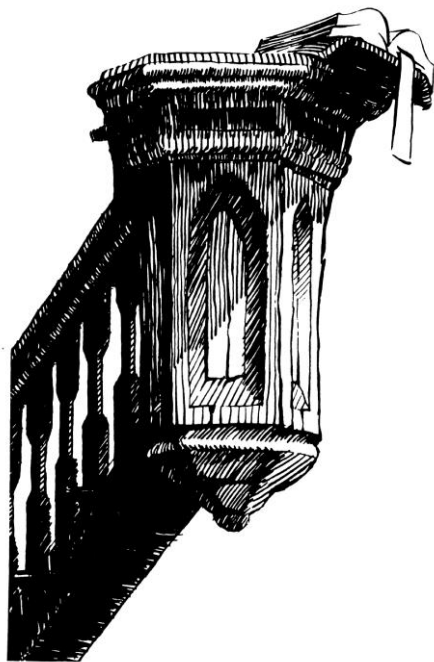


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

28 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:** Amanda Grimes  
Nelly Naff  
**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

Tell me what you celebrate, and I will tell you who you are.

— Russian-American Orthodox Protospesbyter Alexander Schmemmann

We all bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability. It is a homage resulting from a profound faith that with wealth he may do all things.

— Augustine of Hippo

There are three things that earthly riches can never do: they can never satisfy divine justice, they can never pacify divine wrath, nor can they ever quiet a guilty conscience. And until these things are done, man is undone.

— Thomas Brooks

It is not the fact that a person has riches that keeps them from heaven, but the fact that riches have them.

— Dr. Caird

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

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.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

And now we join to hymn  
the Father, Spirit, Son;  
His love has ransomed us to him  
His love has made us one.

# 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

*Revelation 4:8–11*

Minister: And the four living creatures,  
each of them with six wings,  
are full of eyes all around and within,  
and day and night they never cease to say,  
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

**People: And whenever the living creatures  
give glory and honor and thanks to him  
who is seated on the throne,  
who lives forever and ever,**

Minister: the twenty-four elders fall down before him  
who is seated on the throne and worship him  
who lives forever and ever.

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**People: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”**

▲ Hymn 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5–6, 8

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth... If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Great Triune God,

we acknowledge that you are light,  
and there is no darkness in you.

We confess that we have walked in darkness,  
attempting to hide from you who know everything,  
failing to be open with each other,  
and lying even to ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to walk in the light:

to live transparently, humbly,  
in sweet communion with you and with each other.

Grant us the cleansing that comes only from the blood of Jesus;

grant us true fellowship;

grant us the fruit of your Holy Spirit

and the privilege of sharing in Christ's sufferings

and sharing everything with one another.

Through Jesus our Savior, *Amen*.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 1:7, 9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin... If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Matthew 6:1–4, 19–34 (p. 811)

<sup>1</sup> “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you...”

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

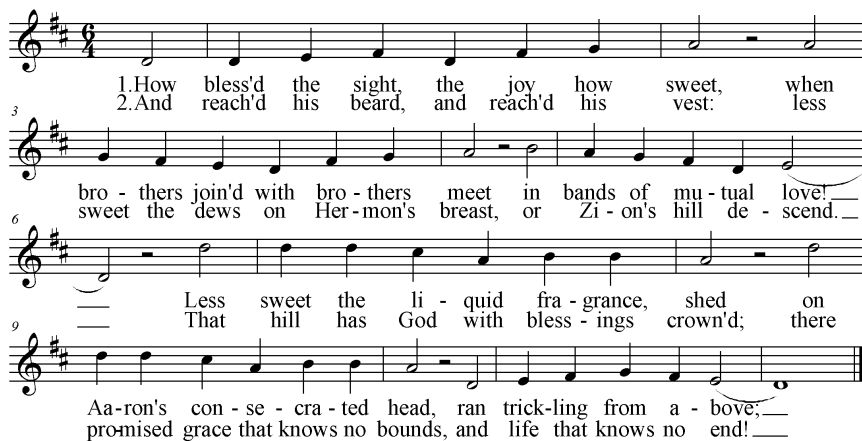
<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will



he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

### ▲ Psalm 133



1. How bless'd the sight, the joy how sweet, when  
 2. And reach'd his beard, and reach'd his vest: less

bro - thers join'd with bro - thers meet in bands of mu - tual love!  
 sweet the dew's on Her-mon's breast, or Zi - on's hill de - scend.

Less sweet the li - quid fra - grance, shed on  
 That hill has God with bless - ings crown'd; there

Aa-ron's con - se - cra - ted head, ran trick-ling from a - bove;  
 promised grace that knows no bounds, and life that knows no end!

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 6:6–11, 17–19 (p. 993) *Finances and Faith*

<sup>6</sup> Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

<sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. <sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness...

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 168**      I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art      *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 22:17–20*

*Distribution of the Bread and the Cup*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

*Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain*

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

## *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 434**      Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver      *Trinity Hymnal*

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Timothy 6:6–11, 17–19

*Finances and Faith*

# 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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