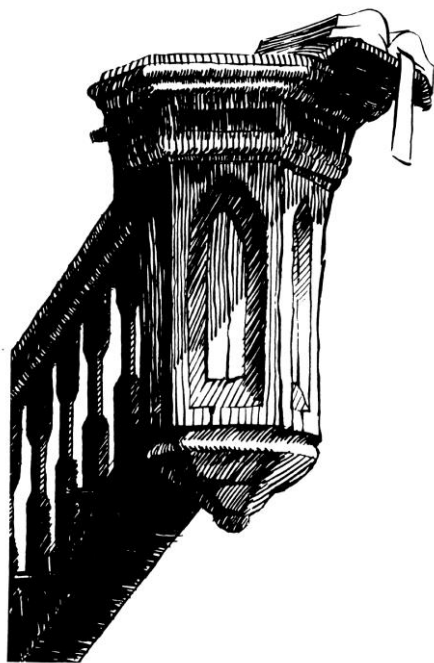


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

17 September 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

Lucia Abuhl

**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales

Gray Canales

# Reflection

Man could not hide himself from God. The reason man could not hide his soul from God was that he had made his own covering, and man could not make a covering for his soul. It was made by man; it had no blood ... One reason why a good life and loving your neighbors and paying your debts can't save you, it is man-made ... Man has never hid his soul from God. Man has never made himself a covering that would satisfy the justness and holiness of a holy and righteous God.

— Jack Hyles  
*Kisses of Calvary*—author

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## **Prelude**

## Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road,  
He holds me that I shall not fall;  
Wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;  
He leads my by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he hath sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to God I leave it all.

# 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**People: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 34:1–4, 8*

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

▲ Hymn 125

Let All Things Now Living

*Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

Loving Lord and Savior,  
you taught us compassion  
and you showered us with grace.  
You took a servant's role  
and knelt at the feet of your friends.  
You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love.  
You called us to love one another too.  
Forgive us, Lord,  
for not practicing the compassion you modeled.  
Forgive us, Lord,  
for wanting to be served rather than to serve.  
Forgive us, Lord,  
for not loving as you called us to love.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
wholly dependent on your mercy for his sake., *Amen.*

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# *God Consecrates Us*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

Romans 5 (p. 942)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because

of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

▲ Hymn 544

From Depths of Woe

*Trinity Hymnal*

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
*O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*  
*O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,  
*And live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)*  
*And live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;  
*I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)*  
*I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)*

What though I wait the livelong night, and till the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;  
*And wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*  
*And wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love know limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free  
*From all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)*  
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## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Browne  
Mission to North America  
Disaster Response

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 27 (p. 460 )

*How Shall We Then Wait?*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.  
<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

### **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 691**

It is Well With My Soul

*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*

*Hymn — During the bread*    There is a Fountain Filled with Blood.

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains,  
lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I,  
As vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away: washed all my sins away,  
Washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die: and shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave: lies silent in the grave,  
Lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood  
Shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more,  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us 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**

**Hymn 580**

Lead On, O King Eternal

*Trinity Hymnal*

**▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Psalm 27

*How Shall We Then Wait?*

# 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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