Christ Presbyterian Church

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



Covenant Renewal Service

12 November 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

Jack Canales

Reflection

The Scotch catechism says that man's chief end is "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.

— C. S. Lewis Reflections on the Psalms

Prelude

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise: I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord created, sea and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends, Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise: I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King; Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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 29:1-2

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

▲ Hymn 2

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (unison)

Our great God in heaven, one God in three Persons, you are high and lifted up, you are holy, holy, holy.

O Lord of hosts,

the whole earth is full of your glory.

The eye of sinful man may not see your glory and live.

We confess that we are a people of unclean lips, who have not trembled before your majesty.

We have not been careful to consecrate ourselves; we have not approached you with reverence and awe; we have refused to see the depth of our sinfulness and uncleanness.

Yet you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

And so we ask that you forgive us, holy God, for our flippant attitude toward your perfection and our sin.

Make us see that we have no standing with you apart from the substitutionary atonement of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Cleanse us and give us joy and confidence as we worship you in his name and through his merits, *Amen*.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

★ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 33:12–34:9 (p. 73)

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

^{34:1} The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his

hand two tablets of stone. ⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, ^[a] forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. ⁹And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O LORD, please let the LORD go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

▲ Hymn 75

O Father, You are Sovereign

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word Sermon Text: Psalm 29 (p. 461)

Rev. Mark Sumpter

The Voice of the Lord

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 585

Take My Life and Let it Be

Trinity Hymnal

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

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.

<u>Words of Institution</u> Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside.
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand Will I commit my cause; He answers, and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears
For my defense on high;
The Father bows his ears
And lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love away.

Should all the hosts of death
And powers of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms
Of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conquering power and guardian grace.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 1:14–18

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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

Hymn 44

How Great Thou Art

Trinity Hymnal

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 29
The Voice of the Lord

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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