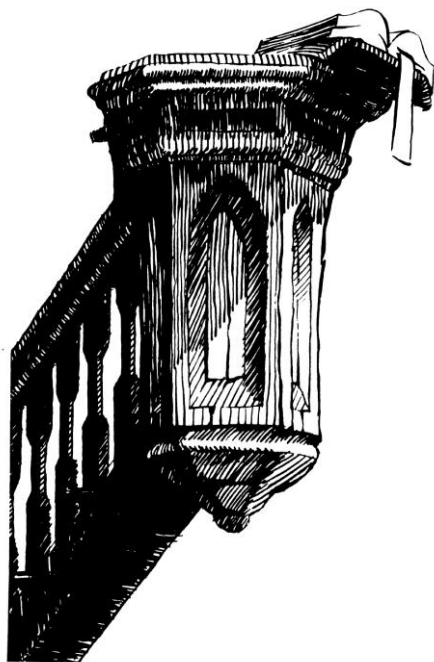


# Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

1 October 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:** Dawn O'Banion  
Greyson Ea  
**Next Sunday:** Laurie Boswell  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

The devil does not sleep, nor is the flesh yet dead; therefore, you must never cease your preparation for battle, because on the right and on the left are enemies who never rest.

— Thomas à Kempis

Like a good chess player [Satan] is always trying to manoeuvre you into a position where you can save your castle only by losing your bishop.

— C. S. Lewis

*The Weight of Glory*

“Membership” (1945), p. 118

The ultimate cause of all spiritual depression is unbelief. For if it were not for unbelief even the devil could do nothing. It is because we listen to the devil instead of listening to God that we go down before him and fall before his attacks.

— D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

# *We Prepare to Meet with God*

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## Prelude

## Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before:  
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, see his banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;  
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory;  
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;  
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;  
We are not divided, all one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

# 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 9:1–2*

Minister: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**People: I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

▲ **Hymn 92**                      A Mighty Fortress is Our God                      *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 30:15, 18

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength,  
but you would have none of it.”

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;  
he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him! <sup>NIV</sup>

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

Father, you tell us in your Word

that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith.

We have allowed ourselves to become cynical,

and our cynicism has boiled over

with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism.

How easily we've allowed ourselves

to crumple under the stresses of our lives.

Forgive us for our smallness of faith.

In your mercy, hear us,

for Jesus' sake, *Amen*.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21–22

Remember these things, O Jacob,

and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud

and your sins like mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

2 Timothy 2:1–13 (p. 995)

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:

- If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;
- if we deny him, he also will deny us;
- <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

▲ **Hymn 573**

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

*Trinity Hymnal*  
Tune: ARLINGTON



## Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 1:18–20 (p. 996)

Rev. John Canales  
*Fight the Good Fight*

<sup>18</sup>This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, <sup>19</sup>holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, <sup>20</sup>among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 575**

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

*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*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay—  
Light of the world by darkness slain!  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine:  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## *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 642

Be Thou My Vision

*Trinity Hymnal*

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Timothy 1:18–20

*Fight the Good Fight*



# 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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