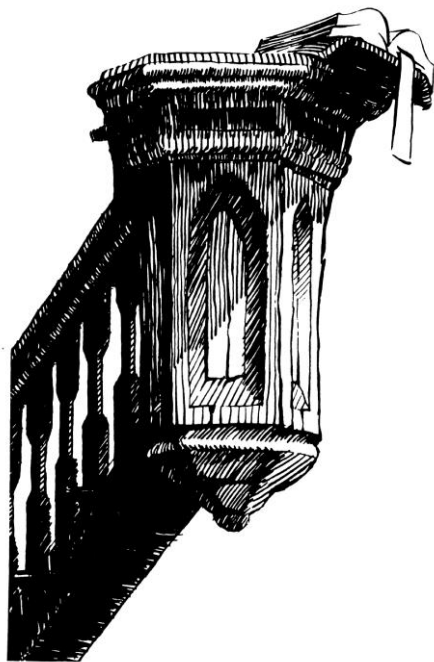


Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

24 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: Mary Jo Canales

Emilie Miller

Next Sunday: Dawn O'Banion

Greyson Ea

Reflection

Christ took your cup of grief, your cup of the curse,
pressed it to his lips, drank it to the dregs, then filled it with
his sweet, pardoning, sympathizing love, and gave it back
for you to drink, and to drink forever!

— Octavius Winslow
19th-c. Reformed Baptist preacher

We never move on from the cross of Christ, only into a
more profound understanding of the cross.

— David Prior
Director of The Centre for Marketplace Theology, London

We never mature beyond the cross.

— David B. McWilliams
Presbyterian pastor and theologian

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Hymn 311

Hail to The Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

People: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1–6

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him

**People: The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

Minister: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

▲ Hymn 66 God Is Known Among His People *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5–7

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. 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.

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

Great God, perfect in justice and rich in mercy,
 awesome in wrath and abounding in steadfast covenant love,
 we your people confess that we have sinned.
Your word has come to us, and you have spoken persistently to us,
 but we have not listened nor inclined our ears to hear.
We have refused to turn from our evil way and evil deeds.
We have gone after other gods to serve and worship them.
We have provoked you to anger
 with the work of our hands, to our own harm.
We acknowledge our sinfulness, our rebellion, our disobedience,
 our callousness, our lovelessness, our ingratitude, our idolatry.
We turn to you now, gracious Father,
 repenting of our sins and crying to you for mercy.
Restore our fortunes, we pray.
Let us hear the voice of mirth and gladness
 speaking of forgiveness and redemption
 through Christ our Savior and holy Substitute;
the loving voice of Christ our Bridegroom,
 who gave himself for us, who names us as his bride,
 who sanctifies and renews us;
the glad voice of the bride, your ransomed church,
 singing your praises and proclaiming your gospel;
the grinding of millstones signaling that your Holy Spirit
 is at work in our lives and in the world,
 illuminating our dark hearts and word
 with the light of the lamp of your glorious truth.

Return us from mournful exile;
bring us home to your loving embrace;
turn our tears to shouts of joy.

In the name of our wonderful Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Revelation 19:6–16 (p. 1031)

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

⁷Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me,

“These are the true words of God.” ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to

worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a

fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony

of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of

prophecy.

¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his

head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one

knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and

the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴And the

armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were

following him on white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp

sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them

with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the

wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a

name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: Psalm 137 (p. 521)

Rev. John Canales
Cry of the Heart

¹ By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.
² On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.
³ For there our captors
required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD’s song
in a foreign land?
⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!
⁶ Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!

⁷ Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!”
⁸ O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,
blessed shall he be who repays you
with what you have done to us!
⁹ Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones
and dashes them against the rock!

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 316

The Mighty God, The Lord

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

Hymn — During the bread How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished!
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 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. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 136

Trinity Psalter

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 137

Cry of the Heart

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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